

STATE BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

STEPHEN STERN, CANDIDATE FOR STATE CHAIR, 6840 S. Euclid Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I am seeking to be re-elected as State Board Chair of IVI-IPO. I have been a member of the IVI-IPO since around 2006 and have participated as a member in many state and South Chapter endorsement sessions as a member and twice as a candidate. For the past three years, I have been the State Board Chair and, among the matters that I took primary responsibility for or played a major role in are: successfully organized a Board Retreat; organized and oversaw a successful fund drive; worked with our legislative committee and other progressive organizations in advocating in support of actions or legislation consistent with our purpose and positions we have taken; chaired the 2017 Independents' Day Dinner, which included a very successful Gubernatorial Forum; and participated in nearly every Board committee during my three year term as Board Chair. I have been a practicing attorney since 1977. For most of my legal career, I have litigated various types of civil rights cases and also reviewed, drafted, supported, or opposed legislation in this area of the law for more than half of my career. I have also handled many other types of civil and some criminal cases during my career. From the beginning of my law career, I have volunteered for many candidates running for various political offices (too many to name) and I have represented many candidates in election contest cases since 2009. My first election case was around three years into my career when I was the lead attorney representing Gus Savage in a Congressional Redistricting case.

MICHAEL RADZILOWSKY, CANDIDATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR, 899 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois I am running for Administrative Vice Chair of the IVI-IPO because I have the experience and desire needed for this position. I am an attorney for the people. I help people seeking economic justice in every aspect of my practice. I defend the interests of dependent spouses in divorce cases, protect visitation rights to keep families together in difficult times. I help people navigate bankruptcy and help tenants being sued for eviction to have sufficient time to move without a negative mark on their record or judgment for rent. I use my legal expertise to protect both the property and the financial stability of people underwater in their homes or who were misled into an untenable financial situation due to the purchase of a home. I have been involved in reform efforts since I was in high school where my antiwar and anti-authoritarian stances got me banned from the graduation stage. I protested the Vietnam War and was an active SDS member. I was a founding member of the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty and I was a lifelong ally of Harold Washington. I met Harold when we were both members of the Methodist Board of Church and Society. I worked on both his initial campaign for Mayor in 1983 and then on his successful campaigns for Mayor. I was active in IVI in the 1990's serving as Political Action Chair for several terms. In that role, I helped Dawn Clark Netsch run for Governor on a campaign to reform the way our state was being funded. I was the lead attorney in the effort to get R. Eugene Pincham on the ballot for County Board President. After the 7th Circuit rejected our efforts, the United States Supreme Court, in a rare unanimous 9 to 0 vote, ordered Pincham's name to be placed on the ballot. More recently, I supported Lori Lightfoot in her recent successful election as the Mayor of the City of Chicago. IVI has provided people with the training they needed to both get on the ballot and then stay on the ballot. We've knocked on doors and sent out mailers and direct contact pieces to help elect good candidates and to hold these candidates, including judicial candidates, accountable to do

what they said they would do. If we plan to keep doing so, we will need to recruit more people power and raise more money. In order for the IVI to be effective, we must all step forward and work together. We have an opportunity to shape how a city government, that may share our values, can impact our communities. I believe that IVI is in a unique position to provide the people the tools they need to take advantage of this evolving political reality. But we will only be as successful as we are united. If you vote for me and then provide both your time and resources to what our shared values want to accomplish, the IVI can carry out its mission to bring progressive values and policies to Chicago.

ALEXANDRA TURNER-BAKER, CANDIDATE FOR PROGRAM VICE CHAIR, 529 E. Bowen, Chicago, Illinois

Alexandra Turner-Baker is a communications strategist with a background in both the non-profit and government sectors. As a communications professional, she spent time supporting several underlying, interconnected projects. Taking her ability to spot patterns and discrepancies, she's since pivoted into the tech sector where she works as a data analyst and web manager. In her current roles, she focuses on complex problems and devises measurable solutions. Blending her professional experience, she has the ability to articulate a program's strategy and objectives and assesses how it will impact a business. She will focus these skills toward addressing the program needs of IVI-IPO. Alexandra Turner-Baker is an active South Chapter member.

DAVID K. IGASAKI, CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY, 3232 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

I am currently the incumbent Secretary seeking re-election. I have been a former State Chair and former State Political Action Chair of IVI-IPO. I chaired the 2018 Independents' Day Dinner. I have been a longtime State Board member. Winner of the Edwin Astrin Special Services Award. Delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention. I bring significant experience and institutional memory to this job and to the Board and I believe that I have been a resource for the various tasks and projects of the organization.

WILLIE MACK, CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER, 835 N. East Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302.

I seek the position of Treasurer for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Previously, I have served as Treasurer, Program Vice Chair, Legislative Action Chair, and At Large Delegate; and on various committees: IDD, Judicial Review, Nominations. Other volunteer efforts include: Received 56,000 votes as a Bernie Sanders Delegate (2016) and campaigned for other political candidates; member of West Cook DFA; past member of Financial Oversight and Review Committee, Oak Park School District #97; Oak Park Township Youth Services; Chair, Coalition of Veterans Organizations; Adjutant, American Legion George L. Giles Post #97; Adjutant, Illinois AmVets Post # 98; retired member of the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity and the Illinois Association of School Administrators. I am self-employed since 2014 as a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst focusing on financial abuse, affidavits, and mediation. My political issues include dental care for military veterans; academic and financial equity for students; and financial fairness for families.

ALDOLPHUS KINDLE, CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR, 420 E. 45th Place, Chicago, Illinois

The incumbent IVI-IPO Political Action Committee Chair since October 2015, appointed and took on the very difficult task of organizing: Meet the Candidates, and IVI-IPO candidate endorsements with 30 days notice. Working with the committee, he organized the 2016 primary candidate "Meet and Greet" event that raised \$7000 to support the IVI-IPO'S ongoing activities. He also led the revisions in the endorsement process, contacted over 300 candidates that attracted over fifty candidate applications, convened four endorsement sessions, and recommended twenty nine IVI-IPO endorsements. Convened two very successful press conferences covered by targeted national media outlets. In this short period, working with you, we had historic success. I'm committed to working with ALL the chapters and members to grow our success. Background: Mr. Kindle has worked as a leading strategist and organizer for numerous independent political initiatives extending to the early organizing that led to the election

of Mayor Harold Washington. He was the primary field consultant for Barack Obama's 2000 congressional campaign and has held numerous positions working for South Side progressive elected officials. In 1991, he began working for then 4th Ward Alderman Toni Preckwinkle holding a number of senior roles including Chief of Staff. More recently, Kindle has been the lead organizer for Cook County President Preckwinkle's South Side Chicago and South Suburban Cook County political coalition. In 2015-16, he has served a similar role in the Democratic Primary Election victory of Cook County Democratic State's Attorney candidate Kim Foxx. As a Business Management graduate of Northern Illinois University, Kindle's progressive political acumen is reinforced by pragmatic business skills and he has served in an advisory or board member position for numerous Chicago organizations. A partial list includes the Quad Communities Development Corporation, 51st Street Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, Martin Luther King College Preparatory School Parent Teacher Organization.

HILDA FRONTANY, CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, 5341 W. Pensacola, Chicago, Illinois 60641.

I am running for Membership Chair because it is imperative that we continue strengthening IVI-IPO through the recruitment of new member. For 75 years, our members have demonstrated that IVI-IPO has been an aggressive leader in independent politics and we need to grow in numbers to be more effective. I am a Lifetime member of IVI-IPO and have been associated with the organization for over 40 years in many capacities. During my years of involvement with IVI-IPO, I served as Finance Chair, Membership Chair, and Political Action Chair. I have also worked on the Independents' Day Dinner Committee to plan our annual fundraising event and received the Edwin Astrin Special Service Award. Also helped with the A-Z workshops that trained progressive candidates on how to win elections. Through IVI-IPO, I have been actively involved in countless campaigns such as Harold Washington, Carol Moseley Braun and Dick Durbin for U.S. Senate; President Barack Obama; Jesus "Chuy" Garcia for Alderman, State Senator, and Mayor; Miguel Del Valle for Senator, City Clerk, and Mayor. I have worked on the campaign of Justice Jesse Reyes and other judicial candidates.

CHARLES PAIDOCK, CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, 3211 S. Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Charles Paidock has over 35 years experience in lobbying members of the Illinois delegation to the US Congress on a variety of issues, ranging from public transit and passenger trains, to labor relations and union issues, and assorted ecological issues such as climate change and clean energy. He is currently the Secretary of the Chicago Greens, is active in the United Nations Association, is the Director of Citizens Taking Action for transit dependent riders, secretary of the War Resisters League, Chicago Chapter, belongs to several organizations seeking gun control legislation, and presently serves as a designated national representative of federal employees. He regularly travels to Washington, D.C., to meet with elected officials on sundry issues and pending legislation.

MONICA FAITH STEWART, CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIR, 6842 S. Chappel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois As indicated by Stephen Stern, I would be pleased to serve in this capacity. Legislative action used to be a hallmark of IVI-IPO's program interests. I invite those interested to please join the Legislative Action Committee. With commitment and sincere effort, we can accomplish some good and significant work. Thank you.

TYRONE FORMAN, CANDIDATE FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, 4622 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois I have been interested in politics since my childhood. Growing up and experiencing first hand deepening inequality in New York City during the 1970's and 1980's left an imprint on my perspective and shaped my lifelong interest in both local and national politics. When I moved to Chicago almost three decades ago to pursue a degree in social policy at Northwestern University, I also began working at the Chicago Urban League. That experience taught me a great deal about the importance of community involvement in advancing progressive public policies that improve the quality of life in historically underserved neighborhoods throughout metropolitan Chicago. As a passionate advocate for promoting greater access and equity in Chicago, the State of Illinois, and our nation, I am delighted to be under consideration to serve as Chair of the

Community Action Committee of the IVI-IPO. In addition, to being a professor of African American Studies and Sociology at UIC, I serve on several local and national advisory boards. Locally, I'm an advisory board member of the Chicago Community Trust Foundation's African American Legacy Fund, which supports nonprofit organizations that work at the grassroots level to educate and engage communities, and provide neighborhood based services and solutions. Nationally, I serve on the advisory board of the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers, which is focused on addressing the lack of racial and ethnic diversity in our nation's K-12 teaching workforce. Thus, service as the Chair of the Community Action Committee of the IVI-IPO appeals to me because it provides an opportunity to further promote diverse progressive voices and perspectives in Chicago and the State of Illinois. My approach to service will be collaborative; working with various stakeholders to ensure that the IVI-IPO is a place where all individuals feel welcome and their perspectives can be heard.

DAVID MIHALYFY, CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DELEGATE, 3211 S. Lowe Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

I'm a labor and education activist who recently ran for 11th Ward Alderman and received the IVI-IPO endorsement. As an At Large Delegate, I would especially advocate for anti-corruption measures and to help people with cost of living increases. I'm dedicated to service, and I get the current economy because I've lived it. Although I've been fortunate to receive a good education, the decline of full time jobs with benefits has obliged me to make a mid-life career change from higher education to assisted living, as well as to work multiple short term and low wage jobs a year. During this time, I've fought in multiple unionization drives. As a freelance writer, I've also undertaken financial investigative reporting. Most notably, my expose of outsized administrative pay raises at the University of Chicago eventually informed reporting at Crain's Chicago Business. During my recent aldermanic campaign, I also exposed peculiarities of a Daley family loan from a failed bank and jumpstarted ongoing press coverage and scrutiny. We're in an auspicious time for reform and to push back against wealth inequality, so I would seek wherever possible to strengthen oversight (e.g. improvements to the Inspector General's offices), as well as to help families (e.g. development and passage of urban accessory dwelling unit ordinances).

BAPU AREKAPUDI, CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DELEGATE, 2734 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Bapu Arekapudi was born and raised in the Andhra Pradesh State in India. He worked with progressive student organizations while a student in India. A retired physician, he specialized in pulmonary medicine. He got involved in progressive politics through the Harold Washington campaigns for Congress and for Mayor and headed up the Indo American Democratic Organization.

Bapu was the Secretary of Mayor Harold Washington's Asian American Advisory Committee but resigned to accept appointment as Medical Director of the City of Chicago's Tuberculosis Control Program. He later went into private practice. He served on the IVI-IPO State Board during the 1980's and 1990's and is looking forward to returning to the Board. He has worked for many progressive candidates and campaigns over the years.

SOUTH CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

DIXON ROMEO, CANDIDATE FOR SOUTH CHAPTER CHAIR, 6732 S. Cregier, Chicago, Illinois

I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, went to elementary and high school in CPS before I went to Grinnell College and graduated with a degree in Economics. Currently, I work as an Analyst at a Chicago focused minority owned Medicaid insurance company. Where I have worked on and led projects that analyze community health and opportunity. I serve on the board of the Coalition for Equitable Community Development, where we research, advocate for, and assist in the development of affordable housing in Hyde Park and Kenwood. In addition, I am an elected member of the Chicago Public School Local School Council Advisory Board. I want to be South Chapter Chair, so I can lead projects that help educate and uplift the community through our civic activity.

ALDOLPHUS KINDLE, CANDIDATE FOR SOUTH CHAPTER VICE CHAIR, 420 E. 45th Place, Chicago, Illinois [See Statewide Candidate Biographies]

ROBERT CARROLL, CANDIDATE FOR SOUTH CHAPTER POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR, 5840 S. Cornell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois During the past year, with the assistance of the South Chapter Chair, Wendy Walker Williams, the State Board Chair, Mr. Stephen Stern, Esq., and with the assistance of the State Political Action Chair Mr. Aldolphus Kindle, and of the South Chapter Political Action Representative, Mr. Marc Lipinski, Esq., I have coordinated the logistics of the endorsement sessions for the 2018 Illinois Gubernatorial and General Assembly elections, and the endorsement sessions for the 2019 City of Chicago nonpartisan primary elections for Aldermanic officeholders and officeseekers within the political jurisdiction of the South Chapter. At all times during my term, did I strive to be an objective PAC Chair, interested in the South chapter's progression, growth, and a positive narrative beyond the organizational membership. Also, with the Spaghetti Dinner, the IDD Dinner, and other IVI-IPO social events, I have made myself available to assist the State Chair and the South Chapter Chair with any support requests, such as securing the venue when the event happens I can only promise that, if elected as a Delegate to the State Board, and as the South Chapter's Political Action Chair, I will continue to work hard to ensure that the South Chapter, and the whole of IVI-IPO, continues to shine as a beacon of progressive political advocacy.

MARC LIPINSKI, CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL ACTION REPRESENTATIVE, 5104 S. Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois Member of IVI-IPO since 1982. Delegate to the State Board since 1984. State Administrative Vice Chair 1995-1998 and 2000-2002. State Secretary, 1998-1999. State Finance Chair, 1987-1989. Near South Community Action Chair, 1993-1994. Near South Membership Chair, 1998-2012. IVI-IPO Volunteer of the Year, 2000. Area Chair and/ or Ward Coordinator for numerous endorsed candidates, including Barbara Flynn Currie, Carol Moseley Braun, Barack Obama, Paul Simon, and Harold Washington. Precinct coordinator for Toni Preckwinkle 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007 campaigns. Precinct worker for the Fritz Kaegi campaign.

JOSEPH MICHAEL CARR, CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL ACTION REPRESENTATIVE, 2226 E. 70th Place, Chicago, Illinois My best work happens when I know that I'm helping people improve the quality of their lives. As an accounting and financial professional, I have focused on assisting nonprofit organizations with achieving their mission. In 2002, after my bout with stage 2 cancer, I founded Fathers for the Future, a 501(c)(3) organization to help working fathers manage their money to provide for their families through financial education. Our 6 week course centered on teaching fathers about emotional intelligence by making better financial decisions. I view families at the center of a strong community. My work with young African American males has been my penchant for the last decade. For 28 years, I have worked in the accounting and financial services industry. With positions ranging from field auditor to director of finance and administration/ CFO, I've been responsible for daily bookkeeping through complex financial modelling for nonprofit organizations. These positions have laid the foundation for my

professional and technical expertise. Now, I'm ready to start my second career in community service where my values and personal experiences align with the principles of the Democratic Party. I want to become a public servant to ensure that working families are no longer left behind in the economy by fighting for universal healthcare, free college education, gender equality, and human rights. Through my professional expertise combined with my passion for social action, I believe that I am ready to begin my journey to be a leader for change in the IVI-IPO. I would appreciate and be most grateful for your consideration.

ROBERT CARROLL, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE SOUTH CHAPTER, 5840 S. Cornell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [See Political Action Chair Biography]

MARC LIPINSKI, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE SOUTH CHAPTER, 5104 S. Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois [See Political Action Representative Biography]

JOSEPH MICHAEL CARR, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE SOUTH CHAPTER, 2226 E. 70th Place, Chicago, Illinois [See Political Action Representative Biography]

SHANITA M. DANIEL, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE SOUTH CHAPTER, 4418 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois I, ShaNita M. Daniel, am interested in one of the Delegate positions on the South Side of Chicago. I've lived on the South Side of Chicago for 20 years and I have participated with the Independent Voters of Illinois- Independent Precinct Organization on and off for over 19 years. I am a Mom, a youth mentor, a member of the New Life Covenant Church for 13 years, a licensed minister, a college graduate, a creative entrepreneur, and a student teacher of life constantly growing. However, as I reflect on Politics and Youth, I've come to realize there are many examples of Youth standing up for what they believe in by continuing to make history throughout American politics. One previous example that recently took place this month, youth around the globe participated in Youth Strike 4 Climate, coordinated demonstrations by school students who are demanding action by world leaders to prevent further climate change. As a result, I want to educate young people about the political power they hold individually and collectively at a young age, utilizing their voice for positive change and the role young people played in American politics for decades. In addition, I want to educate and inform them through viewing many documentaries and discussions that will allow them to look at how the desegregation movement in Virginia was sparked in part by a 16 year old girl, how young Americans made it okay to be independent voters and thinkers in the early centuries, a 1945 student walkout against integration, and the story of a young Lakota activist who travelled to Standing Rock when she was in high school. Moreover, I believe that those who are affected by the decisions of government should be consulted by those who govern because it is the right of citizens to have access to the instruments of power which would be beneficial and allow a pathway of confidence for everyone, including those who have been elected to help them remain responsive to those who gave them office.

UNORGANIZED AREA NOMINATIONS

SANDREW CANNON, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE UNORGANIZED AREAS, 9215 S. Hoyne, Chicago, Illinois My name is Sandrew Cannon. I am a lifelong south sider of Chicago. I attended public grammar and high school. I became a licensed electrician from Washburne Trade School, and a member of IBEW Local 134. I retired from the City of Chicago as a General Foreman of Electricians. I am currently a member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church at 8401 S. Ashland. My goal is to continue fulfilling my obligation as a citizen and registered voter and contribute to the community. I feel I can do so by having a voice and taking necessary action representing people in decisions that may affect elections, which ultimately affect all of our daily lives. I am available and willing to do whatever is needed in any capacity. I want to help transform the politics in Chicago. My participation with IVI-IPO will help make that possible.

DR. LINDA ABINGTON, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE UNORGANIZED AREAS, 100 E. 91st Street, Chicago, Illinois I am committed to working with IVI-IPO as a delegate in the unorganized areas of Chicago. I have participated with three endorsement sessions and want to get more involved.

DONTE WINSTON, CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE UNORGANIZED AREAS, 9045 S. Loomis, Chicago, Illinois As a young black man and millennial, I want to work with IVI-IPO and the South Chapter to bring a youth perspective. It's time for a change and I want to be the change agent.