

2022-2023 Elected Bios

John Barrett: John Barrett is a commercial real estate broker and serves as a Senior Vice President at RM Friedland. He is a member of The Arc Westchester Board of Directors and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, and President of the Commercial Investment Division. Mr. Barrett has served on the Board of Directors of his local Little League for 10 years. He has been married for over 30 years and has four adult children.

John Barrett is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Austin Harris: Austin Harris is an architect registered in the State of New York with almost 30 years of experience in the field of architecture. Austin has worked at several internationally known architectural firms including Adjaye Associates (AA), Foster + Partners (F+P), and Skidmore Owings & Merrill (SOM). His focus in architecture has been mostly on civic and public projects. These include a new subway station at 72nd Street NYC, new libraries for DC Public Libraries, Smithsonian's National Museum for African American History and Culture, New York City's first Net Zero Public School, and Princeton University Lake Campus Expansion.

Austin is originally from Brooklyn, NY but is a longtime resident of White Plains, NY with his wife, Andrea, and two daughters Sinclair and Sydney. Sinclair and Sydney are students in the White Plains Public School District. Austin earned his Bachelor of Architecture from City College of New York. Austin is also an avid cyclist.

Austin Harris is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Dr. Christopher Orlando: Dr. Orlando is a graduate of Iona College in New Rochelle (1970) and a graduate of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (1974). He served in a one-year Medical-Surgical Residency Program at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (1974-75). He is Board certified in Podiatric Medicine (ABOPPM), Orthopedics (ABPO), and Surgery (ACCPSS). He has been engaged in private practice since 1975 and currently maintains offices in Hartsdale, NY and Yonkers, NY. He is an attending Podiatrist at Gouverneur Healthcare Systems, Westchester Medical Center and Saint John's Hospital Dobbs Ferry Pavilion. He is also on the faculty of New York Medical College and attends the Westchester Institute for Human Development caring for their developmentally disabled population.

Christopher Orlando is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Danusia Pawska: Danusia Pawska, now retired, was a founding partner and Co-Director of Achieve Fluency, LLC, a learning center, and consulting service which served individuals with learning challenges. As a Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst, she provided consultation and direct services to school districts and families for more than 20 years. She has also presented at national and regional conferences on ABA and reading instruction.

Danusia Pawska is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Anne Majsak: Ms. Majsak and her husband live in White Plains and have three children, one of whom has Down Syndrome. Ms. Majsak has a B.A. in Mathematics and an M.B.A. in Finance. She worked in the Treasurer's Department of Mobil Corporation. Ms. Majsak has been on the Board since 1991, and held the offices of Treasurer, Second Vice President, and President. She has served on many Board committees and is currently serving on the Guardianship, Executive, Budget and Finance and Special Review committees. She previously served as a NYSARC Board of Governors.

Anne Majsak is nominated for a two-year term for the position of: **Nominating Committee Member**

Louise Weston: Louise Weston is a Research Consultant with a Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from Fordham University. She was President and co-founder of Environmental Strategies Inc. and worked for General Foods/Kraft Corporation for over 11 years (6 years as a consultant). Ms. Weston is a former Board President and Board Member of The Arc Westchester, and currently serves on two of The Arc Westchester Committees: Guardianship; and Strategic Development. She was a volunteer with The Arc Westchester DeKalb Women White Plains residence and received the Volunteer Partnership Award.

Louise Weston is nominated for a two-year term for the position of: **Nominating Committee Member**

Steven Masket: Steven Masket was Secretary & General Counsel for Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits for eight years and was at Maidenform Brands for the prior 27 years as Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary. He was a trustee of the Unite-Here pension fund for 20 years, a director of the Amalgamated Life Insurance Company and a cleared advisor to the US Trade Representative for the NAFTA negotiations and for the Uruguay Round of the GATT Negotiations. He is a parent of two sons. His youngest son, Alex is an artist who has severe autism, and receives residential and day services from The Arc Westchester. Mr. Masket is an active volunteer at The Arc Westchester Foundation and served as Treasurer/Secretary from 2012 until 2022 and is currently a member of The Arc Westchester Board of Directors and serves as President-Elect of the Chapter. He was recently appointed to serve on the Fiduciary Committee of The Arc NY which has state-wide oversight over the single retirement plan. Mr. Masket is also a Trustee of Westchester Reform Temple. He received his BA from Vassar College and his J.D. from Columbia University.

Steven Masket is nominated for a two-year term for the position of: **President-Elect of the Board**

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Danusia Pawska is nominated for a one-year term for the position of: **Secretary of the Board**

Robert Nuccio: Robert Nuccio is a father of three, the youngest one has Down syndrome. Mr. Nuccio is a certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of New York and is a partner in the 12 person CPA firm, Sperduto, Spector and Company CPA's P.C., located in White Plains. He has extensive experiencing auditing not for profit organizations and presenting financial statements to the Board of Directors. He is currently a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Robert Nuccio is nominated for a one-year term for the position of: **Treasurer of the Board**
