



Report of the 1818 Society Search Committee for the 2023 Election


The Committee received 7 nominations, six for Director and one for President and Chair of the Board.


For Director (6):


| Preeti Ahuja | |
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|  | <p>Preeti Ahuja is a seasoned development practitioner. She brings decades of successful managerial, strategic, technical & operational expertise honed at the World Bank and via assignments at other agencies (FAO, IADB) & the private sector (strategic consulting, commercial banking). Her last position was as Practice Manager of the Agriculture & Food Practice in the Latin America & Caribbean Region's Sustainable Develop Dept. Preeti and her high-performing team worked hard to reset the narrative on agriculture and grow the program and its results manifold (notwithstanding the COVID pandemic), through cutting-edge analytics and innovative operations. Currently she is the Chair of the Agriculture, Food & Rural Development TG at the 1818 Society: a position she has held since Feb. 2023, where she is building on the TG's successful engagement record.</p> <p>Preeti is also a volunteer with Bankers without Borders/Grameen, advising on S./ E. Asia & Pacific farmer operations, as well as a social agri-enterprise in the Caribbean focused on regenerative ocean farming.</p> <p>Preeti is keen to serve on the Society's Board of Directors to help orient its future directions, while keeping it focused on 1818's mission and objectives, and safeguarding alumni interests.</p> |

| Morallina George | |
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|  | <p>I joined 1818 in 2015. Currently, I serve on the 1818 Health Insurance Committee and I Chair the MetLife Long-Term Care (LTC) Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Highlights of my 34-year WBG career include: (1) Three terms as Staff Association Chair (most notably, getting past pension credit for almost 2,000 NRS, cost \$125m); (2) Eight years as member on the Appeals Committee; (3) Introduced the OMBUD's Respectful Work Advisors' program; (4) Launched the D&I Disability Working Group; (4) Two years as Chair of the WB-IFC Learning Board (responsible for staff professional development & continuous learning); (5) Editor, <i>The Bank's World</i>; and (6) Four years as a speaker on EXT's "Speakers' Bureau" (an external outreach program for academia, NGOs, other interest groups).</p> <p>I am results-driven, passionate, committed and guided by a strong sense of community and a life-long conviction to make meaningful contributions to a cause, an institution, or community. If elected, my goals are: to better understand the needs of members; build upon the Society's ongoing efforts; facilitate information sharing across the membership; work to improve accessibility, communications and outreach, that address different interests, pensions, medical insurances and passions.</p> |


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| Javed Hamid | |
|  | <p>Javed worked in IFC for over 27 years in the economics and investment departments covering Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and East Asia and Pacific at different times in his career. He set up and managed IFCs Regional Office in Hong Kong and for two years he was a joint Director in IFC and the World Bank. He was the Founding Director of a private not-for-profit University in Pakistan (LUMS). After his retirement from IFC he has been an active member of 1818 Society serving on its Pension Group for over 10 years since 2013 and as its representative on the Pension Finance Committee from 2014 to 2020. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of Salem University (USA), Chairman of SEAF, a 501(c)(3) company providing risk capital to small enterprises in developing countries and member of Board of MSWC, a 501(c)(3) helping to develop management skills of wildlife conservancies in Africa.</p> |

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| Judith Pearce | |
|  | <p>Judith has been an active member of the Staff Association for more than 10 years; first as a member at large of its Executive Committee and then as Deputy Chair for 2 terms (first with Daniel Sellen, second with Talib Esmail).</p> <p>Judith has proven ability in stakeholder engagement, practical problem solving and a sense of humor.</p> <p>In her time at the Staff Association, she paid particular attention to the needs and concerns of country office staff and, if elected, as a retiree living in Australia, would like to continue a focus on support to retired staff living outside HQ.</p> |

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| Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard | |
|  | <p>I have been an active member of the Transport TG and a Member Helping Member volunteer for a long time. I am a volunteer Yoga teacher since 2016. I organize and lead hikes and international treks. I am serving as Vice President during this current two year mandate: seconding or representing the President; providing input to decision making at the Board: contributing to documenting, communicating and disseminating Association activities and initiatives; representing the Association with third parties such as IFIs; reaching out and working on enhancing the participation of Administrative Professionals in 1818 Society, and on the Society specific attention and service to these members.</p> <p>I love the Association for giving me outstanding opportunities for learning, staying well, discovering people and places, and growing wonderful friendships.</p> <p>I wish to serve a second term of Director at the Board.</p> |

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| Mark Walker | |
|  | <p>I am currently the Secretary of the 1818 Society and a Director. During my first term, I was a member and Chair of the seven-person committee that was established at the 2021 Business Meeting to review the Society's By-Laws. It was a substantial team effort, took almost six months, and ultimately led us to propose 26 revisions to the By-Laws. Members approved all of these at last year's Business Meeting. These revisions constitute important changes to the Society's governance framework. I have also served on the Society's Retiree Medical Insurance Plan Committee.</p> <p>During my 20+ year career at the World Bank, I was Chief Counsel for the Africa Region and also for the East Asia and Pacific Region in the Legal Vice Presidency, among other positions I held.</p> <p>In retirement, I have been involved in a number of volunteer activities, including as a tutor of low income, at-risk African American and Hispanic youth from inner-city Washington, D.C. neighborhoods attending tuition-free middle schools. I was invited to join the board of trustees of one of these schools, where I served for three years.</p> <p>I hope you will support my candidacy.</p> <p>I will serve if I am elected to office.</p> |

For Chair of the Board and President (1):

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| Anis Dani | |
|  | <p>I have been an active member of the Society since 2014, serving as Board Director from 2015-2019 and President from 2021-2023. During my tenure as President, we strengthened the Society's governance by undertaking key amendments of the By-Laws, formalizing terms of reference for Board Committees, reconstituting the Health Insurance and Pension Committees, and inducing rotation of leadership among thematic groups. We created an IMT Committee to improve our website, promote IT skills among members, and enhance communication and outreach. We have expanded the range of own-managed services to members. I strive to lead by example and continue to volunteer for hiking and yoga clubs, and international treks and tours to promote an active retirement lifestyle that is crucial to our wellbeing.</p> <p>I maintain a constructive dialogue with WBG management, supporting the health insurance and pension committees in representing the interests of the Society; engaging with GCS for financial support to the Society, and with HR, the Staff Association, and other retiree organizations on the Green Card process. These are sensitive relationships that require a fine balance between collaboration and advocacy, at times leading to disagreements. That is part of the President's responsibility to further the interests of our members.</p> |