Dear BARPCV Community,

After serving the Boston Area RPCV community as a board member for four years, it has been an honor to assume the role of Board President this past June. On behalf of the BARPCV community, I wish to thank outgoing president Shane Runquist for six years of service as Merchandise Chair, Vice President, and ultimately President of the board. Shane has gone to great lengths to build and support the RPCV community in Boston and the surrounding region, and his presence on the board and in the BARPCV community will be missed.

Every year, BARPCV grows and changes as Board members come and go. In 2019, we had 7 RPCVs join the BARPCV Board and 7 RPCVs depart for new adventures. We merged the “memberships” and “fundraising” roles with existing “treasurer” and “grants” positions, established a new “social ambassador” role, and revived the “TGIF” board position of years past. I am grateful for the Board’s service and wowed by their innovative approaches to an ever-evolving BARPCV. We continue to seek opportunities to build access, diversity, and a welcoming atmosphere to all RPCVs in the region, and to find new avenues to give back to our community.

Approximately 100 members of the BARPCV community took part in community service opportunities in 2019, including our annual involvement in the Boston Marathon. In March, BARPCV raised $317 for Hurricane Idai relief in collaboration with Blaze Pizza and with stellar support from our members. Thanks to summer fundraising for our annual Red Sox game, BARPCV funded a third small grant this year, in addition to our two regular community grant programs.

BARPCV continues to provide regular gatherings for our membership, including monthly “TGIF” happy hours in the Boston Area, movie club outings, storytelling events, and monthly meet-ups on the North Shore. Our bi-annual Welcome Back/Send-Off (WBSO) salutes new volunteers as they embark on their journey and offers a warm embrace to those just returned, while our annual January potluck, summer picnic, and September New Members Party provide family-friendly opportunities for area RPCVs to socialize, network, and make connections in our community. The annual ski trip, canoe trip, and softball season promotes an RPCV celebration of the outdoors, while the annual BARPCV photo contest pays tribute to our years of Peace Corps service.

Behind the scenes, BARPCV completed its transition to a new website hosted on the same platform as the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). This change has resulted in a redefinition of board member roles and responsibilities, an expansion of our social media presence, and overall improved communication and engagement with our members.

In closing, I would like to thank our current members for their continued support of our organization. I hope that you will join me in my eager anticipation of the coming year and BARPCV's continued mission of community and friendship.

Yours in service,

Elise Simons
RPCV Zambia 2010-2013
Incoming President, BARPCV

Shane Runquist
RPCV Mexico, 2008-2010
Outgoing President
Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. (BARPCV) is a non-profit, membership-based organization, founded in 1978, that serves as a support network for newly returned & prospective volunteers, and for those who have served or worked for the US Peace Corps. BARPCV also serves as an educational resource by connecting local communities with the unique experiences of members who gained important insight from living and working abroad. As BARPCV members, we share our skills and knowledge gained through Peace Corps life and professional experiences with our friends, families and the greater community, in hopes of promoting a better understanding of each other and the world.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elise Simons
President

Peter Hulbert
Vice President

Matt Walsh
Treasurer-

Erin Meade
Secretary

PROGRAM CHAIRS

Lynn Arsenault
Events Chair

Kevin Crooks
TGIF Chair

Rebecca Madden-Sturges
Photos Chair

Holden Mills
Sports Chair

Jannah Muhammad
Grants Chair

Kevin O’Brien
Community Service Chair

Gladys Muñoz Romero
Communications Chair

Tamene Tedla
Third Goal / Speakers Bureau

[Not Pictured]
OUTGOING CHAIRS

We thank the following board members, who stepped down from the BARPCV Board of Directors during 2019, for their service to the organization:

Shane Runquist
Outgoing President 2019
Vice-President 2016-2018
Merchandise Chair 2014-2016

Eric Roberts
Fundraising/Merchandise 2017-2019

Tiffany Jaimes
Social Ambassador 2019
Memberships 2017-2018

Rachael Sabelli
Events Co-Chair

Marta Hodgkins-Summer
Community Service 2017-2019

Not Pictured:
Kaelani Kubina, Careers 2017-2019
Travis Burgarner, Webmaster 2018-2019
COMMUNICATIONS

In 2019, BARPCV distributed 12 Newsletters to a total of 186 BARPCV members utilizing the new website software. Newsletters feature general announcements, promotions of upcoming BARPCV events, and links to the BARPCV website and social media accounts. The average open rate for BARPCV Newsletters was 59.25%, with an average click rate of 7.92%.

On ten occasions, supplemental mailings were sent to current and former members and other BARPCV contacts to amplify specific events. Special announcements regarding calendar sales, Red Sox tickets, Disaster Relief Fundraiser, Pride Parade, and the BARPCV Photo Contest were delivered to approximately 1,000 contacts and viewed by 41.8% of recipients. The highest open rates of the year were events for Peace Corps Week 2019 and a visit by the Peace Corps Director, Jody Olsen.

BARPCV has an active Facebook page that has been liked by 1,269 people, as well as a private Facebook group, the “BARPCV Forum” with 550 members who share info on events, jobs, housing, and more. Our Instagram profile (@BARPCV) has a total of 261 followers and 220 posts including photos and videos. About 63% of our followers are between the ages of 25-34 and located in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville. Our Twitter profile (@BAPRCV) has a total of 21 followers and 177 tweets, featuring upcoming BARPCV events and retweeting (sharing) other RPCV news. Our most popular posts are featured on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter were the BARPCV Board Member Spotlight series. It highlighted various Board Members roles, fun facts, and country of service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2019, BARPCV was active in continuing its commitment to partnering with local community-focused nonprofits around Boston, with over 115 attendees at a variety of events. BARPCV members prepared meals with Community Servings for those who are critically and chronically ill; spent an evening in June pruning roses at the Kelleher Rose Garden in the Emerald Necklace; and welcomed families experiencing homelessness from around Boston to Christmas in the City. We continued our tradition of Mile 23 Boston Marathon Hydration Station presence, where over 70 BARPCV volunteers supported the marathon runners and the larger organization. We are planning to return to many of these great organizations in 2020 and are grateful for their partnership and collaboration in 2019.
EVENTS

Welcome Back/ Send Off (WBSO)
Each year in April and December, BARPCV brings together volunteers who recently completed their service and those who are preparing to begin their service. This past April, the WBSO was held at Hostelling International. Our featured speaker, Dr. Anthony Pinder, Associate VP of the Office of Internationalization and Global Engagement at Emerson College, shared his reflections on how Peace Corps helped changed his life. In addition to serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, he also served as Peace Corps Country Director of Guinea as well as Director of Minority Recruitment with the Peace Corps office stateside.

Our December WBSO was held at Bell in Hand, featuring guest speaker Emily Legasse. Emily shared how her service in the Peace Corps shaped her work today in starting her own business in Boston. Upon returning to the U.S. with her Peace Corps dog and finding that processed dog food made her pet very sick, Emily started her own pet food business, and has since been selling dog food all over the U.S.

Peace Corps Week
Each year, BARPCV celebrates Peace Corps Week by holding a variety of events. This year, RPCVs got together for ice skating and hot cocoa at Frog Pond, shared anecdotes from their Peace Corps service at a story slam co-hosted with Hostelling International, enjoyed dinner during a night out at Anoush‘ella’s, went bowling, had a movie outing, and of course -- enjoyed a monthly TGIF. We saw many of our members at these events and look forward to sharing another Peace Corps Week with everyone in 2020!

New Members Party
Annually in September, BARPCV member and former Board Member David Sears (RPCV Morocco) hosts the New Members party at his home in Cambridge. This is a great event for those who are newly returned or new to the city to mingle. David opened up his backyard, and we lucked out with a perfect late-Summer evening to enjoy. As always, thanks to David for an event that brings a lot of new faces and members to the BARPCV community.

Other events
In addition to our annual and special events, BARPCV organized several storytelling events with Hostelling International, comedy club outings in Boston, and happy hour nights at the Notch Brewery in Salem.
FUNDRAISING & MERCHANDISE

BARPCV membership dues and the sale of calendars and other merchandise provided the majority of the organization’s operating and grants budget in 2019, while several new activities and events raised additional funds. In March, BARPCV raised $317 for Hurricane Idai relief in collaboration with Blaze Pizza at a special fundraising TGIF event. Thanks to fundraising for our annual summer Red Sox game, BARPCV funded a third small ($250) grant this year, in addition to our two regular $500 community grants.

GRANTS

As part of our mission of supporting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we fund a community grant of $500 twice annually, in the Spring and Fall. This fall, thanks to the purchase of Red Sox tickets, we were able to give two Fall grants, one domestic grant in the amount of $500 and one international grant in the amount of $250. We strive to increase participation in our communities, and to address needs & opportunities consistent with our members’ values both in the greater Boston area and internationally.

Spring Grant 2019

Our 2019 Spring Community Grant was awarded to Elisabeth Divine on behalf of Camp SPEAK (Student Practicing English Activism and Kindness) in Dassa, Benin. Camp SPEAK is an annual camp that aims to reduce the discrepancy between years spent in the classroom and language proficiency by incorporating reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in interactive ways. English learners were given the opportunity to further explore the English language through sessions from poetry writing to songwriting. The beneficiaries included 19 males ages 15-19, one male age 10-14, 10 males aged 25+, and 20 females ages 15-19, not including the 10 PCVs. Camp SPEAK was held July 1st - July 5th, 2019 in Dassa-Zoumé (Collines department).

Success has been shown in many facets since the implementation of Camp SPEAK: most notably, each of the 10 host country national counterparts showed increased capacity for speaking English since the start of camp. They worked hard to stay fully immersed in English, including through jokes and casual conversations. PCVs have noted counterpart successes in commitment to Safe Schools and gender-equitable practices, implementation of new methods of teaching English, and increased understanding of the English language, especially conversational English. Apart from counterparts, PCVs have seen success demonstrated by the 40 students who were brought to Camp SPEAK, who now have increased confidence in the classroom, help lead English Clubs, and regularly use an expanded vocabulary. The $500 award was used to purchase English/French dictionaries and mosquito nets.

Fall Grant 2019

Our 2019 Fall Domestic Community Grant was awarded to Amanda Drapcho, an RPCV who served in Gambia from 2008-2010. She applied on behalf of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. During a sexual assault evidence
collection kit in the State of Massachusetts, survivors are provided the opportunity to give up their clothing as evidence. Many survivors come to the hospital with only what they are wearing and/or have a limited amount of clothing. This makes the decision to give up clothing difficult and often survivors decide to keep their clothing due to limited resources. The $500 award will fund the purchase of comfortable sweatpants and t-shirts to provide to survivors during the sexual assault evidence collection process.

Our 2019 Fall International Community Grant was awarded to Rachael Sabelli, an RPCV who served in Malawi from 2010-2012. She applied on behalf of the Lilongwe Crisis Nursery. The Ministry of Hope Lilongwe Crisis Nursery has provided care, protection and support to 471 babies from as young as one day old to two years. Once referred, the Nursery ensures the timely rescue of the child, performs a needs assessment, then develops an individualized, comprehensive care plan. The care plan includes daily general care, health care, nutritional care, psychosocial support, spiritual support and protection from any form of abuse. Children are kept safe and protected in the nursery’s care until their case is resolved and they can be reunited with family members or adopted. The $250 award will support the Lilongwe Crisis Nursery Home to pay for 39 tins of infant formula, as it is one of their most expensive supplies.

MEMBERSHIP

BARPCV offers the following membership options:

- $30 - Individual BARPCV Membership (+ Optional NPCA Membership)
- $40 - Two-in-one Household/Family BARPCV Membership
- $20 - Student BARPCV Membership
- $0 - BARPCV Membership, New RPCV (within 1 year) or PCV currently serving

BARPCV had an average of 154 members over the course of 2019, with a high of 196 members in August and a low of 63 members in March. BARPCV ended 2018 with 217 members and ended 2019 year with 187 members, with 126 new members joining and 57 current members renewing their membership over the course of the year.
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**PHOTO CONTEST**

The BARPCV Photo Contest continues to be a great opportunity to showcase RPCVs’ countries of service, and to connect with local cafes in the Boston community. There were 36 wonderful photos submitted in the 2019 contest. A voting process by the board narrowed the photo submissions down to 10 amazing photos put to a vote by all members. The top 10 finalists were proudly displayed at Simon’s Café in Porter Square over the summer. The top winning photos, shown below, were displayed at the December Welcome Back/Send-Off.
SPEAKERS BUREAU/THIRD GOAL

BARPCV Speakers Bureau continues to facilitate Peace Corps’ third goal by connecting local schools and organizations to RPCVs willing to speak about their experiences abroad and host country cultures and traditions. The Speakers’ Bureau also supports third goal activities in the Boston area.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

2019 was another fun and busy year for BARPCV sports and recreation. We were thrilled to be able to engage so many RPCVs in such great sports and recreation events all year!

- We began the year with our annual January ski trip to Mt Sunapee in New Hampshire. 9 RPCVs spent the weekend skiing, cooking, and playing games together in a beautiful mountain home.

- In the winter through spring we had a monthly movie club where we engaged 19 RPCVs over 4 trips to the theaters. We saw a wide range of movies from big box office films, documentaries, to independent movies.

- We had another busy summer, starting with the reforming of the BARPCV softball team. We had 20 RPCVs play over the 3 month season. Although we were not the best team on the diamond, lots of fun was had for the full season. We look forward to getting back out there for next season!

- 4 RPCVs ran a 5k on Spectacle Island in June which raised money for the Boston Harbor Now, which allows youth to enjoy the Harbor Islands throughout the summer.

- Although our beloved Red Sox did not win another World Series Title this year 20 RPCVs still had fun watching them play verse the Toronto Blue Jays in July.

- In August, we held our annual summer canoe and camping trip on the Saco River in Maine. 15 RPCVs spent the weekend together in the great outdoors.

- In November, we started a board game night. The first meeting was well received with 10 people attending and we hope to make this a frequent event.
TGIF

Gathering on the last Friday of the month has continued to be a BARPCV tradition. It provides a great opportunity for RPCVs in the Boston region to gather, meet new people, and enjoy a casual evening together. This year’s outings included The Ginger Man, Blaze Pizza, Democracy Brewing, and Bully Boy Distillery.

In the summer months, BARPCV takes TGIF outside for a change of scenery with a Summer Patio Series to venues like KO Catering and Pies in East Boston and The Anchor in Charlestown.

WEBSITE

The BARPCV website serves as a source of information for our membership as well as prospective and serving Peace Corps volunteers and their families. The new barpcv.org site was officially launched on November 6, 2018 and has been functioning well over the past year. It is a much more modern design, mobile friendly, and simpler to maintain such that all of our board members can modify pages, add events, etc. without requiring web development expertise. As with the old site, the new website continues to publish event information, community service and job opportunities, organized sporting events, contests, grants and information from and about our members, including a membership directory accessible to current BARPCV members.

2,943 people visited the barcv.org website last year, 87% of whom were new users. In 2019, the most visited pages were:

1. Barpcv.org
2. Barpcv.org/events?list=
3. Barpcv.org/onepage/dashboard
4. Barpcv.org/cpages/events
5. Barpcv.org/auth/login
6. Barpcv.org/cpages/membership-information
7. Barpcv.org/cpages/board-of-directors
8. Barpcv.org/cpages/calendar

TREASURER’S REPORT

BARPCV ended the 2019 fiscal year with a cash equivalent balance of $14,641.82. For fiscal year 2019, BARPCV’s expenses were $9,182.79, and the organization’s income was $5,954.45, leaving BARPCV with a $3,228.34 negative cash flow for the year. A detailed profit and loss statement has been provided in the table below.

Profit and Loss Statement
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

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BOARD MEMBERS 2019

Elise Simons, Zambia 2010-2013, President
Elise served as an Agriculture and Environment Volunteer in Zambia. She taught agroforestry, organic gardening, conservation farming, and tree planting to farmers in her village in order to promote better health and nutrition as well as environmental sustainability. She also took on secondary projects in appropriate technology innovation training and HIV/AIDS prevention education. Elise extended for a third year as PCVL, leading workshops and providing volunteer support. Upon returning to Boston, Elise started working at the Product Stewardship Institute as a waste management policy and programs associate. She earned her graduate degree in urban and environmental planning from Tufts University and now works at the US EPA.

Peter Hulbert, Dominican Republic 2012-2014, Vice President
Peter served as a Youth, Family, and Community Development volunteer in Batey Santa Maria, a sugarcane cutting community in the Dominican Republic from 2012-2014. He worked with the youth of the community through gender empowerment groups and HIV/AIDS education. His secondary projects included co-volunteer organized traveling soccer league with 7 other communities in the region, and the construction of a community basketball court. After service, Peter received his Master’s in International Development from The Heller School at Brandeis University. Currently Peter is the Program Manager for Boston Area Partnerships at Inversant, a college saving and access non-profit which serves Boston and the North Shore communities. Peter joined the board in the fall of 2018.

Matt Walsh, Dominican Republic, 2014-2016, Treasurer
Matthew Walsh served as a Community Economic Development volunteer in the Dominican Republic between March 2014 and May 2016. As a Peace Corps Volunteer Matthew worked with a women’s chocolate-making cooperative and an association of cocoa farmers, and he helped coordinate an annual entrepreneurship conference. Many of Matthew’s fondest memories of Peace Corps service involve time spent with other volunteers, so he’s excited to join the BARPCV board to get to know the Peace Corps community in the area.

Erin Meade, China 2015-2017, Secretary
Erin served as an Education volunteer at Southwest University in Chongqing, China. For her primary project, she taught speaking, writing, and pronunciation classes to freshman and sophomore students. She was responsible for all aspects of planning, developing, and implementing courses. For her secondary project, Erin took the lead role in organizing a Write On! Competition at her university. Prior to Peace Corps, she volunteered with AmeriCorps and taught English in Japan with the JET Program. Erin moved to Boston after her Peace Corps service and is currently working for the federal government. Erin is excited to join the BARPCV Board.

Lynn Arsenault, Vanuatu 2012-2014, Events Chair
Lynn served as an English Literacy Trainer and Teacher in the small island nation of Vanuatu in the South Pacific from 2012 to 2014. In addition to teaching and teacher-training, some of Lynn’s secondary projects included helping her village acquire solar energy, networking with international NGOs to obtain special needs equipment for local children, conducting youth leadership workshops, painting two world map mural projects, and helping develop a natural disaster committee to mitigate destruction during cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis, or other...
natural disasters. Since returning, Lynn spent several years teaching in Boston and Houston, and pursued an MBA in Nonprofit Leadership. Now, Lynn is the Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications at the United Nations Association of Greater Boston.

**Kevin Crooks**, The Gambia 2016-2018, TGIF Chair
Kevin served as a Health Extension Agent in Njawara, a village on the North Bank of The Gambia, from October 2016 to December 2018. He worked with Community Health Workers and the Regional Health Team to increase capacity, effectiveness and communication. He also worked closely with Njawara’s Village Support Group to increase male involvement in family and community health. After service, Kevin received his Masters in Public Health from Tulane University. Currently, Kevin is the Coordinator of Media and Technology at the Boston Public Health Commission. Kevin joined the board in the fall of 2019.

**Rebecca Madden-Sturges**, Georgia 205-2007, Photos Chair
Secretary Rebecca served as a Nonprofit Developer, assigned to both a youth center and a nonprofit named Spektri, in the town of Sagarejo. She wrote a project proposal to reconstruct and re-equip the Regional Hospital's Gynecological Department and received funding for a Women's Information Center from the Peace Corps Small Project's Assistance Program. She also taught English classes to school age children at the youth center and received funding from the Peace Corps Partnership Program for a small computer lab. Prior to the Peace Corps, she received a B.A. from the University of Michigan. She presently works in Medical Imaging at PAREXEL.

**Jannah Muhammad**, Benin, 2013-2016, Grants Chair
Jannah served as a Rural Community Health Volunteer in Bassila. For her first two years her primary projects were working with a local NGO and the commune’s largest health center. She took on the secondary projects of an English club, mosquito net distribution, community moringa education lessons, installing hand washing stations at 3 primary schools, and co-facilitating the department’s annual girls camp. She then extended her service for a third year and moved to Djougou where she worked for Population Services International (PSI) as a Technical Assistant of their Amour & Vie Project. Upon Returning from Benin, Jannah worked for Gaining Independence for Tomorrow Program (GIFT) program at Roxbury Youthworks, Inc. where she mentored young girls at-risk for commercial sexual exploitation. She is currently a full-time graduate student at Boston College and is expecting to graduate in spring 2020 with her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in global practice and will be interning at Catholic Relief Services in Niamey, Niger in the spring.

**Kevin O’Brien**, Mozambique 2015-2018, Community Service Chair
Kevin served as a Community Health Volunteer in Mozambique. He partnered with colleagues at the hospital and health workers in order to advance the community's knowledge and adoption of healthy lifestyles, especially as related to HIV, malaria, and nutrition. Kevin was active in secondary projects, including helping to implement a girls empowerment group, community radio, English-learning through theater, and a community library project. He extended for a third year as a Peace Corps Volunteer Leader for training and volunteer support and is currently pursuing his Master's of Social Work at Boston College.

**Gladys Muñoz Romero**, Guatemala 2016-2018, Communications Chair
Gladys served as a Healthy Schools Volunteer in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. For her primary project, she worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Public Health to support the implementation of the National Healthy Schools Strategy. She worked improving the basic health and hygiene of primary school students and developed health-promotion capacities of members of the educational community. For her secondary project, Gladys collaborated with a nongovernmental organization, Water For People, creating
a greywater recycling project for school gardens. Gladys relocated to Boston to support the Latinx communities and is excited to be joining the BARPCV Board.

**Tamene Tedla, Ethiopia 2016-2018, Third Goal / Speakers Bureau Chair**
Tamene shares global project experience and inspires Boston area college students to join Peace Corps. His passion for international development began when he was a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). After his interactive study abroad experience in Morocco and work for the WPI-Guatemala chapter of Engineers Without Borders, he realized that the world and development problems were complicated by institutional challenges. He learned that these could only be solved through careful observation of people and culture, and context-sensitive thinking. This led him to serve with the Peace Corps as a Community Organizer and Health Promoter. His primary focus was to deliver health education and promote life skills lessons for gender empowerment and youth development. He really enjoyed his work and is very proud that he was able to design multiple emergency need projects and receive a Peace Corps small grant in order to launch a community-based ART adherence counseling center for HIV+ people and open an Inclusive Youth Center for People with Disabilities.

**Holden Mills, Ghana 2012-2013, Sports and Recreation Chair**
Holden joined the board in the fall of 2019. Bio to come.

**BARPCV HISTORY**
BARPCV was founded by Carol Ball, Marjorie Harrison and Nancy Tiedeman in 1978.

**PRESIDENTS OF BARPCV**

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