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Phil Carlucci
Interim Chairperson
Chief Technology Officer, Automated Business Solutions, Inc.

Phil has significant experience in the technology field directing mid to large size implementations, departmental development initiatives, business process analysis and re-engineering endeavors, and organizational transformation projects. He has experience in a wide spectrum of industries including consumer goods, on-line gaming, entertainment and media, and OEM manufacturing.

As a technology professional, Phil possesses a tangible skill to analyze complex problems and apply practical cost-effective solutions. He is process driven and highly skilled at workflow analysis. Phil has applied these skills to deliver results with Fortune 100 companies on large scale global initiatives as well as start-up technology based business looking for a definable process.

In addition to consulting engagements, Phil has held technical leadership positions with CBS, Robertshaw of Tennessee, Springs Industries, and most recently, Hasbro Inc., where he held the position of Vice President & Global IT Infrastructure and Chief Information Security Officer.

Phil holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting, an MBA, and certificates in Computer Science as well as Production Management. He is also certified by Zenger Miller in educational class facilitation.

Sandy Ross
Treasurer of Board
Senior Audit Manager, Not-for-Profit Services Division,
KLR (Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd.)

Ms. Ross joined KLR in 2001. Sandy graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelors degree in Accounting.

Ms. Ross concentrates her efforts in providing financial services to clients requiring contract compliance audits and tax-exempt organizations. She is responsible for all phases of audit fieldwork, financial statement preparation and preparation of financial reports available to the public. She also performs management consulting on a variety of issues relative to the management of the modern not-for-profit organization, including grants management, internal controls and internal financial reporting.

Ms. Ross serves as the treasurer for the Worksite Wellness Council of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Business Group on Health, Tech Collective and Tech Collective Workforce Development Fund, a member of the Professional Advisory Council of the Rhode Island Foundation and a member of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs Not for Profit Committee. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA), and the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants (RISCPA).

David Marble
Board Director
President/CEO, OSHEAN

David C. Marble is the President and CEO of OSHEAN, Inc. in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. David brings over 30 years of experience in technology companies. He is experienced in operations planning, budget development and management as well as technical planning and project management. David is also Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Northeast Research and Education Network (NEREN) and is on the Board of Directors for the Tech Collective.

David was the co-founder and director of operations of the Association for Authentic, Experiential and Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEBL). AAEEBL established affiliations and collaborations with nearly all worldwide ePortfolio initiatives and cultivated membership of over one hundred academic institutions. He is also the founding member of MetaLearning, a strategic consulting group working in the use of technology for advanced learning environments. From 2001- 2007, David was the Chief Operating Officer and VP of Business Development for TAZZ Networks working in policy networking and prior to that was VP of Optical Networks for Lucent.

Sergio Ferreira
Board Director
Global Facilitator, Startup Weekend

Sergio P. Ferreira has been in the construction industry for the past 20 years, and recently is also a co-founder of Subbids.com, a tech startup. Spending some of his time as a Global Facilitator at Startup Weekend, Sergio is traveling the world to help startup communities launch and grow. Locally he has co-organized about a dozen startup events from Boston to Providence and everything in between. Sergio is the board of several non-profit organizations that help in food, technology, and entrepreneurship.

Sergio spends his down-time with his supportive wife and two young kids. One of his favorite quotes is from a book called Startup Communities by Brad Feld: "Give before you get." Mindy Penny

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Cheryl has dedicated many years to public health services and workforce development causes. Serving as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at Butler Hospital, Director of Recreation for the town of Cumberland, Program Development Specialist at the Northern RI Private Industry Council and in various roles at the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI, Cheryl has a great list of experience and accomplishments behind her. Most recently, Cheryl was recognized with the Governors Citation Award for her commitment and the resulting success of the 4-year, 3-million dollar Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing Training Initiative Grant (2005-2008). Currently, Cheryl manages Tech Collective ISDI and Industry Partnership grants for the IT industry, and Industry Partnership grant for the Bioscience industry.

Cheryl is also professional photographer. Her work, which especially focuses on landscapes, seascapes, and lighthouses, was showcased for the first time in Providence in 2007. Check out her work by visiting www.cheryldacostaphotography.com. She is an avid tennis player, sports fan, and explorer.

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Amy Ells

Director of Business Development

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email: aells@tech-collective.org Amy has over twenty years of technical, business development, hiring/recruiting and human resource management experience. Amy Ells joined Tech Collective in 2015 as Director Business Development & Information Technology. She is part of the senior management team and her role encompasses all aspects of business development in regards to members, sponsorships and partners. She also plays a large role in determining and supporting the information technology requirements of the organization. Prior to Tech Collective, Amy was an Executive Director, Technology at Innovex where she managed all aspects of operations and sales pertaining to technology when Innovex acquired Netsense in 2014. Amy joined Netsense in 2009 as an Account Executive and her position developed into Vice President Business Development and later became a Partner of the organization. She was responsible for heading up the sales team and working with Netsense's business partners. Prior to Netsense, Amy was a Technology Account Executive at The Mergis Group responsible for growing the account base in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, as well providing direction for recruiters in the Technology Division. Amy was responsible for meeting with "C" level resources to understand the overall technical environment of their organization and assist in projecting current and future resource requirements. Prior to the Mergis Group, Amy was the Director of IT at WGBH Educational Foundation in Boston for sixteen years where she supervised all aspects of IT &

Telecommunications for the country's largest PBS station. She also led WGBH's Digital Asset Management initiative and was recognized for this initiative in CIO Magazine. Amy currently resides on several business and non-profit committees, and is a graduate of Bryant University.

JoAnn Johnson

Director of Youth and Education Programs

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email: jjohnson@tech-collective.org JoAnn brings a diversified background in marketing, grant writing, development, and public relations from working at companies and organizations such as WJAR-TV, Channel 10 and Meeting Street School. For the past 20 years, JoAnn has spent her professional career in education and workforce development with an impassioned emphasis on youth initiatives. Since 2002, JoAnn has been the liaison between RI schools and employers in the IT and bioscience industries. She manages Tech Collective's Speakers' Bureau and matches individuals with the appropriate expertise with requests from RI schools for job shadows, industry tours and classroom speakers. Her efforts have reached thousands of teens of all talents and backgrounds. JoAnn has been instrumental in establishing many of Tech Collective's youth partnerships, including those with Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, US FIRST Robotics, SkillsUSA RI, and RI EPSCoR.

Fifteen years ago, Jo Ann established GRRL Tech - an annual event for high school girls that raises excitement and awareness about STEM-related careers. More recently, using the GRRL Tech model, JoAnn leads Tech Collective's STEM in the Middle expo for girls in grades 6-8. Jo Ann serves as the Co-Lead (representing RI) for the Southern New England Girls Collaborative Project and co-chair of the RI Affiliate of the National Center for Women and Information Technology's Aspiration Awards. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Sophia Academy and the RI STEM Center at RI College in addition to various advisory boards for RI high schools that have IT and bioscience academies.

In her spare time, JoAnn is an advocate for public education and gender equity reform. She enjoys performing community service, cooking, gardening, traveling and spending time with her 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Amanda Roman

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