



## Follow Your Art Community Studios Call for Board Members

FYACS is looking for three new board members to join our team. At least two of these three positions will be filled by individuals who are BIPOC.

About Us: FYACS is a nonprofit community arts center that opened in September of 2019. Located in a three-story Victorian house on Main Street, our studio building houses two floors of artists and writers studios, and several ground-level rooms where FYACS holds classes, workshops, and events for people of all ages. We have three salaried staff, three additional hourly employees, contractors for teaching, marketing, and bookkeeping services, and a host of volunteers. FYACS Board Members provide guidance and support to the FYACS Executive Director and staff as well as planning, budgeting, and charting the future course for the center.

Our organization has weathered a global pandemic in its first 24 months of operations (that unfortunately continues), and handled itself with agility, creativity, sound planning, and incredible community support. We are now ready to expand our board, grow into our mission, and build the accessible, inclusive, creative community we have been striving to become.

To help achieve these goals, we are looking for board members with skills in one or more of the following areas:

- Marketing/Publicity
- Development/Fundraising
- Arts Organization and/or Administration
- DEI
- Event planning
- Web/technology

About the Board: Our board currently has six members consisting of three officers (Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and three at-large members. Our Board President is also the Founder and Executive Director, though this is not intended to be a long-term situation. Members agree to 2 year terms, and may serve multiple terms. Though current members live in Melrose, we welcome new members from surrounding communities.

The culture of this board is more informal and collaborative than most; our grassroots organization grew organically and needed to pivot and adapt quickly to the pandemic while still in its founding stage. We are now at a crossroads, seeking to more fully define our board and create the structure required for this small but strong organization to grow soundly. Joining the FYACS Board is an opportunity to be an integral part of the development of a still new organization with great creative potential.

Board Expectations: We are looking for an active Board that is engaged and involved in the growth and development of FYACS.

- Attend a minimum of 7 (of 10) board meetings annually.
- Attend at least 2 community events.
- Actively work with existing board members to create and serve on at least one of our committees in development:
  - Programming
  - Finance
  - Marketing and Promotions
  - Events
  - Fundraising and Development
  - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
    - AIR/WIR Fellowship decision committees
- Actively celebrate, champion, and promote FYACS activities through your networks.
- Advocate for our needs in the community and among your colleagues and peers.
  - Recruit for volunteers to serve on committees and help with events.
- Be always curious to learn more about the benefits of creative programs for individuals of all ages.
- Make a personal, charitable contribution to FYACS, to the best of your ability.

If you are one or more of the following, we'd like to talk to you:

- Energetic and entrepreneurial business people, who are not already overextended with other commitments, and are eager to put their enthusiasm into building a stronger and more accessible arts center.
- Community leaders and philanthropists willing to engage their peers in supporting the arts.
- Organizers who have a demonstrated talent, joy, and energy in chairing successful fundraising events and promotions.
- Individuals who are willing to take initiative and contribute positively to new aspects of our organization.

If you are interested in being considered for our board, please contact Kris Rodolico at 781 665 4140 or [krodolico@fyamelrose.org](mailto:krodolico@fyamelrose.org)