

2023-2024 Nominee Biographies

New Board Members

Jacob Cane: Jacob Cane lives Westchester with his wife and three children, one with autism. They made the move from the city about 9 years ago, searching for a more supportive school system to help with the challenges of special education and a greater sense of community. Jacob is a Nyack, NY native who grew up spending much of his summers in Putnam County, so the lower Hudson valley has long felt like home.

Jacob successfully built (and sold) a technology services business and is now planning the next chapter of his career. He is a graduate of Nyack High School and Columbia University, where he majored in Comparative Religion. Jacob enjoys cooking and walking explorations of the towns, trails, and natural beauty of the area.

Jacob Cane is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Michael Briganti: Michael Briganti received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 and obtained his CPA license soon after. He has over 40 years of experience in Finance, including 29 years as Chief Financial Officer of SGS North America, the leader in the Testing, Inspection and Certification industry (TIC). His areas of expertise include mergers and acquisitions, financial planning and analysis, business partnering, working capital management, financial accounting, and investment analysis among other areas.

Prior to his time at SGS, Michael spent 12 years at Coopers & Lybrand, a Big 8 accounting firm at the time (now PricewaterhouseCoopers after their merger), leading numerous audits in the manufacturing, private equity, service, restaurant, and emerging business industries. Michael developed a passion for working with and putting a smile on the faces of individuals with developmental disabilities while studying at the University of Notre Dame. For four years, Michael worked one-on-one with an autistic child on a weekly basis. He currently volunteers for The Arc Westchester one to two days per week, playing sports and games with a group of young adults with various developmental disabilities. Michael is married, has two children, and resides in Mohegan Lake, NY. He has lived in Westchester County his whole life.

Michael Briganti is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Mary Costello-Lazare: Mary Costello-Lazare grew up in Burlington, Vermont where she attended the University of Vermont. After college, she went to Albany Law School of Union University, graduating in 1985 with a Juris Doctor degree. She was admitted to the bar in New York and Connecticut in 1986, was an associate in several law firms in Westchester County before joining the Westchester County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals and Special Prosecutions Division, eventually becoming a Deputy Bureau Chief in the Appeals Bureau. After 11 years with the District Attorney's Office, Mary left to deal with the educational issues of her children.

Mary lives in Pleasantville with her husband, Steve, where she has raised her three children, Libby, Alejandro, and Anna. Anna has Down Syndrome and received Early Intervention services through the Children's School of Early Development. Mary has been involved in fundraising for the Down Syndrome Research and Treatment Foundation (known as the Lumind Foundation), has served on the Board of Pleasantville Special Education Parent Teachers Association, and has served for years on The Arc Westchester's Guardianship Committee.

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Mark Glucksman: Mark Glucksman and his wife of 35 years have three children, Samuel, Charles, and Benjamin. Samuel is 30 years old, has Down Syndrome and is a participant in The Arc Westchester's Choices program.

Mark is the Senior Vice President, Financial Systems for RWE Clean Energy. RWE recently acquired Con Edison Clean Energy Businesses to become the 4th largest renewable energy company in the United States. Previously, Mark was Vice President, Finance and Accounting for Con Edison Clean Energy Businesses for over 15 years and has been in a variety of finance roles in the energy industry for over 30 years. Mark has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the State University of New York at Albany and an MBA in Finance from Columbia University Graduate School of Business and is also a certified public accountant. Mark has served on The Arc Westchester Board of Directors in the past and served as a Board Officer as Treasurer.

Mark Glucksman is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

Jennifer Huggins: Jennifer Huggins has experience as a member of The Arc Westchester Day Services program and serves on the Core Committee of Advocates, and the Program Quality Improvement Committee. Jennifer enjoys doing research on current issues in the disability community. It is Jennifer's dream to be an advocate at the national level, shaping policies and influencing change.

Jennifer Huggins is nominated for a three-year term for the position of: **Board Member**

John McAndrew: John McAndrew is a long time Marketing Professional currently in the role of Senior Sponsorship Relations Manager at the James Beard Foundation in New York City. In 2018, he transitioned into the nonprofit sector, serving as a Program Manager with Wholesome Wave, a nonprofit with a mission to enable greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for undeserved communities through programs and advocacy. Prior to Wholesome Wave, John founded Skillman Marketing LLC, working with small businesses and nonprofits including Gift of Life and the Break the Hold Foundation. The work centered on helping those organizations articulate their mission and creating content including website design and marketing support.

John has a deep foundation in Marketing, Sponsorship, and Brand Activation roles with consumer package goods companies including Pepsico, Snapple and Kraft Foods. He has built and executed Sponsorship activations with MLB, NFL, NHL, NBA, MLS, Live Nation, and many others. John is very committed to volunteerism. He has led homeless outreach through the Midnight Run organization for 13 years, serves on the Steering Committee for Break the Hold, a youth mental wellness and suicide prevention organization, and is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville. John and his wife Clare are over 20-year residents of Pleasantville, where they raised their two sons Owen and Nolan.

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

Bradly Serlin: Bradly Serlin is a native of Mamaroneck, NY and is married to Mary Ann, a native of Pelham, NY. They have two children, a daughter Caroline who has special needs, and William, a second-year student at Cornell University. Brad attended the University at Albany from 1990-1994, where was a member of the rugby team and graduated with a BA in Political Science. In 1996, he began his career in sales and customer support focusing on the early stages of internet advertising, predominantly for the education sector. His career focus changed to the retail sector in the 2000s, where he has been selling cutting-edge technology software to improve retailer efficiency and corporate growth. He is currently a Sr. Sales Executive at Stylytics, a New York-based SaaS company, working with top brands and retailers to drive revenue and improve the consumer experience.

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