



2021 Nominations Committee Report
Board of Directors Election Recommendation
Annual Membership Meeting (Virtual) | May 4, 2021

Nominations Committee Members

- **Mariza McKee** (Chair), IIUSA Director; IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Best Practices Committee | Partner, Kutak Rock
- **David Andersson**, IIUSA President Emeritus; IIUSA Leadership Circle | President, WORC Regional Centers
- **George Ekins**, IIUSA Director (2012-2018); IIUSA Leadership Circle | Principal, American Dream Fund
- **Pat Hogan**, IIUSA Director; IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Public Policy Committee | CEO & Founder, CMB Regional Centers
- **Jill Jones**, IIUSA Director (2014-2015); IIUSA Best Practices Committee | Assistant General Counsel, NES Financial
- **Ozzie Torres**, IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Public Policy & Editorial Committees | Shareholder, Torres Law

Recommendations

Officers (1-Year Terms)

The Committee recommends to the membership the election of the following:

President:

- **Robert Kraft**, CEO FirstPathway Partners (Incumbent)

Vice President

- **William Gresser**, President, EB-5 New York State Regional Center (Incumbent)

Secretary-Treasurer

- **Stephen Strnisha**, CEO, Cleveland International Fund (Incumbent)

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Directors (Four 3-Year Terms)

There are four (4) Director seats open for election. Up to, but no more than, two (2) of these seats can be filled by Service Provider members. The Committee recommends the following six (6) members for election:

- **Christine Chen**, Chief Operating Officer, CanAm Enterprises
- **Charles Korrell**, Vice President, Hillwood Investment Properties
- **Al Rattan**, President & Co-Founder, Continental Regional Center (Incumbent)
- **Dave Souders**, Managing Partner, Todd Associates (Incumbent)
- **Abteen Vaziri**, Managing Director, Brevet Capital (Incumbent)
- **Cletus Weber**, Co-Founder & Senior Attorney, Peng & Weber PLLC (Incumbent)

Election Process

IIUSA's 16th Annual Membership Meeting will take place virtually at **12:00pm ET on Tuesday, May 4, 2021**. All nominees or a proxy will have the opportunity to briefly address the membership about their candidacy. If a member is unable to attend the live meeting, it will be recorded and available to view for a week following the live meeting.

It is free to attend the live Membership Meeting, but you must register [using this form](#).

Each member organization in good standing* will receive information in the coming days for how to cast their electronic vote for the election. Each member organization has a "designated voter" and that person will receive emailed instructions. Voting will open following the conclusion of the membership meeting and members will have until 11:59pm on May 11th to electronically cast their votes.

Each member organization gets 1 ballot to cast votes for the 4 open directorship positions** and all 3 officer positions. Members may cast up to 4 votes for the same person for each directorship opening, if they choose. The director nominees with the 4 highest vote counts will fill the open directorship seats. The new directors will be announced no later than May 14th.

**Member organizations more than 2 months past due will be unable to vote until the dues are paid or a payment plan is established.*

***Up to, but no more than, two (2) Director positions can be filled by service provider members per IIUSA's bylaws (Accessible [here](#)).*

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CANDIDATE BIOS

Officers – 1-year terms

President:

Robert Kraft, President & CEO, FirstPathway Partners (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2013 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle President (2017-present) Director (2014-2017) Public Policy Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

Vice President:

William P. Gresser, President & CEO, EB-5 New York State Regional Center (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2009 (Regional Center)	Vice President (2017-present) Leadership Circle Public Policy Committee Director Emeritus (2016- 2017) IIUSA Board of Directors (2010-2016) Public Policy Committee Chair (2016-17) Public Relations Committee Chair (2014-15) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Secretary-Treasurer:

Stephen Strnisha, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland International Fund (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2012 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle Secretary-Treasurer (2016- Present) Public Policy Committee Public Policy Committee Chair (2015-16) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Directors (Four 3-year terms) *Up to, but no more than, two (2) of the seats can be filled by a Service Provider. *In alphabetical order*

Christine Chen, Chief Operating Officer, CanAm Enterprises

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2005 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Charles Korrell, Vice President, Hillwood Investment Properties

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2018 (Service Provider)	Leadership Circle Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Al Rattan, President & Co-Founder, Continental Regional Center (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2011 (Regional Center)	Board of Directors (2018-present) Leadership Circle Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Dave Souders, Managing Partner, Todd Associates (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2011 (Service Provider)	Board of Directors (2015-present) Leadership Circle Best Practices Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Abteen Vaziri, Managing Director, Brevet Capital (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2015 (Regional Center)	Board of Directors (2018-present) Leadership Circle Membership & Investor Market Development Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Cletus Weber, Co-Founder & Senior Attorney, Peng & Weber PLLC (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2011 (Service Provider)	Board of Directors (2015-present) Leadership Circle Public Policy Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

