



USAID Alumni Association

October 2023 Newsletter

Note from the UAA Board

The summer is now officially over with the annual UAA picnic behind us, an event that was well attended and definitely fun, despite the dramatic thunderstorm and slightly damp but still delicious food.

Now we are absorbed with planning the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with a couple of exciting bookend social events that you've heard about. The details about the AGM are provided below and we hope that all of you will sign up to attend either virtually or in-person if you can. The panel discussions will be about exploring the new elements of the USAID Strategic Framework such as "Progress Beyond Programs" and "Development Diplomacy." In addition to senior USAID officials from headquarters, we will hear from Mission staff, both FSO and FSN, about what that Framework looks like at the country level, and also from USAID retirees with thoughts on practical application of this policy. As always, there will be plenty of time for audience interaction with the panelists. And, of course, we will also have our Alumni of the Year awards so that we can celebrate our extraordinary colleagues who continue to make important contributions on domestic and international issues. Mark your calendars and sign up early!

And finally, thank you to those who signed up to be UAA mentors in 2024. We received a substantial increase in the number of Alumni signing up for this program and USAID has expressed its appreciation for this strong response to their plea for additional mentors.

Calendar of Upcoming UAA Events

TO REMIND! The Social Events Committee is also planning two events to bookend the AGM and allow members to spend some additional social time together. On **Thursday, October 26**, we'll take in the Rubel Museum on the wharf and follow with lunch. On **Saturday, October 28** we'll head for nearby wine country. We're still checking out the vineyards and are working on making transportation available. It'll be a beautiful autumn trip! Plan to come for the AGM and spend some time with friends at these events. See RSVP links below.

TO REMIND! **Friday, October 27, 2023, is the date for the UAA's Annual General Meeting (AGM).** The Meeting 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 further information in the AGM article below.

New! USAIDAlumni.org

In Memoriam: Nancy Marie McKay, Lewis John Donald Tatem, Herman Kleine

Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities:

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OVERSEAS

The Coordination of Afghan Relocation Efforts (CARE) Office of the State Department, whose mission is the relocation of Afghan citizens for processing for onward travel to the U.S., is in need of temporary assistance at multiple overseas locations. Timing: Immediate and continuing. Duration of employment: mostly short-term up to a few months, but with some possibly up to one year. Pay rate: negotiable based upon experience; where justified, up to GS-14/10. Terms: REA (Rehired Annuitant) and maybe other options. Clearances: U.S. citizenship, Medical and Top Secret Security Clearance required. [Click here](#) for details.

UAA's Annual General Meeting, October 27, 2023

An in-person **UAA Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held **Friday, October 27**, 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. The meeting will begin at 9 am, with in-person attendees provided coffee and

snacks at 8:30. The meeting will end at 1:15 followed by lunch for in-person attendees.

USAID Deputy Administrator Coleman will provide the keynote address this year, followed by a Q&A session. Next, UAA Co-chairs Roberta Mahoney and Joy Riggs-Perla will summarize the UAA Annual Report and announce the election results for the UAA Board of Directors.

The AGM will have two panel discussions about the new USAID Policy Framework initiative Progress Beyond Programs, which emphasizes “Development Diplomacy.” The first panel will focus on USAID's role in broad policy dialog with partner countries, how this initiative differs from past practice, what role the Country Team will play, and other concerns. The panel members will be Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning; Susan Reichle, President and CEO International Youth Foundation and former senior USAID official, and Anupama Rajaraman, Mission Director, USAID Colombia. The panel will be moderated by UAA’s Joy Riggs-Perla.

The second panel will focus on implementation challenges the Agency will face in reorienting its operations and workforce to the Progress Beyond Programs initiative. The panel members will be Sheryl Stumbras, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Development, Democracy, and Innovation (DDI) Bureau; Bambi Arellano, former USAID Counselor and Mission Director, Anya Glenn, USAID Director of Workforce Planning and Policy; and Camila Gómez Salgado, Chief Mission Advisor, USAID Colombia FSN. The panel will be moderated by UAA’s Terrence Brown.

The Alumni of the Year Awards will then be presented by Bette Cook, followed by lunch.

Please [click here](#) for the full agenda, and [here](#) for the bios of the external speakers at the AGM.

We encourage UAA members who have made their 2023 contributions by September 30, 2023, to attend the Annual General Meeting this year in-person, if you are able to, or via Zoom. You can check whether you have made your 2023 contribution [here](#). If you have not yet made your 2023 contribution, please do so now by [clicking here](#).

Registration: Please register by October 23 for the October 27 AGM, indicating whether you will be attending in-person or by Zoom. You will receive an email acknowledgement of your registration for the meeting, and for those attending virtually, the Zoom link for the meeting will be sent after registration closes. **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 2023 Results Report.

Join the Companion Social Events!

- **For October:** The UAA plans two events to bookend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for members to spend social time with alumni friends.
- On **Thursday, October 26th, at 12 noon**, UAA will visit the new Rubell Museum in DC on the Wharf and follow with a no-host lunch. The Rubell is one of the largest private collections of contemporary art. The unguided tour should take about an hour to an hour and a half to view 50 exhibitions of paintings, sculptures, photographs, videos, and installations. Please RSVP to Denise Rollins at denise.rollins52@gmail.com by **October 6th**.
- On **Saturday, October 28th**, we'll head for nearby wine country in Delaplane, VA, for a "Wine and Wagyu" day outing. We will depart from Tysons Corner Mall in group transport at 9:30 a.m. to visit Blue Valley Vineyard and Winery and Three Fox Vineyards, both with award winning varieties and idyllic landscapes. We'll stop in at Ovoka Farm, a female-owned Wagyu beef farm where you can purchase prime cuts of beef. The cost of the event including transport is \$135. Confirmation of your interest and payment need to be made by **October 6th**. Please contact Margot Ellis at ellismargot@gmail.com and/or Sharon Pauling at sharonpauling1@gmail.com to get details on payment options.

Vote in the 2023 Board Elections

There are two vacant positions and two second term positions on the UAA Board to be filled by vote of the membership NLT October 23 prior to the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 27. No voting will take place at the AGM. See the list of the two candidates seeking a first term and the two seeking a second term this year.

[Click for bios and ballot to vote here](#)

The UAA Board Nominations Committee announced the 2023 Board elections in the June UAA Newsletter, seeking to broaden the selection of candidates to fill the two vacancies by soliciting current members to consider nominating, or self-nominating, members. The

only criterion for Board membership in the UAA Bylaws is that Board member must be a member in good standing (meaning a 2023 contributing member) of UAA. In addition, the Nominating Committee took into consideration whether the candidate was an active participant in UAA committees or other programs and activities of the UAA such that the candidate contributed to and was supportive of, the work of the UAA and was willing to invest time and energy into the activities of the UAA.

The Nominations Committee (Margaret Neuse, Carol Dabbs, and Miles Toder) took into consideration a wide range of candidates. We believe we have selected an exceptional slate of candidates to fill the two vacant first-term positions on the Board as well as two incumbent candidates to serve a second term. **Please vote electronically for the UAA Board candidates by October 23.**

UAA/DACOR Development Dialogues



Alex Shakow introducing Lawrence MacDonald at DACOR

On Wednesday, September 13, a UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue lunch at DACOR featured **Lawrence MacDonald**, author of the forthcoming book ***Am I Too Old to Save the Planet? A Boomer's Guide to Climate Action***. MacDonald, a writer, policy communications expert, and Boomer climate activist, gave a spirited presentation to a supportive audience, in person and on-line, as to how Boomers – and others – can make a real difference in combatting climate change. To see a video of the full event, including the Q&A session, [click here](#).

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