**Name:**
Danielle Chynoweth

**Bio:**Danielle is currently a Director and Partner at [Pixo](http://www.pixotech.com/). She co-founded the [Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center](http://www.ucimc.org/) and now serves as a board member, co-chairing the Programming Committee. She also is a liaison to the Media Action Grassroots Network of which UCIMC is a governing member. She co-founded of [CU Citizens for Peace and Justice](http://cucpj.org/), a grassroots, multi-racial civil rights organization located at the IMC. She worked for the [Prometheus Radio Projec](http://www.prometheusradio.org/)t from 2009-2012 where she managed the successful campaign to pass the [Local Community Radio Act](http://prometheusradio.org/victory_press) in 2011, opening up the airwaves for thousands new community radio stations in the U.S. From 2001-2008, she served as a City Council Member and then as Mayor Pro Tem for [Urbana, Illinois](http://urbanaillinois.us/). During that time she instigated public wireless, broadband, and arts programs.  She has been a teacher/organizer at the [School for Designing a Society](http://designingasociety.net/) since 1996 offering social changes workshops in the U.S. and Italy. She was an Evans Scholar at Evergreen State College in 2009 and holds a Masters degree in Political Science from the New School for Social Research and a BA in Sculpture and Political Science from New College in Florida.

**What aspects of the UCIMC mission do you find especially appealing and why?**Social movements need infrastructure, media, technology, and creative support to be successful. I want to support the IMC in being a viable, vital, fun, and self-renewing organization that supports deeply knowledgable and visionary but marginalized and disenfranchised populations in being transformative agents in our society.

**What past experiences could you call upon in serving as a member of the UCIMC Board of Directors?**Being a founder, caregiver, and on and off board member of the UCIMC since 2000.

**What special knowledge and/or skills could you use to advance the mission of the UCIMC?**Grant writing, non-profit administration, event coordination, web design, organizational vision and strategy.

**Of the five Standing Committees of the Board (Finance, Building/Facilities, Fundraising/Membership, Programming, and Personnel), which would you most like to serve on and why?**I want to serve on the programming committee to make a comfortable lounge on the first floor and fill the calendar with amazing events and art shows. I want o serve on the fundraising and membership committee to make membership more meaningful and attractive and develop more financial sustainability for the organization.