

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Invites Board Nominations

Birmingham, AL (March 20, 2019) — The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) is seeking nominations to the BCRI Board of Directors. As a nonprofit entity, BCRI Board positions are volunteer and unpaid. The mission of the BCRI is “to enlighten each generation about civil and human rights by exploring our common past and working together in the present to build a better future.” The Board of Directors oversees and helps facilitate the BCRI’s accomplishment of its mission.

Nominations from the community are now being received through April 16, 2019, with nomination forms available on the [BCRI website](#). Paper copies of the nomination forms will also be available at the BCRI’s administrative offices at 520 16th St. N., Birmingham, AL 35203, during business hours on Tuesday through Friday.

Nominations will be screened by a BCRI Board Nominating Committee and evaluated in part on these criteria:

- Understanding of BCRI mission and purpose;
- Prior community service and current board experience;
- Characteristics that meet current board needs such community leader, civil rights community, civic leader, scholar, humanitarian, corporate citizen, specialized skill set such as finance or legal, etc.; and
- Any other identified characteristics that would deem a candidate worthy to serve BCRI’s mission and purpose.

The minimum expectations of Board members include:

1. Attending and engaging fully in at least half of the monthly board meetings in every year of board service;
2. Having an interest in and understanding of human rights, Birmingham civil rights history and unequivocally supporting BCRI’s mission;
3. Giving to BCRI annually, according to ability, and actively participating in fundraising;
4. Attending the full orientation as new board members;
5. Bringing contacts and connections to grow BCRI resources;
6. Understanding and committing to fostering the leadership pipeline, unity, common sense of purpose, and recognition of roles within the board;
7. Participating actively in a standing committee;
8. Hosting, attending and/or working special events;
9. Serving as a strategic partner to the CEO on long-term strategic planning and short-term need management; and
10. Supporting other initiatives as determined to be necessary by the board.

Final selection of the Board members in this round is anticipated by May 31, 2019.

About the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI). An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, and part of the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, the BCRI is a cultural and educational research center that promotes a comprehensive understanding for the significance of civil rights developments in Birmingham that changed our world. Celebrating its 26th anniversary, BCRI reaches more than 150,000 individuals each year through teacher education (including curriculum development and teacher training), group tours, outreach programs (school and community), award-winning after-school and public programs, exhibitions and extensive archival collections. For more information, visit www.bcri.org.