



REGIONAL
ARTS & CULTURE
COUNCIL

July 22, 2009

TO: Chair Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Board
Comm. Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Board
Comm. Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Board
Comm. Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Board
Comm. Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County Board

CC: Tara C. Bowen-Biggs
Multnomah County, Office of Chair Wheeler

FROM: Eloise Damrosch, Executive Director 

RE: Multnomah County Appointments for the Regional Arts & Culture Council Board

It is time to appoint members who are eligible to serve terms on the Board of Directors for the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC). Based on the Intergovernmental Agreement that we have with Multnomah County, our Leadership Development Committee works to cultivate board candidates that will best represent the County. Our rigorous vetting process and matrix includes presenting nominations to our Board twice, and also sharing nominee recommendations with you for your consideration and approval.

This year there is one member who requests reappointment for the Multnomah County jurisdiction. Pamela Knowles currently serves as our Board Secretary. If you share our approval of her reappointment, Pam will continue to serve on the RACC Board as Multnomah County's representative for a second term.

Please reappoint:

Position #	Board Member	Reappointment
5	Pamela Knowles	second term ending 6/30/11

We also have three candidates that would like to serve as Multnomah County's representatives for their first terms, as follows: Brian Rice (KeyBank); Jennifer Cies (Umpqua Bank); and Max Miller (Tonkon Torp). Please review their bios and let us know your thoughts on appointing them to the following positions:

Position #s	Board Members	Appointments
1	Brian Rice	first term ending 6/30/11
3	Jennifer Cies	first term ending 6/30/11
4	Max Miller	first term ending 6/30/11

If you wish, we could arrange to have you meet them at one of your work sessions. The bios for Ms. Cies, Ms. Knowles, Mr. Miller and Mr. Rice follow this, as well as a list of all our board members, their affiliations and jurisdictions. Thank you for your commitment to the Regional Arts & Culture Council. We look forward to carrying out RACC's mission to the citizens of Multnomah County and the region so that through vision, leadership and service RACC will work to integrate arts and culture in all aspects of community life.



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Biographical Information

Jennifer Cies is a marketing and product development professional currently with Umpqua Bank as Vice President of Product Strategies. Her prior experience in financial services includes several years with HSBC in Oregon and Credit Suisse First Boston on the East Coast. Jennifer has an MBA and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University, and earned her BS in Journalism and Asian Studies from Northwestern University. She has worked overseas in India and Japan in nonprofit management, consulting and education. Her primary interests are in arts education, advocacy, theater, and opera. Her other interests include working as a volunteer community mediator and travel, especially wine-related travel. Six years ago, Jennifer and her partner, Maria Gonzalez, chose Portland as their permanent home, in part for its world-class arts combined with its community bent and livability. They live in Southwest Portland.

Pamela Knowles (*Secretary*) currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Portland Business Alliance, greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce. As COO, she oversees Legal Services, Finance, Membership, Administration and Communications. Prior to joining the Alliance in 2004, Pam was a partner with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, served as executive director of the Oregon Judicial Fitness Commission, and in leadership roles with various arts and community organizations. In May 2009, she joined the Portland Public School Board and continues to focus on establishing and sustaining comprehensive K-12 arts education throughout the district. Pam earned her law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1983. She earned her undergraduate degree in 1977 from Oregon State University in History.

Max Miller is an attorney at Tonkon Torp, LLC. He is co-chair of the firm's Sustainability Practice Group, leads the firm's environmental practice and chairs the Sustainability Committee. His experience includes both transactional counsel and litigation representation. Using his extensive knowledge in environmental, natural resources, energy and land-use law, Max helps businesses resolve disputes regarding federal, state and local regulations. His clients' industries include renewable energy, forestry and forest products, and manufacturing. He is recognized by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business and Best Lawyers in America. His many professional organization affiliations include Environmental and Natural Resources Section; Sustainability Task Force; and Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future. His various community activities include serving Metro Arts, Inc.; Business for Culture & the Arts; The Right Brain Initiative Governing Committee; 1,000 Friends of Oregon; Portland Business Alliance Sustainability Committee; and Friends of the Children Endowment Committee.

Brian Rice is President of KeyBank's Oregon District. Brian is responsible for growing the client base in Retail Banking, Business Banking, Commercial Banking and Key Private Bank, which provides banking, investing and trust services to the affluent – ensuring seamless delivery of those products and services to clients in their districts. In 2005, Rice was recognized by CEO Henry Meyer with a 2005 Chairman's Award. Prior to joining Key Private Bank in June 2002, Brian was vice president and market area manager for Wells Fargo Bank. Prior to that, he was branch manager and district sales manager for First Interstate Bank. Brian attended the University of Washington and the Pacific Coast Banking School. An active member of his community, he sits on the boards of local non-profit organizations, including New Avenues for Youth, the Library Foundation, SOLV, Oregon Bankers Association Portland Art Museum, and Providence Medical Foundation.

FY09-10 RACC Board of Directors

Name	Affiliation	Jurisdiction
RACC Board Officers		
Carole Morse, Chair	Manager of Community Investment Initiatives, Portland General Electric; President, PGE Foundation; Immediate Past President, Business for Culture & the Arts; Chair, Employers for Education Excellence (E3)	Portland
Carol R. Smith, Vice-Chair	Professional musician, teaches music and performs	Washington
Lorin Wolfe, Treasurer	Chief Financial Officer, Bridgeport Group, LLC	Metro
Pamela Knowles, Secretary	Chief Operating Officer, Portland Business Alliance; serves on Portland Public School Board	TBD
RACC Board Members		
Alan Alexander III	Information Systems Analyst and Project Manager, City of Portland, Bureau of Technology Services; owner, Dub Squad Music, BMI	Portland
Jesse Beason	Executive Director, Proud Ground (formerly Portland Community Land Trust)	Portland
Gwyneth Gamble Booth	GGB Enterprises; Chair, PGE Foundation; weekly facilitator and board chair, Dougy Center; board member, Portland Art Museum	At-Large
Claudia D. Burnett		Multnomah
Jennifer C. Cies	Vice President of Product Strategies, Umpqua Bank	TBD
Jay Clemens	Owner/CEO, Turtledove Clemens	At-Large
Kira Higgs	KH Consulting	Portland
Karen Karbo	Portland writer	At-Large
Peg Malloy	Executive Director & Founder, Portland Housing Center	Metro
Josie Mendoza	Retired	Clackamas
Max Miller (<i>RACC Board is considering his nomination; voting 8/3/09</i>)	Attorney, Tonkon Torp, LLC; affiliations include Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Sustainability Task Force, Oregon Lawyers for a Sustainable Future	TBD
Jim Neill	Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine	Portland
Bonita Oswald	Graphic Designer, Washington County Dept., Land Use & Transportation	Washington
Brian Rice (<i>RACC Board is considering his nomination; voting 8/3/09</i>)	President, KeyBank's Oregon District; serves on the following boards: New Avenues for Youth, the Library Foundation, SOLV, Oregon Bankers Association Portland Art Museum, Providence Medical Foundation	TBD
Jan Robertson	Executive Vice President, Norris Beggs & Simpson	At-Large
Marshall Runkel	Home Performance Director, EcoTech LLC; Disjecta board	At-Large
Tad Savinar	Portland artist	Portland
Lina Garcia Seabold	Owner/partner, Seabold Construction Co., Inc.	Washington