



2020-21 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2020-21

Carline Bengtsson: Carline is retired from corporate life following careers within the insurance, military avionics and medical technology industries at Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Honeywell and most recently Medtronic, where she was a people/program manager. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Art from Concordia University St. Paul, a Mini MBA from the University of St. Thomas and a Marketing Certificate from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Executive Education Program. Carline immigrated to Minnesota from Jamaica as a child and grew up to marry a native Swede which sealed her affinity for the culture, language, country and the ASI community at large. In addition to all things Swedish, Carline is a published cookbook author and an engaged community leader serving on several boards; and was recently appointed to the President's Advisory Council at Concordia University St. Paul. She is described by her family and friends as a chef of enticing, inventive and delicious eats and recently formed the organization Dine4Dinners to further pursue her two passions of helping others and creating memorable meals. The Dine4Dinners mission is a shared vision with organizations that provide meals for those in need of daily nourishment through dependable, reliable and sustainable sources.

Marco Molinari is passionate about growing and deepening the relationship between Minnesota, the US and his home country of Sweden, where his parents still reside. Born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden he completed his Bachelors and MBA degrees in the US before embarking on international careers with Goodyear and HNI Corporation in the US, Europe and Asia. As a corporate officer of these companies he built businesses and developed deep relationships in many countries, among them Sweden. A member (*ledamot*) of *Sällskapet* in Stockholm, the club where King Carl XVI Gustaf is the Honorary First Member, his continuing strong connection to Sweden aligns well with ASI's vision to maintain vibrant ties to Sweden in order to illuminate and inspire all of the institute's endeavors. Experiences on corporate and university advisory boards taught him the importance of servant leadership, always putting customers, members, staff and communities at the very center of the experiences ASI seeks to develop and successfully execute. Having recently relocated to Lake City with his wife Lisa, his consultancy firm Global Industrial Group works with senior leadership teams on new market entries, business assessments and optimization as well as enterprise transformations to help clients create leaner, more efficient businesses, positioned to accelerate profitable growth.

Andrea Oseland is a Minnesota native of third generation Norwegian-American, first generation Nigerian-American and Fond Du Lac Ojibwe Heritage. Currently a Women's Apparel and Accessories Buyer for Target, Andrea has over 20 years of experience in the retail and design industry. She has previously worked on community equity and diversity projects like the Google for Entrepreneurs Diverse Founders Residency and The Minnesota Food Charter. She has earned

undergraduate degrees in Fine Jewelry Metalsmithing and Design, and Marketing. Andrea and her partner Travis are homeowners in the Central neighborhood of Minneapolis (less than 1 mile from ASI).

David Sorensen. Born and raised in a small town in Northwestern Minnesota, Dave graduated from Bemidji State University where in addition to educational pursuits, grew both through job related experiences and as a student leader during a time when America underwent historic social changes. Over a 37-year career at General Mills, Dave began as a commodity trader and proceeded to hold a variety of different positions of increasing responsibilities, both domestically and internationally, with the last 12 years as Vice President of Worldwide Sourcing. Dave has been active on several company and non-profit Boards as well as engaged in significant comprehensive fundraising campaigns. Through these experiences, Dave has created a belief that we can make substantial changes by working differently, valuing culture and leveraging diverse perspectives to collaboratively influence inevitable change. Dave and his wife Kathryn are life members of ASI, honor their Swedish background through their travels to Scandinavia in pursuit of their heritage, and finally, are passionate about the role and mission of ASI. Dave brings broad based experiences as well as effective, results oriented and energizing skills to the Board.

RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Margaret (Maggi) Adamek is CEO of a strategic services firm that works with clients at the intersection of food, health, and agriculture, providing strategic planning, organizational development, program design and evaluation, meeting design and facilitation, coaching and customized training for clients in higher education, philanthropy, government agencies at all scales, and large-scale public partnerships. Her career has focused a great deal on racial justice, with a focus on Native American nations. For over twenty years, Dr. Adamek worked in Indian Country, including support for fair and Democratic tribal elections on Anishinaabe reservations; recognition of the perspectives of Sandy Lake and Rice Lake Bands in fishing rights issues of the Mille Lacs Band; and the presence of organized crime in Indian gaming. For nearly twenty years, she designed and led programs designed to promote healthy eating and sustainable agriculture at the University of Minnesota, while chairing a large national consortium of land grant universities working on the same effort. During this time, she worked to build strong and lasting bridges between the Anishinaabe and University partners. She holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Minnesota and an undergraduate degree from Carleton College, where she volunteers as a class agent and reunion planning committee member. Most recently, Dr. Adamek's firm is conducting a multi-stage feasibility study for the Minneapolis Public Schools for the development of an urban educational farm; providing strategic planning and capital campaign plan development for an Anishinaabe cultural center focused on wild rice and water; and designed and executed a large public campaign resulting in the production of the Minnesota Food Charter.

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.

Aimee Richcreek Baxter is a systems professional who has served as Financial Systems Specialist at Macalester College since 2012. She has also an accomplished freelance photographer, having owned her own photography business, Baxtercreek Photography, since 2010. Aimee brings with her previous Board experience, most recently as a Trustee of the Schubert Club of Minnesota. Aimee's connection to the Turnblad family has roots in her childhood, as she grew up in Vasa, MN, the town where ASI founder Swan Turnblad settled upon emigrating to Minnesota from Sweden.

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.

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.

Brenda Butler is a passionate advocate for arts education. Her interest in education began in public programs work at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, leading to a career in art education, teaching in public schools. At Minneapolis Public Schools, she has served as an arts administrator supporting arts work through management, mentorship and curriculum resource development. Currently, she is the Program Director for Pre-College Summer Session at Minneapolis College of Art and Design and Director at the Butler Family Community Foundation (headquartered in Manhattan, Kansas). Brenda holds degrees in Textile Design and Art History and a M.Ed in Art Education. She is pursuing a MPS in Arts and Cultural Leadership Program at the University of Minnesota, with a minor in Museum Studies.

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.

Barbara Linell Glaser, Ed.D A native of Minnesota, Barbara has a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota and a Doctorate in Family and Community Education from Columbia University. She was the Founding Director of Great Camp Sagamore: a National Historic Site and Education facility in the Adirondack Mountains of Upstate New York. She has worked in the fields of community education, historic preservation and land conservation through her private company Linell Lands, and by serving on the Boards of the Adirondack Council, the Adirondack Land Trust, Saratoga PLAN, the Saratoga Institute, the Nordlys Foundation, The Community Foundation for the Greater Capitol Region, and the Pitney Meadows Community Farm. Barbara is a lifetime member of the ASI and splits her time between Minneapolis and Saratoga Spring's New York.

Mary Dee Hicks is a former Senior Vice President at Personnel Decisions International where she consulted with organizations on the selection and development of their leaders. Mary Dee and her husband George (co-founder of Värde Partners) have an ongoing involvement in several initiatives at Gustavus Adolphus College. She has served in a variety of leadership roles at her congregation, Edina Community Lutheran Church, and is a partner with Social Venture Partners, an engaged philanthropy group that supports teens. Mary Dee earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota. She proudly embraces her Swedish heritage and her roots on St. Paul's East Side.

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 SaylesBelton, 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.

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, 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.

Dr. John Litell is a physician practicing critical care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and emergency medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center. He was born in Sweden and after moving with his family to Minneapolis as a child, he spent many years attending and working at Sjölundén, the Swedish language village at Concordia Language Villages. He remains a native Swedish speaker and has begun pursuing occasional translation work, following the example of his father, Richard Litell, the editor of *Scandinavian Review*, and his mother, Kristine Mortensen, a former ASI board member. After completing his medical training at Penn State and Mayo Clinic and holding faculty positions at Harvard Medical School and the University of Michigan, John has returned to Minneapolis with his partner Britt Erickson and their new baby.

Mohamud Mumin is the co-founder and curator at Soomaal House of Art — a Minnesota-based Somali art collective that provides studio space, studio critiques, artistic community, mentorships for younger Somali artists and an annual exhibition space with educational programming. In addition to writing, developing and presenting exhibitions, as well as working closely with the artists at Soomaal, Mohamud is a visual artist himself with many awards who has shown his work both nationally and internationally. He was the 2016 Malmberg Fellow at The American Swedish Institute, a 2016 and 2019 recipient of Midway Contemporary Art Visual Arts Fund grant, a 2013 and 2018 recipient of the McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship.

Elizabeth Olson currently serves as Chief Financial Officer for Caring Bridge Inc. Over the past 25 years, she has been a leader in financial management in both the for-profit and non-profit arenas, including heading up the finance and accounting function for Volunteers of America, a diversified social services agency, and managing all financial and HR interests for Grassroots Solutions, Inc., a nationally-known engagement and advocacy consulting firm. She has also served as an investment consultant at Slocum & Associates, where she worked with institutional clients to create investment policies and recommend asset allocations, and in financial positions at both Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Northwest Airlines. Elizabeth also lends her financial and leadership skills as a volunteer for a number of local organizations, serving on the Financial Leadership Committee at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, as a trustee for WomenWinning, and formerly as the Treasurer for the Wayzata Symphony Orchestra. Elizabeth's aunt, Dr. Mary Towley Swanson, was a distinguished scholar of Scandinavian art history and active on ASI's exhibitions and collections committees. Elizabeth is a Minnesota native; she received her B.A. in English and Economics at Oberlin College and her MBA at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Andreas Örnberg, PhD is a native of Stockholm, Sweden. Andreas has a Master of Science in Material Science and Engineering from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, and a Doctorate in Corrosion Science from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. Andreas has

15 years of expectance in the medical device field with leading product development and scientific services. Andreas is a long-time member of the ASI.

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.

William 'Bill' Weiler is retired after a career that included investment analysis at Prudential Insurance, financial management at Famous Footwear as Vice President of Finance, and bank management at Wells Fargo, Norwest Bank Minnesota, and Midway National Bank. He presently volunteers at ASI, welcoming visitors at the front desk, as well as at Youthlink, a drop-in center for homeless youth, tutoring GED students. After his professional retirement, Bill taught in the MBA program at St. Thomas University for several years. His previous Board tenures have included Twin West Chamber of Commerce, Pyramid Mental Health Center, and Sojourner Women's Shelter. For 10 years, he volunteered at the U of M Raptor Center assisting in the clinic. His current interests include reading, travel, skiing, and playing at golf.