

## FY 2018 Slate of Nominations for Board of Directors

*As of March 29, 2017*

### Candidate Biographical Information

#### ***Slate of Returning Board Members*** (in alphabetical order)

**Constance Battle** (2<sup>nd</sup> term) is a retired developmental pediatrician and former CEO of the Hospital for Sick Children, a 130-bed transitional hospital for children with severe disabilities, located in northeast Washington, DC. She is also a former Trustee and retired professor from George Washington University, where she taught Pediatrics and Public Health, and past president of the American Medical Women's Association and the Association for Children's Health Care.

Dr. Battle holds an undergraduate degree from Trinity University and completed her medical degree at George Washington University. She is the parent of a daughter with cerebral palsy, and lives with her family in Potomac, MD. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016.

**Virginia Colten-Bradley** (5<sup>th</sup> term) is a grant writing consultant who has held a variety of leadership roles in academic, government, corporate and nonprofit settings. She has translated her expertise in writing grant proposals for scientific research and other academic endeavors into writing for nonprofit organizations. Dr. Colten-Bradley has presented at more than 60 seminars, professional conferences, public meetings and universities.

Dr. Colten-Bradley holds an undergraduate degree from DePauw University, a Master's degree from Louisiana State University, and a Doctorate from the University of Illinois. She is the parent of two daughters, one with Down syndrome, and lives with her family in Bethesda, MD. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2013.

**Denise Dixon** (3<sup>rd</sup> term) is a healthcare professional specializing in community outreach, with an emphasis on minority health initiatives. Currently, she contracts with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to provide HIV/AIDS/STI health education and outreach. As the parent of a child with autism, Ms. Dixon is actively engaged in working to eliminate challenges for people with disabilities and their families.

Ms. Dixon holds an undergraduate degree from Morgan State University and a Master's degree in Management from University of Maryland University College. She lives with her family, including a child with special needs, in Burtonsville, MD, and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015.

**Stephanie Katz** (4<sup>th</sup> term) has almost 30 years of experience in the design, implementation and administration of human resources and employee benefit programs. As President of CETA Benefit Consulting Group, LLC, she has supported a variety of firms including AARP, Nuverra Environmental Solutions, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. As a designated GLG Scholar, she provides insight to large U.S. investments firms as part of the Healthcare Council of the Councils of Advisors.

Ms. Katz holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from Brandeis University and a Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Silver Spring, MD and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014. She has previously served as Secretary.

**Michael Knox** (4<sup>th</sup> term) is a gifted commercial artist, with a CD cover and other projects to his credit, and the walls of his apartment are covered with his drawings and paintings. He has completed classes at Montgomery College designed to increase his independence and facilitate production of his artwork. He also volunteers as a member of Dreams for Kids, a nonprofit designed to break down social barriers and isolation for at-risk kids in DC.

Mr. Knox graduated from Parkdale High School in 1991. He has previously supported The Arc by advocating in Annapolis and serving on the Awards Selection Committee. He lives in Silver Spring, MD and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014.

**Karen O'Connor** (4<sup>th</sup> term) is self-employed as a licensed Residential Architect. Since the birth of her youngest daughter, who has Down syndrome, Ms. O'Connor has been actively involved with The Arc and Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County, including serving in Board positions. She also donated her professional time and skills to consult on and design the renovation of a group home for The Arc.

Ms. O'Connor holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Stout and a Master of Architecture from the University of Colorado, Denver. She lives with her family in Germantown, MD and has previously served on the Board of Directors as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**John Olenick** (2<sup>nd</sup> term) is currently the Business Development Director for WaveGuard, a local company which provides cybersecurity services. He has over 30 years of experience with real estate, finance and accounting firms throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area, and has previously served on the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mr. Olenick is an active, engaged member of The Arc Montgomery County's finance committee.

Mr. Olenick holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Maryland. He lives with his family in Laurel, MD and was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2016.

### ***Slate of New Board Candidates***

Several new candidates are in the application and vetting process. Names and biographical information for these candidates will be added to the slate at the end of the nominating period upon successful completion of vetting.

### ***Slate of Board Officers*** (see biographical information above)

Karen O'Connor, Candidate for President (3<sup>rd</sup> term as President)

Stephanie Katz, Candidate for Vice President (1<sup>st</sup> term as Vice President)

John Olenick, Candidate for Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> term as Treasurer)

Candidate for Treasurer—To Be Announced

***Nominations remain open until April 15, 2017. An updated slate of nominations will be distributed to members and posted on The Arc Montgomery County's website by no later than June 1, 2017.***

Elections will be held on June 22, 2017 at the annual membership meeting. Voting will be restricted to current members of The Arc Montgomery County. Individuals who have donated a total of \$50 or more since June 22, 2016 are current members and therefore eligible to vote.

If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Resource Development at 301.984.5777 x1244. If you would like to renew your membership, visit **[www.TheArcMontgomeryCounty.org](http://www.TheArcMontgomeryCounty.org)** and click on Donate.