Michael Rielly

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Name

Michael Rielly

Application Date

12/1/2023

Expiration Date

12/1/2025

Board Member

Michael Rielly

Status

Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Bristol 250th Commission	2	Pending

Basic Information

Name

Michael Rielly

I would like to be appointed to the position because:

As a lifelong Bristolian with deep, multi-generational roots in this community, I love this town and want to help orchestrate celebrations that honor our incredible history. Bristol has given me so much over the years; serving on this commission would be my honor to give back. Thank you for your consideration.

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Contact Information

Address

21 Sandy Lane Bristol, RI 02809

Yes, I am a resident

Yes

Email

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Phone

Occupation

Yes, I am a city employee

No

Registrations/Certifications

Certifications:

• Everything DiSC Work of Leaders Training

- Practical Product Management Certification, Pragmatic Institute
- Effective Product Marketing Certification, Pragmatic Institute
- Google Ads Advanced Search Certification, Google
- SEO Optimization Certification, SEMRush
- Inbound Marketing Certification, HubSpot Academy
- Product Planning and Process Management Certification, Rachael Company

Community Organizations:

- President James D. Rielly Foundation
- Board of Directors Bristol Statehouse Foundation
- Past Board of Directors WaterFire Providence
- Past General Chairman Bristol Christmas Festival
- Member Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Member Boston Product Management Association (BPMA)
- Official Town Crier Town of Bristol, Rhode Island
- Member and Past Warden Knights of Columbus, Bristol Council 379

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Dear Honorable Town Council Members,

I am writing to enthusiastically put forth my name as a candidate to serve on the Bristol 250th Commission. As a lifelong Bristol resident and actively engaged community member, leading initiatives that celebrate our town's rich culture and storied history would be an immense privilege.

My experience spearheading large-scale projects for international companies provides me with skills in strategic planning, marketing, branding and event management that I could leverage in this role. Currently as Head of Public Relations for igus Incorporated, I shape narratives and orchestrate industry programs globally.

Additionally, through my extensive community involvement, I offer critical local expertise and relationships to connect the Commission's efforts to the fabric of our town. As President of the James D. Rielly Foundation, I launched inclusive events like the beloved Bristol Santa House. And from serving on boards of WaterFire Providence to the Bristol Statehouse Foundation, I have championed not only Bristol's heritage but Rhode Island's as well.

From creative development to project strategy to rallying community excitement, I am committed to ensure our 250th commemoration events match the vibrancy of the remarkable history we are celebrating in the town we love. I welcome the chance to collaborate with you on this meaningful initiative. Please feel free to contact me to discuss next steps.

Sincerely,

Michael Rielly

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Experienced Marketing Professional

Summary

Highly creative technical marketing professional with over 20 years of progressive experience across a broad range of marketing functions and varied industries. Proven leader with well-developed project management qualities to support product launches, events, marketing campaigns, and go-to-market efforts. A lead-by-example, roll-up-the-sleeves manager with a passion for getting things done. Areas of expertise include:

Leadership Team Building Mentoring | Coaching Project Management

Organic Search Optimization Content Development Online Communities Public Speaking Technical Training
Marketing Communication
Event Management
Public Relations



Professional Experience

Head of Public Relations | igus, Incorporated – 2021 to Present

Global manufacturer and distributor of engineered plastics and low-cost automation solutions

- Cultivate and maintain relationships with editors and journalists across industry verticals
- Oversee strategy and execution of in-person and virtual industry tradeshows and press events
- Create customer-facing deliverables, including presentations, case studies, articles, and press releases
- Ensure brand representation through speaking opportunities, sponsorships, and advertising,
- Engage external agency partners, managing SOWs and timelines for defined projects

Marketing Director | Walter Morris Company – 2019 to 2021

Well-established commercial manufacturer rep agency for plumbing, HVAC/R, and water filtration systems

- Implemented marketing operations and branding standards for a 99-year-old company
- Pioneered digital marketing programs, including email marketing, webinars, and social media
- Manage new product launches and sales promotions through marketing co-op programs, email, trade shows, and events

Digital Marketing Manager | Vector Informatik, GmbH (Vector Software, Incorporated) – 2015 to 2019 World leader in the development of software tools and components for networking of electronic systems

- Managed the day-to-day content operations of primary web properties
- Developed content for digital advertising, web, email marketing, social media, and affiliate marketing
- Worked with PPC vendor, closely monitoring campaign priorities, performance, and budget
- Analyzed and reported on the effectiveness of digital marketing efforts and measured impact against set goals, including traffic, leads, opportunities, and revenue
- Drove social presence across Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn

Head of Marketing | Rhode Island Novelty, Incorporated – 2012 to 2015 Leading designer, importer, and wholesale distributor of toys, giftware, and souvenir items

- Recruited by the CEO to build and lead a team of 24 web, marketing, and creative professionals
- Developed and executed strategic marketing plans that included website development, outbound campaigns, social media strategies, and tradeshows to generate leads to and attain sales goals
- Spearheaded and managed the launch of new B2B and B2C websites
- Managed special projects for CEO, including staff evaluations, recruiting, and call center analysis

Director of Marketing | Vector Software, Incorporated – 2009 to 2012 **Leading provider of software testing solutions for safety and business-critical embedded applications**

- Built a marketing team of 5 focused on lead generation and sales support
- Intensified existing marketing and lead generation efforts through email campaigns, surveys, monthly webinars, special promotions, and weekly sales calls
- Managed all aspects of a rebranding of corporate identity, including logo, visuals, and key messaging
- Orchestrated all facets of brand new B2B website and worked full project scope from start to launch
- Organically grew website traffic by 150% and email list by 120% in the first year

Marketing Programs Manager | Dassault Systèmes (Seemage, Incorporated) – 2008 to 2009 International provider of 3D design software and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions

- Produced customized, industry-specific demonstrations, presentations, videos, and podcasts
- Developed and implemented marketing programs to build business unit brand and drive awareness
- Wrote sales collateral such as datasheets, whitepapers, articles, and press releases

Education, Certifications, and Training

- BSME, Roger Williams University
- Everything DiSC Work of Leaders Training
- Practical Product Management Certification, Pragmatic Institute
- Effective Product Marketing Certification, Pragmatic Institute
- Google Ads Advanced Search Certification, Google
- SEO Optimization Certification, SEMRush
- Inbound Marketing Certification, HubSpot Academy
- SynchroSence Product Planning and Process Management Certification, Rachael Company
- Previously held Secret Clearance Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO)

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