



## 2017-2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### NEW MEMBERS FOR 2017-2018

**Michael Bjornberg** Michael Bjornberg is a Minnesota-based architect with over 35 years of experience working with historic buildings. He was part of the team that designed and completed ASI's own Nelson Cultural Center campus expansion and has worked on key historic landmarks across the United States including University of Notre Dame's Main Administration Building, Football Stadium and South Dining Hall, University of Minnesota's Coffman Union, University of Minnesota Morris Campus, Historic Fort Snelling, Hamm's Brewery Complex, St Paul Union Depot, and the restoration of the Minnesota State Capitol. Additionally, Michael has worked on college campuses across the United States doing strategic planning, design guideline development, facility assessments, and new construction planning. He has also served as Board Chair of both the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and the AIA National Historic Resources Committee and as Professor in Practice at the University of Minnesota's School of Design teaching Adaptive Reuse of endangered historic sites.

**Linda Wallenberg** Linda Wallenberg is a long-time ASI member, educator, and teacher of Swedish language and culture. From 1977 until 1993, Linda served as the dean of Sjölundén – Concordia Language Villages' Swedish language summer program – and again as a Sjölundén staff member from 2000 to present. For her contributions to Swedish language learning, Linda was awarded the Order of the Polar Star in 1988 by HM Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. She is also a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College who has had a long career as a high school English teacher and gymnastics coach within the Eden Prairie, MN school system. Linda brings with her a wealth of intercultural competence, Swedish language skills, and robust networks within both the Scandinavian region and the American-Scandinavian communities of the U.S.

### RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

**Dr. Philip Anderson** - Born and raised in Minneapolis, Philip J. Anderson is Professor Emeritus of Church History at North Park University in Chicago, where he taught from 1979-2013. Since 1989 he has served as president of the Swedish-American Historical Society, also chairing its publications committee. For many years he has been on the boards of Swedish Council of America, the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College (Rock Island), and is the historical consultant to the Swedish American Museum in Chicago. Included among his publications is *Swedes in the Twin Cities: Immigrants and Minnesota's Urban Frontier* (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2001). He lives with his wife, Karna, in Hovland and Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.

**Rev. Rodney L. Anderson**— Recently retired after 34 years as senior pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Rodney is a former trustee of Gustavus Adolphus College, Luther Seminary and the Eden Prairie Foundation. He grew up in a Swedish heritage household and has found appreciation for ASI's role in celebrating the richness of our heritage, past, present and future. His particular interest is in governance and supporting the work of volunteers and professional leaders of non-profit organizations.

**Karl Benson** is the owner of Cooks of Crocus Hill, a retail business and culinary educator. He has been active at ASI for years, assisting with the development of ASI's cultural enterprises and recently with the

events welcoming Chef Magnus Nilsson. Karl has also served on the board of Urban Roots, the President's Advisory Board at Saint Paul College, Council of St. Peder's Lutheran Church and on the Marine St. Croix City Council.

**Helen Bergren** – A retired school teacher and payroll manager, Helen is an active docent at ASI. As part of the volunteer corps, Helen interprets our exhibits and historic mansion to many visitors and works closely with our curatorial and educational staff. She is also a volunteer with several community service organizations such as the St. Paul Children's Hospital, Salvation Army and Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation.

**Dr. David Carlson** is a retired internist who practiced medicine at Allina Medical and in private practice for over 30 years. He volunteers with the Patient Partners program for retired health care professionals at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and has sat on the boards of Abbot Northwestern and Gustavus Adolphus College. David and his wife Karen are long-time ASI members and live in Edina.

**Terri Carlson-** Terri is an ASI docent and life member. Her family has been involved at ASI for the past 3 generations, starting when her great-grandfather, Aaron Carlson, led the European craftsmen who worked on the exquisite carving through the historic Turnblad mansion. She has worked in variety of professional areas, including marketing and real estate. Terri has served a number of organizations, including the Jr. League of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Christ Presbyterian Church, Calvary Baptist church, Teens Encounter Christ, Cursillo, and Prison Ministry. Terri believes that ASI provides a landmark not only for Swedish Americans, but also for the neighborhood, through providing activities that are inclusive for many ages and cultural interest.

**Brad Engdahl** is a retired trial attorney from Robins Kaplan LLC. His family has been involved at ASI for generations, starting with his grandparents, Walfrid and Augusta. Brad has also served on the board of Advocates for Human Rights, a non-profit organization that investigates human rights violations, represents immigrants and refugees who are victims of human rights abuses, and advocates for international human rights standards.

**Dean Erickson** - Dean had a long career at Minnehaha Academy, but more recently is involved in academic research projects. He and his wife Donna lived in Sweden for two years when he taught at a folk high school in Jönköping. They have both been active members of ASI, and also are involved in a number of international medical relief organizations.

**Barbara Linell Glaser, Ed.D** holds a PhD in clinical psychology and has a long history of community involvement. She has been on the boards of numerous organizations including the Saratoga Spring Preservation Foundation, the Nordlys Foundation, Open Plan, and the Saratoga Arts Center. Barbara is a lifetime ASI member and splits her time between Minneapolis and Saratoga Springs, NY.

**Diane Hofstede-** As an eight-year riverfront Minneapolis City Council member, led in key initiatives, including the approval of the Minnesota Vikings Stadium and the rebuilding of the 35W Bridge, organized and chaired the Audit Committee that established the financial audit department in Minneapolis, re-developed the historic Pillsbury A-Mill, and began the rebirth of the Mississippi Riverfront. During my tenure as a multi-term Board Chair of the Minneapolis Public Library, I led approval, fundraising, and the completion of Minneapolis Downtown Public Library, a showcase of environmental sustainability, influenced by my visit, with the delegation to establish the sister city relationship with Uppsala, Sweden with Minneapolis Mayor Sayles-Belton, and Bruce Karlstad in 1999. Twenty year Senior Financial Advisor with a national investment company, and Minneapolis Public School Teacher and curriculum writer for the district.

**Joe Hognander-** Joe is a retired member of the U.S. Navy. Since returning to Minneapolis in 1990, Joe has been active in a number of organizations. This includes serving as a Trustee on the Westminster Church Board for six years, Minnehaha Academy Board for five years, Minneapolis Foundation Donor Advisor Board for three years, and Nordic Center Board for four years. As a strong supporter of the American Swedish Institute, he looks forward to contributing his experience in a variety of non-profit, for-profit, academic, and government organizations to help further ASI's mission. ASI's Hognander Tower is dedicated to Joe's Swedish forefathers and their wives.

**Laurie L. Holmquist-** A Global Account Manager for Delta Airlines, who has been actively involved in various activities at ASI and who lived in Sweden both as a student and working professional.

**Laurie Jacobi** is a well-known graphic and textile designer who incorporates legends of nature in her designs, including Nordic legends. She has been a long-time ASI member and Swedish language student as well as exhibiting at ASI and designing a commemorative blanket for the Royal Visit in 2012. Laurie has served on the Southwest High School Music Boosters board for three years as well as volunteering her time by organizing the Adult Forums at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.

**Herbert (Ted) Johnson-** Born in Minnesota, second and third generation Swedish American heritage among others. BA and MA degrees from U of M. Widower with 3 kids and a granddaughter. Had four careers as Academic Library Director, Medical Equipment sales & service, Financial Services, and US Army Reserve, Lieutenant Colonel. Joined ASI in 1969 for charter flights and remained member though lived away for 40 years, including six month sabbatical in Lund. In Atlanta active in Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia, Vasa's Nordic Lodge 708, Sons of Norway, Swedish male chorus, Vasa Drangar, and nine years of Swedish language study. Swedish Council of America Emeritus board member. Hosted about 15 international high school and college students from around the world. Rotarian since 1975 and led Group Study Exchange Team on month's visit to Sweden in 2002. Have served as Lutheran Lay Assistant minister since 1971. Moved back to MN in 2011. Joined the North Suburban and ASI Male choruses, Svenska Sällskapet, and Shoreview YMCA Community Board. Volunteer at the ASI as facilitator, crafts, kids programs, admission, and special events.

**Alexander Källebo-** Alexander is a native Swede who first came to the United States as a high school exchange student. He later continued his studies at the University of Central Florida where he earned a degree in finance and met his wife, Lisa, a native Minnesotan of Swedish descent. Alexander has lived and worked primarily in the U.S. for the past 20 years with many extended trips home to Sweden, including a two-year period where the couple lived and worked in Stockholm. In 2011, Alexander relocated to Minneapolis and joined U.S. Bank and the Private Client Reserve as Vice President and Head of the Traditional Investments Group. Alexander makes his home in Plymouth with his wife and two children, Linne and Sofia. They have been actively involved in many family and special events at ASI, including Svenska Skolan and the Lucia Choir.

**Beth Lundquist Jones** - A former pharmaceutical sales representative, she's an education major graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College. She spent a Rotary exchange year while in high school in Sweden. Beth has been a long-time member and active participant in ASI activities, including being a past member of Svea Club. She has won the Star Tribune holiday cooking contest with her entry for a Swedish cookie.

**Russ Michaletz** is soon to retire as a Partner at Deloitte Tax LLP in Minneapolis. He has sat on the board of Gustavus Adolphus College (his alma mater) and Minnesota Private Colleges. Russ and his wife Jan, who has served on ASI's board in the past, are long-time members and live in Edina.

**Veronika Torarp** – Veronika is a financial services professional and graduate of the University of Minnesota and IMD Business School in Switzerland. She’s a Swedish native who, together with her family, have long taken part in ASI activities. She has served on a number of non-profit boards, including Hands on Twin Cities, and as a *pro bono* consultant to Minnesota College Access Network.

Dr. Philip Anderson, Rev. Rodney L. Anderson, Karl Benson, Helen Bergren, Michael Bjornberg, Dr. David Carlson, Terri Carlson, Brad Engdahl, Barbara Linell Glaser, Ed.D, Dean Erickson, Diane Hofstede, Joe Hognander, Laurie L. Holmquist, Laurie Jacobi, Herbert (Ted) Johnson, Alexander Källebo, Beth Lundquist Jones, Russ Michaletz , Veronika Torarp, Linda Wallenberg