

Bios for EC 2020 Candidates

Chair

Kelly Quirk: Kelly is a Program Director of Substance Abuse and Homeless Services at the Bowery Residents' Committee where she oversees a 32-bed medically-monitored and medically-supervised Detox unit. She is responsible for unit oversight, developing systems, and ensuring compliance. She has 12 years' worth of experience in her field and significant experience in outreach to funders. She is one of the founding members of SOMA Action, is on their steering committee, and is a co-chair of Immigrants Rights. She participated in anti-racist work when she lived in the South. In both her work and her volunteer history, Kelly has significant experience in development and grant-writing strategies, and is particularly interested in combining narrative and metrics-based strategies to support fundraising. Kelly joined the Coalition board in 2017, soon after which she started the board on an important investigation into future priorities. She currently serves as chair of the Finance & Development Committee, and was instrumental in planning the annual dinner.

Vice Chairs

Carol Barry-Austin is a founding member of the Coalition on Race and has dedicated her time and talents to the growth and success of the organization for over 20 years. She served as Chair from 2006-08 after serving on the Executive Committee since the organization's inception and currently co-chairs the Schools Committee. Under her leadership, the committee has shaped community discussion regarding the Academic Achievement Gap by providing forums, parent advocacy workshops and Achievement Gap Study Groups. Carol is often cited for her consistent efforts on behalf of the youth of the community and her commitment to integration and fair housing. Her advocacy on behalf of students began early on with the PTA's as President of the various schools her 3 children attended. She has represented the community throughout the region on panels to discuss integration and youth advocacy. Professionally, Carol served as a consultant for a New Jersey-based communications company and she spent fifteen years working for New York Telephone Company, designing and implementing communication systems for major New York corporations. Carol also shares her time with the Columbia High School Scholarship Fund, South Orange Civic Organization, and the Tuxedo Park Neighborhood Association. She and her husband have lived in South Orange for 40 years.

Abby Cotler has lived in Maplewood with her husband and 2 sons since 1987. In 1992 she was elected to the Board of Ed. and served 3 consecutive terms. She was elected VP 6 of those 9 years. She also served as the Board liaison to the Coalition for several years. While serving on the board she pushed the district to address issues of access and equity and for de-leveling in the schools. She also joined community and school board members of neighboring towns to advocate for increased state funding not only for our district but for Newark and other Urban/ suburban school districts. In many ways some of the organizations we started then were addressing issues the Coalition schools committee was also addressing. Abby has worked at Seton Hall University as a counselor for MLK scholars and for the Puerto Rican institute. She has been on the District Parenting Center Board since its inception and headed its toy drive for many years. At the Coalition she has been on the Schools Committee all the years she served as a trustee and she served on the Executive board during her 2nd term as a trustee.

Catherine Cronin: Catherine Cronin has lived in South Orange with her husband and three children for the past seven years. Originally from Ireland, she spent more than ten years working for media and book publishing companies in London. When she moved with her family to the U.S. in 2012, she became a freelance editor with a focus on non-profit clients. She joined the Coalition on Race board in 2018. She has

served on the Marketing Committee and was a Vice Chair on the Executive Committee in 2019. She also volunteers her time with the Seth Boyden PTA.

Ed Stuart: Ed is a retired Wealth Manager. Ed rejoined Coalition on Race board in 2018 after a hiatus. During his first stint on the board, he served for a number of years on the Finance & Development Committee. In 2019, he became a Vice Chair on the Executive Committee, serving as Treasurer. He also joined the Schools Committee in 2019 to pursue his interest in the educational achievement gap. Ed's other nonprofit board activity includes Planned Parenthood, Institute of Certified Financial Planners, and the South Mountain Conservancy Board Chair.

Immediate Past Chair

Robert Marchman has taken an active role in community life since moving to Maplewood in 1991. He is a founding member of the Coalition on Race, where he served as chair in 2004. In June 2010, Robert joined the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the premier securities industry regulator, as Executive Vice President and Head of the Market Regulation Department's Legal Group (the Group prosecutes violations of market rules and federal securities laws). He serves as the Executive Vice President/MRD Legal Section at FINRA. Prior to that time he was responsible for managing the New York Stock Exchange Regulation's Enforcement Division and Regulatory Risk Group. Robert has had a long career in diversity and inclusion efforts in Corporate America and in nonprofits and has received numerous awards in recognition of his work to promote diversity management in the securities industry. Robert served as chair in 2017, 2018, and 2019 and will continue as Immediate Past Chair in 2020 per the Coalition's by-laws.