Meet the BBJ’s 2012 ‘Power 50’ List of Boston-Area Influencers

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The power players in Boston are the ones getting things done and leading change in the Boston economy. With that in mind, we welcome you to our second annual Boston Business Journal Power 50.

We drew from some 90 outside nominations and our own institutional knowledge, knowing that, in some cases, some readers would be scratching their heads, saying, “Who’s that?” For everyone has their own power meter — with gauges often set by one’s industry and position.

But part of the point in publishing a power list is to inform a wider audience about important players across various industries — go-to people who aren’t necessarily in the limelight. Then there are the more obvious choices — those with a powerful reach across several industries, who also parlay their business success into the civic and charitable realms.

2012's 50 Most Influential Bostonians Announced

Abigail Johnson, Fidelity Investments
Alan Lewis, Grand Circle Travel
Andrew Dreyfus, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Anne M. Finucane, Bank of America
Barbara Goose, Digitas
Barbara Lynch, Barbara Lynch Gruppo
Bill Cummings, Cummings Properties
Bill Lee, WilmerHale
Carol Fulp, The Partnership
Carol Meyrowitz, TJX Companies, Inc.
Deborah Dunsire, M.D., Millennium: The Takeda Oncology Company
Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard University
Gail Goodman, Constant Contact
Gary L. Gottlieb, M.D., Partners HealthCare
Gloria Larson, Bentley University
Jack Connors, Hill Holliday
James J. Pallotta, Raptor Group
James Roosevelt, Jr., Tufts Health Plan
Jay Hooley, State Street Corporation
Jeff Fagnan, Atlas Venture
Jerry Sargent, RBS Citizens and Citizens Bank, Massachusetts
Joe Fallon, The Fallon Company
John E. Drew, Drew Company
John F. Fish, Suffolk Construction Company
John T. Hailer, Natixis Global Asset Management
Joseph Tucci, EMC
Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr., Citi Performing Arts Center
Karen Kaplan, Hill Holliday
Kate Walsh, Boston Medical Center
Keith Motley, UMASS Boston
Len Schlesinger, Babson
Malcolm Rogers, Museum of Fine Arts
Paul Grogan, The Boston Foundation
Paul Guzzi, The Greater Boston Chamber
R. Robert Popeo, Mltntz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Ralph de la Torre, Steward Health Care System
Regina M. Pisa, Goodwin Procter LLP
Robert Brown, Boston University
Robert Kraft, New England Patriots
Robert L. Caret, University of Massachusetts
Robert Reynolds, Putnam Investments
Ron Sargent, Staples
Stephen Crosby, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Steven Karp, New England Development
Steven Wright, Holland & Knight
Thomas May, NSTAR
Thomas M. Menino, City of Boston
William H. Swanson, Raytheon Company
William K. Bacic, Deloitte & Touche LLP
Wyc Grousbeck, Boston Celtics