

ICF Chicago 2019 Board Slate

President: Peter James, PhD

As President-Elect for 2018, Peter James comes to ICF-Chicago with more than two decades of leadership-laden experience stretching from his service within the U.S. Army to his current roles as a business coach and professor. A quick review of his background and credentials will show that he has served as the catalyst for successful sales and marketing, corporate education and training, and process redesign initiatives, complemented by high-caliber leadership qualifications and a proven track record in delivering value to all of the organizations and customers in which he has served.

Peter has been able to traverse the corporate landscape effectively and efficiently. Along with his strong communication skills and dynamic facilitation/public speaking style, one of his greatest strengths is his ability to coach executives and business owners through obstacles, barriers and hurdles. He does so by helping them breakthrough and overcome their obstacles, roadblocks and barriers in order to accomplish their career and/or business objectives.

Peter's qualifications include an MBA with a Health Care Administration concentration, a current pursuit of his Ph.D. (Organization & Management), a certified business and a corporate coaching certification via the International Coaching Federation.

President-Elect: Arika Clark, ACC

Arika Clark is an iPEC Certified Professional Coach working toward her Associate Certified Coach (ACC) credentials. She currently focuses on coaching people trying to balance their work and personal life. In addition, she works with clients to improve time-management and self-care.

Arika has owned and operated her own business for more than 20 years. As leader in the field, a critical mentor- for more than 15 years, Arika understands both the theory of business and the practical application of helping others reach their potential.

Arika received her master's degree in Adult Education from the University of Illinois and teaches at Moraine Valley Community College. Arika resides in the city of Chicago.

Treasurer: Mike Shereck, PCC

Mike is a committed business coach who wants to bring his experience and passion to bear on having the Treasurer Function work effectively. He also desires to have the concept of coaching in business and organizations become stronger to the benefit of ICF Chicago. He sees this commitment to the Board as working on something bigger than himself. He is strong interpersonally, expresses his perspectives, and sees himself as a team player. He is inclusive of all coaches and sees the need to serve all coaches in our community. He also is committed that all coaches understand their own coaching business as a business and are successful.

He has held President, VP, and CEO positions on UMPS and has held President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions on his HOA for over 5 years.

Secretary: Don Darling, ACC

Don was certified ACC Coach in 2017 and joined ICFC in March 2017 after a successful career as a HUD Forecast Economist and 18 years as a teacher. He enjoys being with people, loves the process of coaching, has coached youth soccer with over 400 kids, and also active in Cambridge NY community in Opera House, Historical Society, and Church Councils.

He has been Secretary to several organizations, is a dedicated coach and will spend the time needed to assist the ICFC Board in carrying out programs and growing to meet needs of membership.

Board of Director – Liaison to Marketing: Christeen (Chris) McKeon

Chris is a Business Consultant focused on Marketing, Engagement, and Business processes of small to medium sized businesses. She has 20 years experience managing and leading people. Chris is enrolled in Impact Coaching Academy and is a member of ICF.

Her goal is to use her marketing skills to engage the membership inside and to improve the current outreach programs, and improve the content and freshness of content of our Web presence. She has created several web designs for clients. She is a team player and likes to lead from behind.

Board of Director – Liaison to Programs: Beatrice Figueroa

Beatrice is a CTI trained coach and is studying for her ACC and CPCC. She joined ICF Chicago in 2017 and has attended several programs. She has a passion for coaching and wants to advance the great work of the Chicago Chapter already accomplished. Beatrice has a concern for the Credibility of Coaches and the Coaching Industry and wants to be a contribution to its advancement. She loves people and is a stand for Human Development and for finding points of connection. She is curious, and passionate about diversity. Her overall approach is as Servant Leader.

Her experience includes global program/project manager for BTS Coach, and as program manager for a portfolio of open enrollment and custom executive education programs at Kellogg, among other experiences.