

## **David Vieira**

### **Board Candidate Declaration**

Dear CBI Corporation members,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered as a board member for the Corporation.

I've been a member of CBI since I was 13 as a \$1 a year junior member. I became a life member in the late 70s and a Corporation member in the early 80s. I have made some strong friendships and had some fantastic sailing experiences here at our home on the Charles and feel it's time for me to contribute something to the community that has meant so much to me.

I am presently retired, having spent 25 years working as a residential Realtor.

I was president of the non-profit City-Wide Friends of The Boston Public Library in Copley Square for 13 years and have experience with the intricacies of fundraising and management. I continue in my role as a CWF board member and liaison to our 24 branch libraries. In that capacity I was able to curate the CBI sailing library in the Wolfson function room. I also serve as a continuing board member for the Friends of the Hyde Park branch library and during my tenure as president in the late 90s I chaired the building committee for a \$10 million restoration and expansion of our 100+ year old building.

In the interest of full disclosure I am legally blind and living independently. When I started to lose my eyesight I thought my sailing days were over. Through the UAP at CBI I have not only regained my sailing confidence but also a new outlook on life.

Early last year a group of vision impaired sailors and their sighted supporters established Boston Blind Sailing Inc. We are now an IRS recognized nonprofit and I have the privilege of serving as their first president.

CBI has survived this year through the extraordinary efforts of our board and staff. Other income options to explore would be tapping the generosity of our life members, continuing to seek grants to support ongoing programs and reaching out to the greater Boston area to seek a more diverse sailing membership on all levels. We have 75 years of history behind us and a bright future ahead of us. I look forward to being part of that future effort.

Regards,

Dave Vieira