

Report of the Search Committee for the 2025 Elections

The Committee received four (4) nominations for the three (3) positions of Board Directors. The candidate statements and profile photos are provided below.

Merli Baroudi	
	<p>As a retiree active in the 1818 Society after over 20 years at the WBG, I see firsthand the value that our Board can bring to enhancing the lives of retirees. I would appreciate and be grateful for the opportunity to serve the WBG community further as a member of the Board.</p> <p>Since retiring in 2023, I have represented retirees on the WBG Pension Finance Committee and as a member of the 1818 Pension Committee. 1818 Society surveys show that pension issues are the most important of members' concerns, and I have used my extensive financial background gained in the private sector and as a Director in the World Bank Finance Complex and as a Director at MIGA to address retirees' pension-related interests/concerns and to ensure that the value of the WBG pension plan is accessible to all retirees.</p> <p>As a Board member, I would focus on: (i) listening to the full range of issues of concern to retirees and foster concrete solutions; (ii) work to meet members' changing needs in an increasingly complex and challenging environment; and (iii) seek out retirees' feedback to help ensure the 1818 Society is on track to deliver to our unique WBG community.</p>
Vinh Nguyen	
	<p>I would like to be able to contribute to the important work of the 1818 Society through membership on its Board of Directors. I would bring experience from Operations and corporate assignments in adding to the Society's collective voice on matters of concern to retirees.</p> <p>I have 12 years experience in Bank Operations, mostly in LCR and mostly in the HD sector. My time in Operations shaped the view of how the entire WBG enterprise needs to work together to support our mission. My 18 years across several relevant corporate assignments includes 10 years in HR on strategic portfolios, policy oversight, analytics, and IT management, and the Budget VPU for 3 years. As Director overseeing WBG strategy, corporate procurement, and shared services I added insight into more "nuts and bolts" operational matters. My experiences in HR, budget, corporate procurement, and shared services at both policy and operational levels have direct relevance to issues such as pension and health insurance and the WBG's support of local staff.</p> <p>I am a member of the 1818 Society Health Insurance Committee, with a focus on RMIP2. The support of the 1818 membership of my candidacy would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.</p>

Van Pulley

I joined the 1818 Society Board in 2021, and would like to continue for a second term.

I retired from the Bank in 2015. During my 28-year career, I spent 17 years in operations, including two field assignments, one as Philippines Country Director; 10 years as Director of the General Services Department, and as VP of Finance and Risk, including management of the Bank budget. In GSD, I supervised the 1818 Society administratively and ensured strong support for retiree initiatives. As VP Finance, I led a committee to restructure and enhance the Net Pension Plan, significantly increasing financial benefits to future retirees, and established the Pension Reserve Fund to ensure stable Bank contributions to the Plans over time. My career provided me with insights into the needs of retirees.

I currently serve as head of the 1818 Society Finance Committee and am its representative on the Bank's Pension Finance Committee (PFC), which oversees the pension investments and assesses the Bank's annual contributions to the pension and medical Plans to ensure that they remain well funded to support retiree benefits.

I am also VP of the BFSFCU Board, and currently President of the Fund and Bank Ski Club.

Sanjivi Rajasingham

I worked at the Bank for over 30 years, in several areas – Investments, Cofinancing and Guarantees, IDA Replenishments, and in infrastructure in LAC and Africa. My final position was Sector Manager Transport, Africa Region.

After retirement, I worked for several years as the Director of a regional partnership –the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility based in Sydney, Australia.

After returning to the DMV area, where I now live with my wife and dog, I have found the 1818 Society to be a valuable resource. I participate in the Society's Hiking Club activities, am a member of the Yoga Club, and also enjoy the social opportunities that the Society's activities and events provide. I served as a Society's representative on the Banks Pension Finance Committee which oversees our pensions and medical benefits plans from 2020 to 2024. I have been a longtime member of the Transport thematic group

I am currently a member of the Board, and I am seeking a second term at this election, to continue contributing to the governance of the Society, and help ensure that the Society moves forward in a dynamic way, considering the needs of members both recent and more senior.