



USAID Alumni Association

October 2022 Newsletter

Note from the UAA Board

This Newsletter is short in order to focus on the most important upcoming events: the UAA Annual General Meeting and Board elections. We hope that ALL members will vote and we look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM! See the article below for all the specifics.

Calendar of Upcoming UAA Events

Thursday, October 6, 2022, 11:00 a.m.– Noon. UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue – **Freedom House President Michael Abramowitz in conversation with the UAA’s Larry Garber.** Freedom House is the oldest American organization devoted to the support and defense of democracy around the world. Support for democracy is in decline around the world – please join us for candid discussion of what the US and other countries can and should do about this. To register for this event, please click [here](#).

Friday, October 28, 2022, is the date for UAA’s **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** this year, which will be held in-person at the Center for Global Development. Members who prefer to attend virtually, and those who live outside the Washington, DC area, will be able to join via Zoom. See the fuller article below for more details and an agenda.

2022 UAA Annual General Meeting

The 2022 UAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in-person at the Center for Global Development (2055 L St. NW, 5th Floor, Washington DC) and virtually via Zoom on **Friday, October 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

USAID Deputy Administrator Paloma Adams-Allen will provide the keynote address, followed by a Q&A session with the audience. Former Administrator Peter McPherson will be honored with a UAA Life Time Achievement recognition for the extraordinary contributions he made to USAID and development cooperation. There will be two panel discussions on "*Localization and Sustainable Development*," one on global implications and the other from the field perspective. The first panel, moderated by Carol Peasley, will include Sarah Rose, USAID, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Tessie San Martin from FHI 360, and Kennedy Odede from Shining Hope for Communities, a Kenyan NGO. The second panel, moderated by Steve Wingert, will feature Ken MacLean, USAID/Honduras; Rolando Bogran, FUNADEH in Honduras and Carlos Cuellar, formerly of PROSALUD in Bolivia. We will also have a session to

discuss the role of regional UAA chapters for outreach in “Public Education in Foreign Assistance.” The UAA Board Co-Chairs will report on the activities of UAA during the past year, we will announce recipient(s) of UAA Alumni of the Year award(s), and election results will be announced. See the full agenda [here](#).

For those of you who are 2022 contributing members of UAA, we encourage you to attend the Annual General Meeting this year in-person if you are able to, or via Zoom. You can check whether you are a member for 2022 [here](#). Please register for the UAA Annual General Meeting and cast your vote for board members by Monday, October 24. See instructions for membership contributions, registration, and voting below.

Registration: Please register for the October 28 AGM webinar by October 24 indicating whether you will be attending in-person or by Zoom. You will receive email acknowledgement of your registration for the meeting, and for those attending virtually, the Zoom link will be sent after registration for the meeting closes. For those attending in person, proof of vaccination will be required and will be checked as you arrive at CGD. **Please [click here to register to attend AGM in person](#). [Click here to attend the AGM virtually](#).** Please also note that a separate UAA notice will be sent with a link to the UAA 2022 Results Report and the 2023 Implementation Plan.

Membership Contribution: For those of you who are not yet 2022 contributing members of UAA, we have extended the deadline for receipt of contributions to October 15 to allow you the option to vote and to participate in the in-person or virtual AGM. Note: In order to be considered a member for 2022 for purposes of attending the AGM or voting, contributions must be received online using a credit card or by check (made out to USAID Alumni Association, and sent to USAID Alumni Association, c/o DACOR, 1801 F St, NW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20006). Contributions made online or by check must be **received** NLT October 15th. **Please [click here to contribute online](#).**

Voting for Board Members: Please note that members will need to vote for three new UAA board members electronically by October 24th. No voting will take place at the AGM. Please see the separate article with information on voting and a link to candidates’ biographies immediately below.

UAA Board Elections

There are three vacant positions on the UAA Board to be filled by vote of the membership NLT October 24, prior to the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 28. No voting will take place at the AGM. See the list of candidates seeking a first term on the Board and ballot to vote now. There are no Board members seeking a second term this year.

[Please click here for candidates’ bios and ballot to vote](#)

The UAA Board Nominations Committee announced the 2022 Board elections in the June UAA Newsletter, seeking to broaden the selection of candidates to fill the three vacancies by soliciting current members to consider nominating, or self-nominating, members. The only criterion for seeking Board candidacy in the UAA By-Laws is that the candidate must be a 2022 contributing member of UAA. In addition, the Nominating Committee took into consideration whether a candidate was an active participant in UAA standing committees, or other programs or activities that demonstrated that the candidate contributed to the

work of the UAA and was willing to invest the time and energy into the activities of the UAA.

The Nominations Committee (Roberta Mahoney, Anne Aarnes, and Terrence Brown) took into consideration a number of potential candidates and believe we have selected an exceptional slate of candidates for a vote of qualified UAA members: Chris Milligan, Joy Riggs-Perla, and Miles Toder. Please vote electronically for the UAA Board candidates by October 24.

UAA 10th Annual Picnic at Fort Hunt

Sunday, September 11th presented the perfect weather for approximately 70 UAA members and guests to gather in person – sorry there was no WiFi access at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria for virtual attendance – for the UAA summer picnic. It was a great success, thanks to everyone who brought delicious food; to Margaret for her gracious and welcoming remarks, including acknowledgement of the 21st anniversary of the attacks on our country on 9/11/01; and to Bette Cook, Tom Nicastro and the team who pitched in to help with the set-up, registration, and clean-up. The threatened rain held off so we enjoyed an almost perfect sunny afternoon. We were pleased to welcome a group of Afghan FSNs and their families who joined us for the picnic. We are sharing here a few photos taken during the event. Enjoy identifying your friends and former colleagues.



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