

Board of Governors

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Patrick Scott
Board Chair



Mimi Steward
Vice Chair



Michael Zink
Board Treasurer |
Finance Committee Chair

Patrick has broad financial and business management experience gained over 25 years in large multinational and small enterprise environments. Patrick previously served as a Board member and Treasurer 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 organization dedicated to corporate governance excellence. He also grew up internationally and attended schools in Spain, Ireland, Canada and Algeria. He is a former parent at ICS and currently lives in Dublin.

Before coming to ICS, Mimi served three years as a member and Chair of the Board of Directors for the International School of Kenya. Currently Mimi works in the USAID Director's Office as the Strategic Initiatives and Priorities Coordinator where she will work across the USAID Mission and US embassy to coordinate US government response in line with the priorities of the Government of Ethiopia reform agenda. Prior to her role as Strategic Initiatives and Priorities Coordinator, she served 3 years as the Coordinator for Regional Intergovernmental Organizations in USAID Kenya. Mimi served four years as a Legal Advisor to the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and 10 years as the Senior Attorney-International Trade for the U. S. Dept. Of Commerce, Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration . Mimi has a daughter at ICS in grade 12.

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 Board of Directors of several Citigroup subsidiaries, and is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Case Western Reserve University. Michael is also a guest lecturer on the Advanced Management Program at the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University.

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Cheryl Richardson
Board Secretary |
Director for Inclusive Teaching
Initiatives



Vinson Anderson
US Embassy Representative



Karin Steiner
Vice Chair |
Chair of Governance
Committee

Cheryl brings extensive education policy and strategy experience to ICS. 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. Cheryl is a former parent at ICS and now lives in Chicago.

Vinson is the US Embassy Representative member to the Board. Vinson brings significant public management experience to ICS. In addition to experience gained from 25 years in the Foreign Service and the US Navy, Vinson has a M.A. in Public Administration, is currently the Counselor for the Regional Affairs Section at the US Embassy, and previously served on the American International School of Niamey. Vinson has four children at ICS in EY5, and grades 4, 6 and 8.

Karin was elected to the Board by members of the ICS Association. 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 grades 8 and 3.

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Leah Bryant
Vice Chair



Chris Nyce



Hanania Negede

Leah's professional background includes sales & development, leadership, event planning, communications, promotion and fundraising. Leah led the ICS Parent Community Link for two years prior to joining the Board. 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.

Chris is the US Foreign Service's Regional Environment Officer for East Africa at the US Embassy here in Addis. Chris develops strategies addressing the following priority areas: the protection of species by combating illegal wildlife trafficking; sustainable oceans and fisheries issues; promoting international action to combat climate change; and the protection of public health through the Global Health Security Agenda.

Hanania was elected to the Board by members of the ICS Association. Hanania has sixteen plus years of management experience with various companies and organizations such as a startup owned by IBM and Kaiser Permanente, LVMH and an International NGO. Hanania also recently completed a Global Executive MBA program at Duke University. She has one child at ICS in grade 2.