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CBI Statement of Candidacy
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I would be honored to be considered to serve as a member of the Board. My simple goal of participating on the Board is to strategically strengthen CBI and expand its reach to ensure that we can serve future generations.

My CBI indoctrination began at a young age, starting with two weeks of learn to sail classes. I lost a cell phone in the Charles during my first capsizing, but I gained a lifelong love of sailing. I came back as a JP instructor for three summers, teaching everything from mercuries to keels, windsurfing, and SUP. I was also able to work for the AP and UAP programs at that time.

My free nights are occupied by sailing Sonars, Ideals, Rhodes, lasers, 420s, or blind sailing. Because of my experience at CBI, I have been able to crew intercoastal and offshore trips sailing trips in the US and the Bahamas, and race at MIT, in the Bahamas, and on Nantucket. My most recent adventure was spending summer weekends working as a deckhand sailing an 1812 privateer and tall ship. I hope to grow my sailing repertoire at CBI and around the world for the rest of my life.

Besides sailing, the most important value I appreciate about CBI is the community outreach. Some of my most rewarding experiences were being thrown into blind sailing guiding, volunteering with the UAP, restructuring JP curriculum to reach students with learning and emotional challenges, and bringing my wheelchair-bound grandfather sailing. CBI is one of the best organizations that I have seen to encourage diversity and provide true opportunities to all people who want to sail. As a member of the board, I hope to continue to focus on sustainably developing and providing for these programs.

As a participant in BUFCOM, I have been learning about CBI's critical funding sources, expenditures, and initiatives. By continuing to serve on this committee, I hope to learn and to soon provide sound guidance on CBI's finances. My legal perspective and current work with budgeting for acquisitions in commercial real estate will serve BUFCOM and other areas of board oversight.

Unfortunately, amateur sailing is not my full-time career. I work as a management consultant specializing in risk management for commercial real estate at Robert M. Currey & Associates, and I am a night law student in Suffolk Law's Accelerated JD program. I currently serve as a member of the Harvard Club of Boston's committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Real Estate Finance Association's Emerging Leaders Committee, and I have previously served on the Master Planning Committee at Connecticut College, the Curriculum Steering and Oversight Committee at CC, and as the Greater Boston Chair on the Student Advisory Committee for the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. I would be happy to speak with anyone about how I may contribute to the CBI community, and I appreciate your consideration in advance.