

Board Candidate Declaration

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Dear Corporation Members,

I am writing to announce my candidacy for the board of directors in 2020. As many of you know I previously served on the board for about 9 years ending in 2011. My previous tenure was an eventful one and when I departed CBI had a new dock, solid programming, and was in a decent financial position. The boards of that era accomplished this through persistence, outreach, and careful attention to the core values of CBI. I was happy to see the organization flourish after I stepped down.

Today we face new challenges brought on by the recent pandemic and a changing relationship with the DCR. I believe the same skills that served us well before are needed again. I look forward to maintaining a focus on our core values while we work to weather the stormy seas we currently ride in.

For those of you who don't know me, I first joined CBI in the spring of 1999. I was new to Boston and in search of friends and new skills. I am happy to say that many of the folks I met nearly 20 years ago are still good friends and skills I learned on the Charles River have taken me on adventures around the world. Even though I've raced to Bermuda twice and sailed in Croatia, Greece, and the Caribbean, I'm still never happier than when sailing a Cape Cod Mercury in the shifting winds of the Charles River Basin.

Professionally, I am a software support engineer for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in Boston. The trouble-shooting and analytical skills I use at the office come in handy in many parts of my life.

I live in Arlington with my wife and our lovely one year old daughter. I seek to do my part to ensure that my daughter can enjoy the opportunities CBI offers when she come of age.

Thank you for your consideration.

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