

BCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 5/19/26

Board members present: Sarah Rogers, Michelle Buswell, Michael Metz, Parker Silver, Lisa Lillibridge, Kelly Butts-Spirito, Laura McDonough, Barbara Perry, Billi Gosh, Dana vanderHeyden, Livia DeMarchis, Lori Rowe(Zoom) ,Kristina Pentek(Zoom)

Staff: Elena Rosen, Doreen Kraft, Sara Katz, Melissa Steady, Zach Williamson, Meara McGinniss

1. Sarah Rogers asked for approval of the agenda as written. All were in favor, with no changes.
2. No members of the public were present.
3. Budget update-Michelle Buswell. Despite of all of the challenges in FY26, we are keeping on budget. Earned revenue is up, mostly stemming from changes in education pricing and programming. Fundraising is still a little under target overall, with the major gift category being the exception.
Doreen discussed the harsh reality of other non-profits challenges meeting budget this year and comparatively, BCA is doing ok. Board members discussed the challenges
4. FY27 Budget Overview-Sara Katz and Doreen Kraft gave an overview of the proposed FY27 budget. They went through changes in programming, including limiting Festival of Fools to two days, and changes in winter programs and gallery staffing. Overall focus will remain on youth engagement, especially in the form of the artist apprenticeship program, camp enrollment, and internships. Sara discussed a new partnership with the Andy Warhol Foundation that will result in a re-granting process. Elena Rosen explained an audience survey project with the CDAE department at UVM. Sara discussed the cost savings of eliminating the Director of Philanthropy position, emphasizing that pieces of that work will eventually be managed by the BCA foundation but for the time being, the development team at BCA is covering it. The curator position will be held open for the year while programmatic alternatives are piloted. Events will see the greatest cuts, as the one time funding and corporate fundraising have changed. There is a total savings of \$68K over FY26.
5. Michael Metz gave a brief summary of the history of the purchase of 405 Pine Street and some updates on the BCA Foundation board. The BCAF board has four new board members: Dan Harvey (head of the Office of Research, president of the BCA board for 10 years), Jane Knodell, (former city councilor), Ryan Black-Deegan (CPA), and Michael Monte (former CEDO director, director of CHT). A finance committee has been organized and the board is establishing a succession plan. The board will participate in an AI training. Michael discussed several possibilities for the sale of the northern half of the building.
6. Fundraising Update. Meara McGinniss gave a brief update on annual fund individual giving.
7. The board went into executive session, moved by Parker Silver and seconded by Billi Gosh, to discuss recommending Doreen Kraft's reappointment at 4:39.
8. Meeting adjourned 4:49.