



**Cairo American College
Board of Trustees
Community Representative Autobiographical Data**

Name	Brief Statement of Interest
<p data-bbox="88 383 327 415"><u>Elizabeth Bredin</u></p> 	<p data-bbox="359 370 2011 542">My first memorable school experience was as a student in the International School of Abidjan, in the Ivory Coast. In 1973, I was a member of the inaugural class at that school, one of 30 children from 13 different countries who shared an adventure in international education. That vivid and positive experience--of differentiated instruction, multilingual students, eager and active learners in a close community--has remained with me and motivated me to give my own children a similar opportunity. That is one of the reasons we are here in Cairo.</p> <p data-bbox="359 574 2011 716">My husband, John, joined the U.S. Department of State in part so that our children could experience a truly global community. We have lived in Tanzania, the Dominican Republic, the United States and now here in Cairo. Our time in Virginia and South Carolina, prior to moving to Egypt, allowed me to become familiar with pedagogical standards in the American public school system.</p> <p data-bbox="359 748 2011 850">I have three children at CAC, one in each school division: my youngest son is in 3rd grade; my middle son is in 6th grade and my 11th grade daughter is a candidate for the full IB diploma. Since they joined CAC, I have been an active volunteer in a wide variety of school activities and have become familiar with all three school divisions and with CAC as a whole.</p> <p data-bbox="359 883 2011 1057">On a professional and academic level, I have an extensive background in museum education, having helped shape programs at some of the premiere institutions in the United States, including the Smithsonian Institution and National Gallery of Art. Many of the skills I applied in those positions can be directly related to serving you and your children on the board of CAC: I was responsible for educational program development, children's publications, staff training, long-range interpretive planning, visitor research and media relations.</p> <p data-bbox="359 1089 2011 1230">I also served for seven years on the Board of Directors of the Museum Education Roundtable, five years as an officer of the board. The roundtable is a volunteer, non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, DG which supports professionals working in museum-based learning and publishes the only US journal devoted to the theory and practice of museum education.</p> <p data-bbox="359 1263 2011 1437">My personal and professional life have instilled in me a demonstrated interest in international education, a keen curiosity about how children learn best and many years of experience as a parent volunteer, an educator, and a board member. It is this combination of personal, professional and volunteer experiences which would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to our school. It would be an honor to serve the CAC community as a member of the Board of Trustees to help build on CAC's already outstanding program.</p>

Name	Brief Statement of Interest
<p data-bbox="90 212 331 245"><u>Julio Maldonado</u></p> 	<p data-bbox="359 212 2011 318">As the proud father of three CAC students (one in high school, one in middle school and one in elementary) I would like to serve on the Board and bring to it my multicultural background and international professional experience. CAC's high standard of education, for which it is renowned, is one of the main reasons our family chose to live in Cairo.</p> <p data-bbox="359 347 2011 526">Having grown up in the Foreign Service, I was fortunate to attend schools in four different countries, all of them with their own language, culture, discipline and great students, some of whom remain my friends to date, I also benefited from some fantastic teachers, mentors and coaches. As part of my professional international development I have participated in management programs in the United States, Sweden and several Middle Eastern countries, each one offering me their own unique perspective on how successful companies work.</p> <p data-bbox="359 555 2011 699">In my current position as Regional Agricultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, I am responsible for agricultural trade relations between the U.S. and four Middle East countries (Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Libya). Earlier in my career I worked for HESS Oil and later on started my own international agricultural trading company. I will bring a global entrepreneurial and cultural perspective to the Board at CAC along with my public sector and diplomatic experience.</p> <p data-bbox="359 729 2011 834">Presently I am serving as Treasurer for the American Employee's Cooperative and Welfare Association in Cairo. Since 2004 I have volunteered to conduct personal interviews of high school seniors, until 2008 in Virginia and since then in Egypt, for admission to Princeton University.</p> <p data-bbox="359 863 2011 927">For the past two seasons I have coached in the Maadi youth soccer league and more recently in the Maadi youth basketball association.</p>

Ineke Hodder



I feel encouraged to run for the Board of Trustees of the Cairo American College, as I believe I can make a valuable contribution to it and its mission, with my skills, experiences and knowledge. I would like to be actively involved with the path CAC is taking in maintaining the high standards we have come to expect from our world-class school.

I see my role on the Board as a liaison between the wider international community with the Board further ensuring that within a dynamic American education model the perspectives of our international community are being recognised. This would be complimenting the rich and varied expertise of the existing Board members.

I am married to Warren Hodder, who is employed with Makro Cash and Carry and mother to our daughters Lily, a High Schooler in grade 9, Richel and Lauren both are attending Middle School in grade 6. I am a grade 6 CAT representative. Since enrolling at CAC in 2008 our children have embraced all what CAC has on offer. I am a Dutch as well as Australian national and I have lived overseas since 1990.

I have been involved with the education providers of our children in various roles on PTO boards as well as with the Taipei Youth Program steering committee, since they first started school. This involvement has continued at all of the International Schools our girls have been enrolled; in Taipei, Shanghai, Ho Chi Minh City and the past 1 ½ years here in Cairo.

This year as well as last year I am the coordinator for the country representatives; together we organise the PTO International Festival where we celebrate our cultural diversity, this year 45 nationalities are taking part. During the present school year I was also one of the PTO Book Fair coordinators. These very different roles have shown me the different aspects of CAC and given me the opportunity to interact with a wide variety of students, parents, teachers and administrators, given me an insight on their expectations, needs and wants.

In the expat Cairo community I serve on the Cairo Youth Soccer League committee. I strongly believe that by actively volunteering and being involved in our (school) community, I am making a positive contribution to not only the lives of my own children as well as to those of others.

In our previous posting in Ho Chi Minh City I was employed as the Executive Manager of the Australian Chamber of Commerce, representing and promoting the interest of Australian businesses operating in Vietnam. A challenging position giving me an insight in modern business practices during an interesting transition period for Vietnam.

After this I returned to my profession as a facilities management consultant for a foreign owned full service Architecture firm located in Ho Chi Minh City. There I was involved with the construction/project management of one of the first “green” head offices, a well-known FMGC, in Vietnam. As our school is approaching Phase 2 of the Master Plan my expertise will enable me to make informed decisions.

I believe that being an expat has given me the opportunity to gain a broader outlook at the world, one I am proud to see develop and stimulated in our children encouraging them to be good global citizens in the future.

Khaled Ghazi



I currently hold the position of a Large Enterprise Sales Manager in IBM – Egypt Branch. I have 21 years of experience within IBM's Sales and distribution domain.

During the course of my career I have served on and headed many project committees and growth initiatives teams on top of my classical tasks of selling and managing sellers across the different routes of the Information technology industry, I have as well been on an going basis a member in the strategic planning team(s) that overlook the business planning and execution of the business objectives within the domain of the assigned business territories. I carry an MBA from Henley Management College, Oxford, UK and a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Cairo University.

I see myself as an appropriate board candidate in light of the following Rationale:

1. In line of the above working experience summary it may be seen that I could can be of an added value to the current respectful experienced board in the areas of strategic planning, projects supervising and financial operation optimization.
2. Being an experienced sales person, it may be seen that I could be of value in the area of leveraging the CAC's prominent name that could cater for the enhancement of the college's income and expenses optimization.
3. Being the son of a retired diplomat and an expatriate myself for a sizable part of my working carrier, I have spent a considerable portion of my school and working years overseas and joined a few international schools in different areas of the world, accordingly it may be seen that I can integrally relate to our College's multi cultural nature and mode of operation
4. Being a solid believer of the utmost importance of education as the best asset that a parent could offer to his kids gives me the drive to try to be a positive contributor to the education strategy and community service of the college and its associated community.

Last but definitely not least being the father of two CAC elementary stage students with many education years ahead of them I see myself as a solid stake owner who is very interested in serving the college for continuing its robust education system and perhaps add some modest value to the current already superior management quality.

I do see myself having the needed energy, willing to put in the needed service hours on top of having the needed knowledge and experience to be trusted in serving on the CAC board of trustees, I kindly ask for your vote if you see me of value in serving our college.

Maged Gobran



I am the father of two students at CAC, Adam Gobran, 7th grader, and Joseph, 5th grader. They have been both at CAC since kindergarten, with the exception of a year and a half that they spent at the American School in Paris.

With the long association that we had with our great school, and the many years ahead of us as members of the community, it is very important for me to actively participate in the Board to help shape future direction and give back some of my time to support school activities.

I believe I can offer the following assets to our Board or Trustees:

1. As a father of two children that have been long associated with the school I can give perspective on many of the successful experiences that we had and also a few of the non-successful ones
2. As a senior member of the international business community I can provide different perspectives on future plans as well as curricular needs that qualify today's young generation for success in the global market.
3. I have lived in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, France, Switzerland and the United States, I believe I can provide multicultural views and a good understanding of the different needs of different groups.
4. I am a citizen of both Egypt and the United States, and I was educated in both countries and am very familiar with education systems in both countries.
5. I am a long-time resident of Maadi with very close ties into different aspects of our community.
6. As a head of a major pharmaceutical company and a pharmacist by education I can give good insights in diverse healthcare issues.
7. I have always had a strong vested interest in education and I always gave some of my personal and professional time to enhance the quality of education in Egypt:
 - I sit in the Board of the Egyptian Education Foundation, and NGO that is dedicated to creating schools that uses Egyptian curriculum to provide world-class education.
 - I have been appointed for the Advisory Forum of the "Skills for Employability Program" by the British Council. It is a joint British-Egyptian Program to define skills needed for youth in Egypt today to be able to race the employment market.

Considering all, the above, I strongly believe that I can add good value to the Board and am very keen in joining. CAC has been an integral part of our family life for the last 6 years at many levels. It is also important to say that my wife Joumana Gobran, has been a substitute teacher for the last couple of years at different grades at the school and has been involved in many other activities of the school.

Stephanie Zobay



Although I have been a parent at CAC for only two years, I continue to find challenging opportunities in the school in which to volunteer and participate. Becoming a Community Representative member of the CAC Board of Trustees is such an opportunity. Having attended all of the Board's Open Meetings for the past year, I believe that I have the ability to provide some continuity to the Board. With a child in middle school and one in elementary school, I believe my candidacy can provide some balance to a Board that is heavily skewed toward the high school population. I can provide an insightful viewpoint and evaluate policies as they affect these populations firsthand. However, I have been a high school substitute teacher this year, and thus can provide a well balanced perspective for the campus as a whole.

I can offer the Board my expertise with respect to best practices in the allocation of resources as I hold a Ph. D. in Economics (with majors in public finance and labor), as well as an MBA, and an MS in Business Economics. As an elected ANC Commissioner for the District of Columbia, my role was to advocate for those projects which were beneficial to the community at large, irrespective of my personal belief. Thus I am able to support and uphold the majority decisions even when my feelings run counter to the actions.

I can provide "insider knowledge" in the day to day activities ongoing in the school as I have served as a volunteer for Kid's Day, 100's Day, PTO Book Fair, International Day, and serving Middle School pizza. I have contributed my culinary skills toward numerous charitable bake sales, as well as Geography food fests, Healthy Health potlucks, and English feasts. I am currently a CAT Representative and the Elementary School Baker Book Coordinator. And I support our school by attending our children's concerts, plays, athletic events, and the PTO sponsored events, such as the seminars presented by Michael Thompson.

In Washington, DC I served as a board member of the Oyster Bilingual School's PTA. I was an active participant in many fundraising events and have served on several Construction Liaison Committees for schools in our community. Additionally, I have devoted time to a number of community organizations. I have served on the Executive Committee of our local community association, and served on the Board of the local chapter of MOMS Club International, an organization designed to offer support to stay-at-home moms. In Egypt, I am an active member of our local church.

I have taught in both public and private institutions (Georgia State University, Agnes Scott College, and LaGrange College) and understand the dynamics regarding making educational decisions for the future. As a community advocate I am interested in the welfare of CAC, and would act for the community, as a whole, in promoting the future of the school. I believe I have the background, time and energy needed to actively support and promote the school's mission and policies.