



XXXI BPW International Congress

17 – 21 November 2024

Nominations



Sher Singh
Candidate for Standing Committee Chair
Arts and Culture

Member of
Nominated by
For position of

Downtown Sacramento BPW CA
Megan Shellman-Rickard, President, BPW USA
Standing Committee Chair – Arts and Culture

My Vision:

Over the last 3 years, I have led, sometimes tediously, with full support A&C committee a wide range of experiences. A&C committee focused, recognized, and explored different creative cultural art forms. We did historical research for suggested projects, showcasing artist talents, and public awareness globally of the different cultures in respective art areas. We created a fabulous web platform with an art insignia.

The vision is to move forward broadly, successfully, with engagement and showcasing women in their entrepreneur work and more. To move to podcasts and global participation in how artistic actions are changing attitudes. The committee will use their own skills and agree commitment to the work. The end goal is to have successful outcomes from the artistic and cultural endeavours within this timeline.

A&C standing committee globally, will continue to play major roles in country-specific strategy guidance, showcasing, and development for driving art impact. Each country's BPW would work with its local organizations to help expand the reach of whatever project is decided upon. Each country will be focused on their own unique and realistic action plan in coordination with A&C vision.

My vision was/is to have projects that will not end in 2024 but grow exponentially for Federations and Clubs around Arts & Culture in every region globally.

Communication, time frames, and follow-through will be key for success.

BPW Offices held

- VP Downtown Sac BPW,
- CA International Liaison,
- Public Policy Vice Chair CA,
- President Elect CA.



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- International Liaison CA,
- JDEI National Chair,
- International A&C Chair.

Positions in other International and National Organisations

National Parent Teacher Association member & New York State PTA Region Director, Arts Education Chair, Parenting Chair.

Other leadership positions held:

County Level in New York

- Fearless DV board 18 years, (6 as president)
- Mental Health Association board trustee - 10 years,
- Cultural Equity Taskforce, 5 years (president 2 years),
- Garnet Health Systems Trustee 10 years (secretary 4 years)
- Tribute to Women of Achievement board 7 years (newsletter editor and Speakers Bureau leader),
- Catholic Charities board 9 years, (4 as president)
- State board – PTA Regional Director for 26,000 members and 3 counties - 2 years.
- New York State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Arts Education Board Chair 4 years
- NY United Teachers Union – president 2 years

Currently:

- Sacramento Steps Forward board (for unhoused people - federal funding) (3 committees)
- REQC – Racial Equity Committee – countywide.
- Systems Performance Committee – fiduciary responsibility on Federal Funding for unhoused people countywide.
- Project Review Committee of distribution of funds to agencies county wide

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Education

- SUNY New Paltz University; Teaching Assistant Special Education Course,
- University of West Indies -Studied Mass Communications
- General Level English; University of London,
- Executive Secretary Certificate; St. Michael's Roman Catholic Business School, Guyana, South America,
- High School Diploma; St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Guyana, South America,
- Certifications
- Boards & Commissions Leadership Institute - Public Policy Training,
- Citizen's Academy Sacramento, District Attorney Office,
- Family Self Sufficiency Certificate Program (Federal Housing Authority),
- Military Behavioural Health Training Certificate (Vet-to-Vet Mentor Program),



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- Family Services Specialist Summer 2015 - Fall 2018
- PathStone; Middletown, NY
 - Guided Section 8 individuals and families on a vocational or educational track to attain financial self-sufficiency.
 - Maintained overall caseload of up to 100 participants.
 - Presented program orientation and diversity workshops; coordinated legal and financial literacy training.
 - Conducted interviews to assess participants' needs, determine eligibility, and make appropriate referrals.
 - Consulted with participants to prepare customized five-year contracts and individual training and service plans.
 - Gathered financial and educational information; prepared required reports; maintained required records.
 - Served on county coalitions with a variety of local partners to garner resources for participants.
 - Organized annual graduation luncheons for participants from various PathStone offices across the region.
- Event Planner and Public Relations Director Winter 2013 - Spring 2015
 - Villa Venezia; Middletown, NY
 - Planned and executed events (corporate, non-profit, social, political, and educational)
 - Managed a 25-person event staff team.
 - Leveraged professional network and participated in community events to win new clients.
 - Developed event publicity materials and cultivated relationships with media contacts (e.g. publications, radio).
 - Managed event contracts and billing.
 - Coordinated with vendors to conduct on-site showcases (e.g. bridal, health, estate planning).
 - Attended Orange County Chamber of Commerce events and meetings, recruiting business for the venue.
- Community Liaison Fall 2010 - Fall 2013
- Orange County System of Care; Montgomery, NY
 - Designed and created a curriculum for youth summer employment programs.
 - Coordinated countywide transportation system for private, at-risk youth and families; supervised three drivers.
 - Worked with faith-based communities, government departments, & other non-profits for partner opportunities
 - Monitored, evaluated, and provided technical assistance to contract agencies and municipalities for program.
- Freelance Cultural Competency Trainer 2003 - present.
 - Orange County, NY - Developed and facilitated 100 diversity workshops and staff training for 30 different agencies within the county, including educational institutions, government agencies, and community-based organizations, reaching 5000+ people.
 - National | Sacramento, CA - DEI Chair: Develop cultural competency Zoom workshops nationally. National Federation



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- Business & Professional Women NFBPWC) (IBPW)- International Arts & Culture Chair

Volunteer Experience

- Sacramento Continuum of Care| Systems Performance Comm. board member 2020 - present
- Boulevard Park Neighbourhood Association board - 2018 - 2023
- Women Empowerment Agency, Sacramento, CA 2018 - present
- Business & Professional Women's Federation International, National, State, Region & City boards 2001- present
- Afghan Women's Project NFBPWC committee member 2019 - present
- Path Stone REDI National Team (Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) 2016-2018
- Safe Homes now (Fearless)DV of Orange County, Board Member, 2000 - 2018 (President, 2010-2016)
- Business & Professional Women's Club of Middletown, NY, Member, 2001 - 2014 (President, 2006 - 2008)
- Tribute to Women of Achievement of Orange County, Committee Member, and Newsletter Editor, 2001 - 2014
- Orange County Cultural Equity Task Force, President, 2007 - 2010
- Mid-Hudson Region Association of Fundraising Professionals, Diversity Chair, 2006 - 2010

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR SHER SINGH

BY Megan Shellman-Rickard, President, BPW USA

I am in full support of Sher Singh's nomination for Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee. Sher has been an active member of NFBPWC for many years and a prestigious and active member of BPW USA prior to that. During that time, she has held a variety of leadership positions including, but not limited to, Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair at NFBPWC, President-Elect for the California Federation of Business and Professional Women, and Chair of the IFBPW Arts and Culture Committee.

Ms. Singh is an artist and dancer. She values and celebrates the arts and cultural diversity. Over the past three years as Arts and Culture Chair for IFBPW, Sher has worked tirelessly to bring the committee's vision of the Artslink to full fruition. We are proud to have supported Sher and her committee in all ways we were able to. Artists throughout NFBPWC and IFBPW were inspired to share their art and heart with our membership. What a beautiful way to celebrate women and cultural diversity.

Sher Singh has goals to continue to work towards with the support of her committee members. We at NFBPWC cannot wait to see what a second term with Sher at the helm of this committee will bring forward for our organisation.

I highly recommend Sher Singh for IFBPW Arts and Culture Chair without hesitation and with my full support. I know she will do an excellent job for a second term.