



## **2017-2019 American Association of Singapore Slate**

### **Board of Directors Endorsed Slate Nominees**

#### **President**

#### **Stephanie Nash**



Stephanie is an accomplished human resources leader with more than two decades' experience in the US, South America, Australia and Asia. Originally from the Chicago area, she studied in management at Syracuse and Berkeley. She and her husband, Chris Milliken, have been in Singapore for nine years with their two daughters. Stephanie volunteers her time with AAS, The American Club and as a Co-Chair of the Human Capital Committee at AmCham.

#### **Vice President**

#### **Shawn Galey**



Shawn is regional vice president and general counsel for Brambles Limited. He and his family have lived in Singapore for nearly 20 years, and he previously worked at GE, CNBC, Bloomberg and ESPN. Originally from the Pittsburgh area, he studied mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon, with graduate degrees in business and law from Cornell. Shawn and his wife, Katherine, have two children: Fiona, who studies at Northeastern University, and Liam, who attends SAS.

## **Treasurer**

### **Mike Borchert, Incumbent**



Michael is a Certified Financial Planner® and is a professional financial advisor in Singapore. He works with clients and small to medium enterprise owners on personal and business financial planning with cross border expertise. Prior to relocating to Singapore, he was Chief Representative of Precision Components in Shanghai, heading up their Asia division for seven years. Throughout his career in Asia, he has worked and represented companies in the US and China, advised on small to medium enterprise ventures throughout Asia and enjoyed working with clients directly on their personal finances. Michael has lived in Singapore since 2010.

## **Secretary**

### **Joseph Foggiato**



Joe is a 27-year Sales Operations and Marketing veteran leading Sales Operations for Asia Pacific/Japan for Riverbed Technologies. Joe has a diverse background in Sales, Operations and Marketing roles in both the IT hardware and software industries. A member of the Executive Committee for several years, Joe wishes to serve as Secretary to continue shaping and evolving AAS with his expertise for its next 100 years.

## **Director-at-Large**

### **Sammie Cheston**



Sammie earned his BA at Columbia College Chicago and a MBA from University of South Australia. He currently works at Five Cloves, a tech startup, and family-owned Diandin Leluk Thai restaurant. He envisions an opportunity to use his accumulated experiences to elevate the American Association of Singapore vision by enhancing both current and new programs alongside exceptional multicultural, gender and age diversity, as an added value.

**Director-at-Large  
Bill Poorman**



Bill has spent the last decade raising a family and doing a variety of volunteer civic work. He has served on two non-profit boards before. Professionally, Bill is a journalist and he writes occasionally for the *Singapore American* newspaper. Bill and his family moved to Singapore nearly three years ago. Because the American Association is a vital institution, Bill hopes to leverage his communication and community organizing skills and previous non-profit experience to help keep it strong and growing.

**Director-at-Large  
Brian Schwender**



As a gastroenterologist working in the public sector at Singapore General Hospital for the past two and a half years, Brian Schwender has been immersed in Singapore's diverse culture giving him a unique set of qualities and experiences that could add a different perspective to life in Singapore. As a board member, he would be able to share his local experiences to help the AAS community and their members on choosing the right type of health care in Singapore and raise awareness of a variety of medical conditions unique to this region as well as typical ones from the United States. Brian moved to Singapore almost three years ago with his family to explore what South East Asia has to offer and they have immersed themselves in its culture and traditions.

**Director-at-Large  
Jenn Wood**



Jenn Wood is the former General Manager of the American Association of Singapore (2008 - 2011) and currently works as Regional Marketing Director for BCD Travel, the world's third largest travel company. She holds an MBA from Temple University. She's putting her name forward for the Board to give back to the organization that helped her so much when she arrived in Singapore 11 years ago.

## **Additional Nominees**

### **Vice President Richard Hartung**



Richard is a consultant on payments strategy with over 20 years' experience in financial services, primarily in Asia, and a freelance writer for media including Today and GTNews. Richard has a BA from Pomona College and an MBA from Stanford University. He volunteers with the YMCA, AmCham and other non-profits.

### **Director-at-Large Blair Hall**



Blair Hall is managing director of Westminster Minato LLC, a Singapore-based policy and communications consulting firm. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy from 2013 to 2016. Blair, who retired from the Foreign Service last year, also served in Tokyo, New Delhi, London, Copenhagen and Washington, DC during his 41-year career. Blair and his wife, Valerie Brandt, actively supported AAS community and charitable outreach activities during his time at the Embassy. Proud of the contributions AAS makes to both the American community and our host country, Blair is eager to continue boosting the services the Association provides to the community.