



**Rabat American School**

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## MEET THE RAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020 - 2021



### **HH Lalla Zineb bint Abdellah Alaoui**

Honorary Board Member

HH Lalla Zineb bint Abdellah Alaoui has been an Honorary Member of the Rabat American School Board of Trustees since 2013. She is a life-long advocate for children's rights and protection and she currently serves as the President of the Moroccan League for the Protection of Children. She is the mother of two daughters, one who currently attends high school at the Rabat American School and one who graduated from the school in 2018. Lalla Zineb brings to the Board the unique perspective of being an alumnus of RAS, having attended the school herself through 8th grade.



### **Suzanne Moyer Baazet**

President

Suzanne is an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and non-profit leader with more than a decade of experience living and working in Morocco. Suzanne is the co-founder of Nevo Technologies, a leading cyber security firm serving the North and West African market. She is also a founding partner of AmeriSource Consulting, a boutique consulting firm providing a broad range of business, trade, and development consulting. In addition to her private sector work, Suzanne is passionate about the relationship between education, technology, and economic empowerment. She has served as the Executive Director of the African Studies Association, Director of AIESEC in the United States, and currently serves as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Rabat American School, and a Board Member of the High Atlas Foundation. Suzanne lives between Rabat, Morocco and Princeton NJ with her husband and three children. Suzanne's sons are in kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade at the Rabat American School. As a long-term resident of Rabat, Suzanne envisions having her children at RAS until her last son's graduation in 2034.



### **Mary Brezin**

Secretary and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

Mary joined the Board in 2019 and has three children attending the school (Garrett in Kindergarten, Emma in 5th grade, and Miles in 7th.) She is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Embassy in Rabat and has previously had assignments in Georgia, Latvia, and Ukraine. Mary grew up in Colorado and is a graduate of Colorado College.

She values the uniqueness of an international school community and as a Board member, she is committed to serving the long term health and future direction of RAS.



### **Alistair Bryant**

Board Member

Alistair is the British Defence Attaché in Morocco and Mauritania. He has been here nearly three years. A career officer he has served across the world in various appointments working internationally wherever possible. Married to Emma, they have three children in the American School. Last year he was the Treasurer. He and his family

have travelled widely across Morocco and the region enjoying the rich cultures that are on offer.



### **Namir Chahine**

Board Member

Namir Chahine is the father of two RAS students in elementary and high school and the spouse of a Canadian diplomat posted to Morocco. He is a Telecom Engineer with a range of experience from technical to project management who later in his career decided to enter the world of real estate development in various countries.

Born to a school director father and a teacher mother Namir is immersed in the life of schooling, planning and teaching. As someone who highly values contributing to his communities. Namir has taught Math and Physics, served in his municipality, volunteered for humanitarian causes and most recently joined the RAS Board of Trustees. Namir believes in the importance of individual and collective efforts in achieving common goals, strengthening current processes and contributing to positive change in the world. In his free time, Namir enjoys music, reading, world politics, travel, exploring new cultures, and collecting antiques.



### **Sean Goudie**

School Director and Ex-Officio Board Member

Sean Goudie is a Canadian citizen who has spent much of his life overseas. He is a product of the international school system, having spent nine years in West Africa as a child. Later in life he moved back overseas with his wife and two children. Sean is starting his 5th year as Director of the Rabat American School. Previously he headed inter-international schools in Eritrea, Jamaica and Burkina Faso. He has been in education for 28 years and prior to that he worked in the Canadian financial sector.



### **Juliette Marsham-McClure**

Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee

Juliette Marsham-McClure, a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, provides fiduciary support to the RAS Board of Trustees Finance Committee. She has two elementary age children attending RAS and firmly believes that successful students become successful adults. She gets excited by seeing and hearing what new things her children have learned while attending RAS, and is committed to ensuring all the students and staff continue to be as excited as her. Juliette holds a BS in accounting and has worked as a foreign service officer for over 19 years and brings her passion for working with leadership and her managerial acumen to the RAS Board, and hopes to make a positive impact to RAS for many years to come. Juliette is honored to be a RAS Board of Trustees member again in the 2020-2021 school year!



### **Andrew Monahan**

Board Member

Andrew has worked for the past four years as an independent consultant in the field of international development, with clients including USAID/Morocco, Chemonics International, Solidarity Center/Morocco, and Creative Associates International. His independent work has focused on strategic planning, procurement, compliance, and project management. Prior to this, he worked in Washington DC for several international development organizations in project management and compliance roles. His international development career came about after completing two years of Peace Corps service in Boulemane, Morocco. He began his professional career in public relations and marketing, in Chicago.



**Heather McCrimmon**  
Board Accreditation Liaison

Heather is in Morocco with her husband Bill (Political Counsellor, Canadian embassy) and two boys Benjamin (Gr.11) and Jonah (Gr.8), her adult daughter - Jasmine lives and works in London, UK and visits as often as she can. The McCrimmons are in their 5th year as a part of the RAS community, and Heather has found her experience on the RAS board to be productive, informative, and enjoyable. Heather believes it is important to be involved in the community, and over the past 18 years has chosen to focus on her family and contributing to the community through volunteer work. During postings in Germany, Croatia, and Morocco Heather has held several volunteer positions ranging from organizing children to get involved in humanitarian work to president of an International Women's Club (Zagreb). In addition to her role on the Board of Trustees, Heather currently holds multiple volunteer roles in Rabat including Diplomatic Circle - Canadian representative, Chair and founder of the International Kids' Circle, fundraising adhoc event coordinator, Rabat Community Baseball - commissioner



**Daley O'Neil**  
US Ambassador's Rep

Daley O'Neil is the Counselor for Management Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat. As a U.S. diplomat he has completed previous assignments in Mumbai, Calcutta, Brazzaville, Algiers and Bamako. He lives in Rabat with his wife Anna, also a Foreign Service Officer and daughter Kenza.



**Yamama Amar épouse Squali**  
Special Moroccan Delegate

Dr. Yamama Amar Epouse Squali is the mother of three RAS graduates, two who graduated in 2016 and one who graduated in 2019. She is a Nephrologist and currently serves as member of the Information and Communication Committee of the Moroccan National Nephrologist Society. Yamama is also very active in philanthropy and education and currently serves as the Regional Delegate of the Moroccan Foundation for Students.



## **Mounia Tagma**

Chair of the Governance Committee

Mounia has two children enrolled at RAS (Lilia who started pre-k in 2012 and is currently in 7th grade, and Ismail who is in 5th grade). She is on her second year on the Board of trustees. She serves on the Board because she wants to be an active part of our school's future, a school she hopes her children will graduate from.

Mounia's professional background is in public policy and development. In the past 12 years, she has worked essentially on development and housing issues in Africa and the Middle East. Her personal interests include gender equality, education, and migration. A native of Rabat, Mounia has also lived in Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Switzerland, France, and the US.



## **Stephen Weeks**

Vice-President

Stephen Weeks is the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, responsible for the professional and academic exchange programs, cultural outreach, university partnerships, and other portfolios. He joined the Foreign Service in 2008, and has served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jordan, and Trinidad. He speaks French and Arabic. Prior to becoming a U.S. Diplomat, Steve worked as a freelance writer, editor, and media consultant in New York, Washington, and Paris. A native New Yorker, Steve is married and has three children.

