

Bruce Schmiedlin, CPA

Candidate for Broadlawns Board of Trustees

Running on Patient Rights and Fiscal Responsibility

Trilingual CPA who has worked in a dozen countries on four continents and lived in Brazil. Knows first-hand what it is to be a minority in a different country, with or without a language barrier. Spent significant time working in Latin American countries, getting to know the people and their cultures. Has witnessed health care disparities in the U.S. and abroad.

Five years on the Board of Directors at Disability Rights Iowa, the federally funded agency to protect and advocate for the rights of those with disabilities throughout Iowa. Personally experienced workplace disability discrimination before coming to Iowa and has close ties to many individuals who encountered barriers due to their disabilities. Championed for change, including identifying additional marginalized groups and establishing and prioritizing programs to serve them.

Experienced with multi-million dollar budgets, and managed global budgeting process for \$1+ billion publicly traded company.

In private CPA practice, has provided professional services in English or Spanish with clients ranging from below poverty level to wealthy households. Navigated the complex challenges for those of varying documentation statuses, once again witnessing health disparities due to socioeconomic factors. Leveraged tax planning strategies to help households qualify for Obamacare policies or expanded Medicaid programs to improve their access to care and reduce their out-of-pocket utilization costs.

As a taxpayer, closely watched how the Broadlawns tax levy changed once Obamacare was in place to confirm that the levy decreased as the level of uninsured Polk County residents dropped. With levies now rising, would seek ways to reduce uninsured levels in our community and work through community partners to identify and address health concerns well before they result in emergency care. Also concerned that Patient Rights have taken a back seat at Broadlawns, which may result in poorer health outcomes and an increased tax burden upon Polk County residents. My languages and cultural experiences better position me for such outreach than some of my opponents.

While maintaining the private CPA practice, also serves as the Chief Financial Officer of a privately held Des Moines based company serving much of Iowa.

Spent 48 years in Scouting, recently taking a break to pursue other interests. Storm spotter for the National Weather Service for over 20 years. Emergency Management volunteer (primarily in communications) with multiple agencies since 2007.

Grimes resident since 2010. Married, two adult children.