

# BIOS – NOMINEES AND BOARD MEMBERS WITH NEW TERMS

## **MICHAEL MANNI**

PAC Exhibiting Artist Member since 2012

3 years on BOM.

Serves on Education and Café Committees.

BA in art from Rhode Island College.

Past owner and operator with his wife of the LaSalle Bakery in Providence, now currently retired. Mr. Manni was the past president of the Massachusetts Retail Bakers Assn., and past president of Board of St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence. His favored medium as an artist is oil painting.

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## **NICKERSON MILES**

PAC Exhibiting Artist Member since 2015

4 years on BOM.

Serves as Chair of Education Committee and PAC instructor in Photography.

BA from Marietta; MA in communication from U of Maryland. Earned a career in communication and marketing, spanning a variety of industries (from computers to financial services) and locations, including two expatriate assignments in Italy. Also active in the Lifelong Learning Collaborative. Mr. Miles favored media as an artist is photography, encaustic, and mosaic.

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## **ANNE P. WERT**

Exhibiting Artist Member since 2016

0 years served on BOM.

Ms. Wert conveys leadership experience in community organizations, teaching experience including in person, online, asynchronous, and is a Professional Artist concentrating in watercolor and oil painting. She has exhibited in more than 50 regional and national juried and group shows in the last 7 years, has paintings in private collections worldwide, including commissioned work and has served as juror for local art organizations.

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## **LYNNE SYKES LARSON**

PAC Patron Member since 2020

0 pervious years served on BOM.

Strategic thinker with 23 years' experience in science writing/editing, sponsored research, foundation relations, and grant writing at top academic and research institutions. Accomplished leader whose enthusiasm and big-picture thinking maximizes success. Proven ability to foresee opportunities, embrace challenges, transform programs, and translate complex ideas for diverse audiences in life sciences communication.

Ms. Larson Founded Sykes Grant Strategies, a consulting practice that helps university and nonprofit clients develop strategies and polish grant applications that convey the power, significance, and innovation of their work. They helped biomedical clients such as Yale Cancer Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard, and Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center secure more than \$250 million in competitive funding.

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**PETER P. D'AMICO**

PAC Patron Member since 2019.

0 pervious years served on BOM.

Presently retired after practicing law in Rhode Island for 50 years. In the 1970's, Mr. D'Amico was a law instructor at both Providence College and for a short time at Johnson & Wales teaching law related topics.

Joined the Art Club in 2019 and has taken numerous classes and developed painting skills and enjoyed the activities of the Club. In addition to being a member of the Art Club, Mr. D'Amico is also a member of the Wickford Art Association and the South County Art Association and participate in their events, classes and activities.