

BCA Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023
3:00-5:00 pm
BCA Center, 135 Church Street

Advisory Board of Directors Voting Members: Lori Rowe, Lisa Lillibridge, Billi Gosh, Laura McDonough, Bryan Parmelee(absent), Patrick Shank, Milton Rosa-Ortiz(absent), Mildred Beltre, Robin Pierce(absent), Deb Wilkinson, Parker Silver, Sarah Rogers, Livia DeMarchis

Honorary non-voting board members present: Dana vanderHeyden

Staff present: Doreen Kraft, Joyce Cellars, John Flanagan, Melissa Steady, Colin Storrs, Sara Katz, Meara McGinniss, Elena Rosen

Meeting called to order at 3:05

1. Parker Silver made a motion to accept the agenda and the minutes(with a correction) of the May meeting, seconded by Lisa Lillibridge. All were in favor.
2. Public Forum-No public was present.
3. Billi Gosh gave the FY23 Financial Report. Art sales were significantly down, but a big payment did come in. Board giving as of May 31st was 30% up over YTD fundraising in FY22. Many expense categories will come in under budget.
4. Sara Katz and Doreen Kraft presented the FY24 Proposed Budget. Sara explained that these numbers were based on FY23 actuals and as such are a much more realistic reflection of reality, as opposed to pre-pandemic or pandemic numbers. The mandated COLA(Cost of Living Adjustment) has a significant effect on FY24. The Eclipse celebration in April 2024 is not reflected in this budget at all, but it is likely BCA will have a role. Largely because of level funding plus the COLA, 50% of the BCA budget will come from the General Fund in FY24. Billi Gosh moved that board accept the FY24 budget, which was seconded by Parker Silver. All were in favor.
5. Doreen Kraft discussed her directors report. The board discussed how BCA is looking at it's own Public Art panel processes.
6. Development Committee Report-Billi Gosh thanked Joyce Cellars for her service as Development Director. Joyce gave some fundraising updates including FY23 totals, the Spring Appeal performance, upcoming events, and surprise corporate gift.

7. The board discussed committee structure and board meeting format, including having focused meetings to discuss single topics, sending out materials a week ahead of time for review. A suggestion was made to move the meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month to allow time for accurate financial numbers. The executive committee will review and the meeting schedule will be sent out the first week of July. The board will vote on any committee changes at the Annual meeting in September.

8. Billi Gosh moved to adjourn, seconded by Parker Silver All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

BCA's mission is to nurture a dynamic environment through the arts that makes quality experiences accessible regardless of economic, social or physical constraints. We do this by:

- Supporting and promoting Vermont artists and advancing the creation of new work
- Offering a wide spectrum of arts education and engagement opportunities
- Presenting exhibitions and events that place Burlington in a global context, promote critical dialogue and encourage local participation
- Serving as the City of Burlington's cultural planner by making the arts integral to the area's economic and civic development, urban design, and livability.