

## Board Statement of Brian McManus

Dear Fellow Corporation Members:

I write to express my interest in serving on CBI's Board of Directors. Earlier this year I was appointed to the board following a vacancy. If elected, I would be pleased to continue serving. CBI is such a special organization that has positively impacted the lives of so many in this community, including mine and my family's, and I'm deeply passionate about ensuring CBI's continued prosperity.

I look forward to my two young daughters joining the junior program in the next few years and am particularly supportive of that program as a core part of the organization's charitable mission. I am also quite supportive of CBI's adaptive sailing program and, of course, personally enjoy the benefits of being an adult program member. Most importantly, I'm supportive and trusting of CBI's professional management and believe the proper role of a board member is to provide counsel, supervision, and financial stewardship, rather than micro-management, particularly when it comes to operational matters within the expertise of our professional staff. We are lucky to have an exceptional management team led by Charlie.

I first joined CBI in the late 1980s, along with my brother and sister, as a member of the Junior Program. I grew-up racing, volunteering and later serving on the adult program staff in the mid-1990s as an assistant program director. While in college, I worked at other sailing programs on Boston Harbor including as operations director of Piers Park where I oversaw both the adult and junior programs. I returned to CBI in the late 1990s while attending law school and volunteered as an instructor and occasionally worked as a harbor trip launch driver.

For the past twenty years, I've served as a volunteer including three terms on the board, as Treasurer, and later as Vice President supporting both Karyn Brudnicki and John Bates. I've enjoyed my prior time on the Board working alongside Charlie, his excellent team of employees, and so many passionate volunteers. I agreed to rejoin the board earlier this year as CBI continued to navigate the financial and operational uncertainties caused by the pandemic and was pleased to help pitch-in.

In addition to my long history with the organization and understanding its unique culture and traditions, I bring business, legal, and non-profit expertise to the board. Professionally, I'm a tax attorney and specialize in advising businesses, nonprofits, and individuals facing tax disputes and litigation. I've counseled charitable organizations (large and small) on legal and financial matters including advising the International Olympic Committee and Red Cross. In addition to my legal practice, I'm an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law School and have served as an outside tax adviser to the White House and last Fall as a volunteer member of the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition Team. Learning and teaching sailing at CBI gave me the skills, confidence, and sense of teamwork that has enabled my professional career. So, the docks of CBI is where my heart is (and probably still some blood), and I'm thrilled to be a part of this organization and will serve as best I can.

Sincerely,

Brian McManus