



## Introducing the 2019-20 Board of Governors

Together there is deep experience in governance/board work, finance, education, business management, project management, financial investment, education, human resources, health, counseling, coaching, entrepreneurship and fundraising.

### We proudly introduce your Board of Governors

#### **Cheryl Richardson**

Cheryl is a new member to the Board and will serve a four-year term and brings extensive education policy and strategy experience to ICS. Cheryl is a former parent at ICS and now lives in Chicago. Cheryl is the Associate Director of Inclusive Teaching Initiatives at the University of Chicago and holds a PhD in Education. Prior to the University of Chicago, Cheryl worked at the Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education, University of Delaware, Stanford University, Marymount International School, Mastercard Foundation, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and the World Food Programme. Cheryl has also served on the Board at the International School of Uganda, and Stoneleigh-Burnham School.



#### **Chris Nyce**

Chris is a new member to the Board and will serve a one-year term. Chris is a parent at ICS with girls in G4, G7 and G8. Chris is the US Foreign Service's Regional Environment Officer for East Africa at the US Embassy here in Addis. Chris has been a Foreign Service Officer for over 14 years and has served in Chile, Iraq, Malawi, Nicaragua, and the United Kingdom. Chris brings experience in leadership, planning & organizing, collaboration and communications to the Board.



#### **Karin Steiner**

Karin was elected to the Board by members of the ICS Association. She served the Governance Committee, the Policy Review Task Force and the Board Appointed Member Selection Task Force. At ICS she is engaged in the Mother Tongue program, supports our Scouts groups and often organizes and assists at international community events. She has a business background in Communication / Marketing and Event Organization. She has two children at ICS in G7 and G2.



#### **Leah Bryant**

Leah was elected to the Board by members of the ICS Association. Leah led the Parent Community Link for two years prior to joining the Board. Leah's professional background includes sales & development, leadership, event planning, communications, promotion and fundraising. She has worked for Kilimanjaro International Production, RAS Records, President's Summit for America's Children, NYNO Records, M&R Spedag East Africa, and Soka Gakkai International. Previously Leah served as President and Fundraising Chair for the Rotary Club Kenya and Rotary Global Grants. Leah has one daughter in G12 at ICS.





## Introducing the 2019-20 Board of Governors

### **Melissa Varma**

Melissa is the US Embassy nominated Board Representative. She is a pediatrician, currently working at the Nordic Medical Centre and the US Embassy.. She has lived and worked internationally for the past 15 years and has experience with international schools in Bangkok and Beijing. While living in Bangkok, she worked with the International Organization for Migration as the Tuberculosis specialist for refugees and at International SOS, Hanoi as a pediatrician. While in Beijing, she worked at Beijing United Family Hospital and consulted with the US CDC. She has three children: one is in Illinois, one in Massachusetts and one at ICS.



### **Michael Zink**

Michael is the Board Treasurer. Following a very successful banking career within Citigroup and a 27-year odyssey around the globe (including 8 years in Africa and time as a Peace Corps Volunteer) with his wife and four kids, Michael now dedicates much time to voluntary service for educational institutions. He contributes significant board governance expertise to ICS, having served on the Boards of Citigroup, and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University. Michael is also a guest lecturer on the Advanced Management Program at the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University.



### **Patrick Scott**

Patrick is the Board Chair. Patrick has a broad financial and business management experience gained over 20 years in large multinational and small enterprise environments. Patrick previously served as a Board member at his child's primary school in Ireland and for a Mexican children's welfare NGO, Fundacion Juconi. He is a member of the Institute of Directors in Ireland, an organisation dedicated to corporate governance excellence. He also grew up internationally and attended schools in Spain, Ireland, Canada and Algeria

