

Candidates Two-Minute Speech
Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT)
Executive Board

Philip Beaulieu

My name is Philip Beaulieu, a candidate for the position of Chairman of the Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT). I have been an active member since 1997. I have also served on the Executive Board a number of times and have accomplished a lot. However, there is still much to do.

I feel that my experience, energy and work ethic makes me the best choice for Chairman in the upcoming election.

Thank you for your vote.

James F. White

My name is James F. White; I am a resident of Hyde Park, MA. I am a nominee for the position of Vice-Chairman to the Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT). I served on the AACT Executive Board for two terms. During my tenure, I participated in the selection of new trains, buses and THE RIDE vehicles.

I am a volunteer Community Monitor with the Massachusetts Commission on Disability in the neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Jamaica Plain.

I am a student at the University of Massachusetts at Boston with a major in Legal Education

I have worked as an aide to former Boston City Council President, Michael Flaherty.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ann Murray

I am a retired business owner and teacher, an active advocate, mother, and wife who wishes to share my knowledge and experience with groups who are enhancing the lives of the disabled, children and the elderly.

The AACT Board is such a board and your vote will allow me to serve AACT for the next two years.

I am on the North Shore Community College Executive Board and a member of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Council

I look forward to working on your behalf as an AACT Board member.

Beverly Ann Rock

I have been a social worker in Massachusetts for over 20 years. Being a person with a disability has inspired me to be a strong advocate for the clients that I serve. I strongly believe that every person has a right to be treated with respect and allowed to function in this society with the least amount of restrictions.

Accountability and adherence to the laws that have been approved for the elderly and persons with disabilities should be carried out. As a team player, I feel that this takes the cooperation and interactions with agencies and companies connected or contracted with THE RIDE. This can come about with constant communication to make sure that the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth are met.

I look forward to working and serving you as a Board Member.

Ellen M. Frith

I have been a Disability Advocate for almost 35 years. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, I worked with Children with Disabilities in Morocco. While a student at Harvard Divinity School, I helped create the First Committee for Persons with Disabilities on the Harvard campus. In 1993, I became a Person with a Disability as a result of an auto collision. I am currently a Somerville Disability Commissioner, and am well versed in the ADA, and the state and municipal access laws. I would be honored to serve as the Chair of the Board of AACT.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen M. Frith

Marilyn MacNab

I am a resident of the City of Boston. I have been an advocate for public transportation for 30 years. I began with fixed route services and now I am focusing on paratransit. I am a former accountant for an international accounting firm. I have previously served on the AACT Executive Board as Vice-Chair.

I participate in the Regional Transportation Advisory Council and have been on the Water Transportation Committee and Rider Oversight Committee.

I am currently serving on a working committee to make the Hynes Convention Center accessible.

I am affiliated with the Boston Center for independent Living and the T Riders Union.

I would appreciate your consideration and thank you for your vote.