

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
AND OFFICIAL BALLOT

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time

Place: The Grande Salle of the Alliance Française
113 North 1st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Items of Business: To elect the following seven persons as “**Class III Directors**,” to serve for a term of three years expiring at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members: Simin Hickman (2nd term), Jeremy Iggers (2nd term), Jeff Lundgren, Michael Musa (2nd term), Yves Nezerwe, Jacqueline Regis and Danny Rosas-Alvarez.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR CLASS III DIRECTOR

Simin Yusefzadeh Hickman is a retired information technology director at the University of Minnesota, where she worked for 31 years. She was born in Iran and received her undergraduate degree in musicology from Tehran University in Iran. She began her graduate education in Ethnomusicology at the University of Amsterdam and playing the harp at Amsterdam Conservatory. She continued her graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. While teaching Persian for Berlitz, she was assigned to work at Control Data and Sperry Univac, where she began working in the field of information technology. She is currently serving on the boards of two other organizations. She has been very active with the board of Minneapolis and Tours Sister Cities board. (Tours, France, one of Minneapolis’s 11 sister cities). Simin lives in Wayzata with her husband and three children. Over the last six years she has attended classes at the Alliance Française and loves the French language and culture.

Jeremy Iggers stepped down in 2015 as executive director of the non-profit Twin Cities Media Alliance, an organization that he founded in 2005. Previously, he spent over 20 years as a staff writer and restaurant critic for the Star Tribune. His love of France and French culture dates back to the year he spent in France as a child, living in a village near Melun (Seine et Marne), where he attended the local école communale. He has returned to France many times since, and still speaks fluent but imperfect French. He tries to stay current on French politics and culture, to the point of having the app for Le Monde and podcasts from Radio France installed on his phone. He is also the proud owner of a Citroen 2CV, with which he has participated in Bastille Day parades. Last fall, he toured France with the Fat Chance Jug Band. Jeremy has a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota.

Jeff Lundgren is a retired financial services executive who spent his last nine years of employment working as a CFO in London, England. During his time in London, Jeff and his wife Susan frequently travelled to France on holiday, where they fell in love with the diversity and culture of France. He returned to Minneapolis committed to learn to speak French and began taking lessons at AFMSP in 2017. He recently completed two months of intensive courses at Alliance Française Paris, and is now enrolled in Intermediate 3 and Conversation 1 at AFMSP. Jeff’s other passion is cycling. In addition to riding his bike around the Twin Cities, he is also a member of the Board of Free Bikes 4 Kidz.

Michael A. Musa is a bilingual (English/French) CPA with dual accounting credentials: CPA (United States) and FCCA (United Kingdom). He has an advanced diploma in French literature from the Alliance Française, Paris. Michael has lived, studied and worked in France and the United Kingdom. He had a rewarding career as a Manager at KPMG International, where he led assignments United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded projects in Francophone and Anglophone Africa. Michael is currently the senior partner in a CPA firm in Minnesota, providing accounting, audit, tax and consulting services. He loves jogging, travelling, and mentoring young people. Michael is an avid reader. His membership in Alliance Française gives him access to great French works of literature and books that are not available elsewhere in the United States.

Yves Nezerwe is originally from Burundi where French is the official language. After completing his B.A. in International Finance in Kenya, Yves moved to San Diego in 2002 where he completed his MBA at Alliant International University. During his 15 years in the financial services industry, Yves had the opportunity to work in various fields: Sales, Customer service, Collections & Risk Management. Currently, Yves is an Operations manager at US Bank for the past 3 years. He also serves as the Lead Ambassador of the Board of the African American BRG of US Bank. He loves watching any sports in general (soccer is his favorite) and plays tennis. Yves lives in Blaine with his wife Linda and their 15-month-old

daughter Zoe Sofia. They love to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children, to explore new restaurants and to travel, and they have visited France many times. Yves listens to Radio France International on a daily basis.

Jacqueline Regis is a naturalized American citizen born and raised until the age 17 in the southern countryside of Haiti in the outskirts of the town of Les Cayes. She received her elementary and the majority of her secondary education in the French language in Haiti. She emigrated to the United States at the age of 17 and ultimately became an attorney. She has resided in the Twin Cities for more than 30 years. Jacqueline, a former Minnesota Women Lawyers' President from 2000 to 2001, is currently a District Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial District-Hennepin County. Between 2005 and 2011, she served as Senior Associate General Counsel at UnitedHealth Group, Inc. and from 1996 to 2005 as an attorney at St. Paul Travelers' Insurance Companies' Legal Services Department. From 1985 to 1996, Jacqueline was Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General and between 1990 and 1996, an adjunct professor of law at the William Mitchell College of Law. Jacqueline has served two elected terms as a delegate from Hennepin County to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates between 1999 and 2003. In 2002, Jacqueline received a Presidential three-year appointment to serve as Commissioner on the American Bar Association's Commission on Ethnic and Racial Diversity. She served on the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association and between 1996 and 1997 as Co-Chair of the MSBA Women in the Legal Profession Task Force. Jacqueline has served on the board of the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and in 2010 co-chaired the Minnesota State Bar Association Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund Committee. Jacqueline is the mother two daughters, one of whom is also an attorney currently residing in Washington D.C. She is also the author of a 2009 publication entitled *The Daughter of L'arsenal*, a memoir, currently available through Ingram's Lightning Source.

Danny Rosas-Alvarez was born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico. At the age of 12, his family moved to Los Angeles, CA and after five years in sunny California he attended the University of Notre Dame, receiving a B.S. in Business Administration majoring in Finance and French in 2009. While in college, Danny studied a semester abroad in Angers, France at L'Université Catholique de l'Ouest earning the Diplôme de Français des Affaires – II Degré (DFA II). Upon graduation, Danny moved to Minneapolis to join Target where he currently is a Senior Financial Analyst in the Merchant Negotiations Finance team. Additionally, Danny serves as the co-chair of Target's Hispanic Business Council, an internal employee resource group. He is also significantly involved in the non-profit sector for the arts, education and professional development, serving on the Board of Directors for the MN Freedom Band as Treasurer, the Notre Dame Alumni Club of MN as Vice President, and the Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALFPA) as President. Danny has been involved with AFMSP since 2010, first helping found the Jeunes Cadres Dynamiques program and most recently as member of the volunteer crew. He currently lives in downtown Minneapolis so the AFMSP has been like a home away from home for Danny over the past few years.

VOTING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

If you are not able to attend the Annual Meeting, please either vote online or return this Ballot either in person or by mail, to the Alliance Française, 113 North First Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401 or fax your ballot to (612) 332-0438. Please note that if you vote online or plan to vote at the Annual Meeting, you do not need to return this Ballot - duplicate votes (whether in person, online or using this paper Ballot) will only be counted once.

TO BE COUNTED, ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 19, 2018. Online voting will close at 11:59 p.m. CDT on June 18. Please contact the Alliance Française office at 612-332-0436 with any questions. **Merci!**

OFFICIAL MEMBERS' BALLOT

The nominees for "Class III Directors" for terms expiring at the 2021 Annual Meeting are as follows:

Simin Hickman
Yves Nezerwe

Jeremy Iggers
Jacqueline Regis

Jeff Lundgren
Danny Rosas-Alvarez

Michael Musa

Please note that currently serving "Class I Directors" – Anne Carayon, Tanya Gajewska, Nicolas Giraud, Pamela Pappas Stanoch, Scott Stangeland, Bryn Vaaler and Jonathan Vessey (terms expiring in 2019) – and "Class II Directors" – Karen Zentner Bacig, Michelle Champlin Bergner, Suzan Grovender, Carolee A. Lindsey, Martine Sauret and Chichi Steiner (terms expiring in 2020) – will continue to serve as directors of the Alliance Française and are not being presented for election at this meeting.

Members may vote for directors either online, in person or by signing and returning this Official Ballot to the Alliance Française before or at the Annual Meeting. Ten percent (10%) of the total voting membership present either online, in person or by ballot at the Annual Meeting constitutes a quorum for the purposes of electing directors at the Annual Meeting. Members may vote for, against, or abstain from voting for a nominee, or may vote for a "write-in candidate" of the Member's choice by inserting his or her name where shown in the Ballot. **No member may vote for fewer than or for more than seven directors.**

ACTION: To elect each nominee named below as a Class III Director for a term expiring at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following nominees for Class II Director:

	For	Against	Abstain	Write-In Candidate
Simin Hickman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jeremy Iggers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jeff Lundgren	_____	_____	_____	_____
Michael Musa	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yves Nezerwe	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jacqueline Regis	_____	_____	_____	_____
Danny Rosas-Alvarez	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name: _____

Date: _____