

Lauren Costa

From: Arlington Cultural Council
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Lauren Costa
Cc:
Subject: ACAC Grants Committee appointment recommendation -- Shelley Chhabra
Attachments: Shelley Chhabra CV.pdf

Hi Lauren,

The Grants Committee has a new interested member, Shelley Chhabra. At our 11/20 meeting, the Grants Committee voted to recommend to the Select Board that Shelley be appointed to the Grants Committee for a 3 year appointment.

If it's possible, could Shelley's appointment perhaps make it into the December 4 Select Board meeting? This would allow her to participate in the Grants Committee's next meeting which is our annual review, voting, and selection of grant applications!

Copied below is Shelley's letter of intent and attached is her CV; she is also CC'd on this email.

Dear Brian,

I am requesting the opportunity to be considered for the position of ACAC grant committee member for the town of Arlington. My family and I have been residents of Arlington since 2009 and have been active in town sports and various school communities.

I have a special interest in arts education and have performed in over 25 schools and camps in the Greater Boston area as a trained Indian Classical dancer. My lecture demonstrations help expose students to Kathak which is a storytelling dance form from North India and to help them learn about Indian culture and philosophy through dance and music. This is a powerful way to increase awareness and understanding for different cultures and traditions around the world. I believe in the mission of the ACAC Grants Committee to support cultural arts, experiential science, arts and humanities to connect and enrich our community. As a committee member, I hope to continue supporting artists and educators to bring high quality programming to Arlington.

Thank you for your consideration,
Shelley Chhabra

Thank you!

Brian McMurray
Chair, ACAC Grants Committee

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Shelley Chhabra
Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Appointment: ACAC Grants Committee

Dear Shelley:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend the Select Board meeting conducted by hybrid format, on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Select Board that you join this hybrid meeting. This will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

You may attend the meeting in-person or virtually. The meeting will take place in the Select Board Chambers. The link to the meeting and other information will be available at the bottom of the Select Board Agenda as well as on the Town Calendar when the meeting is posted on Thursday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact this office by e-mail, bmallard@town.arlington.ma.us, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Maher".

Ashley Maher
Board Administrator

Shelley Chhabra

Past Experience

Founder & Owner, Shelley Chhabra Bridal, Cambridge MA Jan 2006 – Jan 2015
Opened the first Indian Bridal boutique in the Greater Boston region and served hundreds of customers from across New England. Responsible for marketing, sales, product development and operations. Received press coverage from Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Lowell Sun and the Chronicle evening news show. Invited to show formalwear collections at the Intercontinental, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Taj Hotel and Harvard Business School. Guest speaker at Massachusetts College of Art and the Peabody Essex Museum.

Senior Wireless Analyst, Yankee group (451 Research), Boston MA Jun 2004 - Oct 2005
Created and managed a market share tracker for the top 5 wireless infrastructure companies (Ericsson, Nokia, Motorola, Lucent & Siemens). Traveled to Sweden and Finland to work with Ericsson & Nokia and to India for a consulting project for Qualcomm. Published research reports on next generation wireless infrastructure and key product roadmaps.

Electrical Engineer, Texas Instruments, Burlington MA Nov 2000 - Jun 2004
Joined Envoy Networks as a hardware engineer & successfully demonstrated a wireless base station prototype that led to Texas Instruments acquiring the startup. As part of Texas Instruments, I worked as an applications engineer and traveled to China to train our wireless customers on integrating the TI 3G wireless chipset.

Electrical Engineer, Nortel Networks, Acton, MA Jun 1998 - Nov 2000
Designed and tested the Baystack 450 Ethernet switch product. Responsibilities included meeting with salespeople to select semiconductors and chips for the board design, creating a bill of materials for procurement and working alongside board fabricators to bring the product to our lab for testing.

Education

Successfully passed the MA real estate license exam 2023

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Tufts University 1998

Boards, Volunteering & Hobbies

Parent Association Board, Lesley Ellis School 2019

Board of Directors, Chhandika, Institute of Kathak Dance 2005 - 2008

Kathak Indian classical dance performer - outreach performances and lecture demonstrations in schools, camps and after school programs across the Greater Boston region for the last 25 years.

Fundraising for the Home for Little Wanderers

Dancing, traveling, gardening, hiking, interior decorating, weight training, wakeboarding