

## **2024 – 2025 MCC Governing Board Executive Committee Nominations**

### **Chair**

#### **Katie Gorka**

Katie has served on the MCC board for one year, on both the Elections and Nominations Committee and the Programs Committee. She has had a 35-year career in the non-profit and government sectors. She has worked at large cultural institutions (The Asia Society, NYC), she ran a festival of Central and Eastern Film at the New School for Social Research (NYC), and she has written several books. She has lived in McLean since 2008. She is interested in running for chair because she wants to support the McLean Community Center in its mission as a vital resource and as a builder of community.

#### **Kristina Groennings**

Kristina grew up less than a mile from the MCC. It was a place where her family went for classes and concerts. It was a place where she could explore and develop her skills as a budding concert pianist. She remembers being on the stage at the MacDonald Competition as a teenager – nervous, but excited, that she was performing in front of her community.

A couple years ago, she decided to run for the Board so that she could give back to the center that had given a lot to her.

In her first year on the Board, she served as Secretary. This past year, she served as Vice-Chair. She was also Chair of the Capital Facilities, and the Elections & Nominations Committees. She has advised on key decisions for the MCC. And, she has become more knowledgeable than she ever thought she would about material issues, like the life of theater equipment, and storm water drainage!

As a lawyer of almost 20 years, it has been her job to advise companies in an informed, well-reasoned manner. She has had significant exposure, including at PBS, to contributing to board organization and success.

It would be a privilege to bring all of this background and experience to the position of Chair.

### **Vice-Chair**

#### **Anna Bartosiewicz**

In her third year on the MCC Board, Anna wishes to run for the position of Vice Chair. During her first two years she has been an active participant in the vital work of the current Board and has served as Chair of the Programs and Outreach committee.

In the role of Vice Chair, she looks forward to supporting the incoming Chair, as well as MCC's leadership and staff. During the past two years she has come to appreciate the importance of clear communication and mutual support between the MCC Board and MCC leadership and staff. She places great value on our open and professional working relationship and will continue to work hard for a collaborative work environment.

## **Treasurer**

### **Kathleen Cooney Porter**

In her second year on the MCC Board, Kathleen wishes to run again for the Treasurer position. During her first year, Kathleen served on the Capital Facilities Committee and on the Finance Committee, specifically as Treasurer. Her background in public service as well as Managing Partner of the Trademark and Copyright Section of a law firm taught her skills to oversee and manage finances and to participate in long-range planning to ensure the financial future of a large governmental office as well as a private law firm. She hopes to continue as Treasurer to provide oversight in connection with the MCC's current budget as well as projected budgets.

## **Secretary**

### **Michael Monroe**

Michael has his undergraduate degree in Electronic Journalism and has worked in media organizations prior to getting into finance. He would like to get involved right away and step up to serve in the Secretary position to make an immediate impact in his service to the organization and community. He is very detail oriented and these traits and professional experience will help make him an efficient secretary.