



Alliance Française

Sacramento

Susan Tune

Candidate for the Board of Directors of the Alliance Française de Sacramento

I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Directors of the Alliance Française de Sacramento since 2011, the last few years as second vice-president. During that time, the board has guided the AF through many changes in its growth and development, including the move to the Clara Center for the Arts, the hiring of a new executive director, and giving our first gala fundraiser. As the AF has continued to grow, it has been gratifying to be able to share French culture and language education with an even larger community.

I have been taking French classes and volunteering at the Alliance since retiring in 2008. I believe my background in teaching, training, personnel management consulting, event planning, and work with other non-profits has been an asset in my work on the board. I continue to love attending my French classes and planning and volunteering for the many cultural events offered by AF de Sacramento. If elected, I will continue to dedicate my time and effort to helping AF thrive and grow.



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Burt R. Cohen

I enjoy working with people and supporting community efforts. My experience includes having served on other nonprofit boards, management and financial positions, and teaching at the college level. I first joined the Alliance in 2001, and have taken a variety of classes -- language and literature courses, as well as those focusing on the culture and history of different regions of France. I have traveled in France, including visiting my wife's ancestral village in Alsace. My speaking ability is, shall we say, intermediate, and I enjoy practicing every chance I get, including at the Alliance weekly conversation group.

I believe that the Alliance Française serves an important cultural and educational function in the Sacramento region, and I would like to remain active in continuing its mission. I have served on its Board of Directors for eight years, was its second vice president for three years, and have been first vice president for the last four. Since 2015 I have also served on the Board of the then newly formed CLARA as the tenant representative for the Alliance.

This is an important and exciting time for the Alliance, with continued growth under strong leadership, the relocation to a new building and environment, and its opportunities. I believe my experience can contribute to the Alliance as it moves forward. I understand the Alliance's history and goals, and ask for your support to help it continue to grow and prosper.



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Guy Michelier

I was born in Arles, in a region that is still close to my heart the “Provence” region in the South of France, near the Camargue. In fact, it is said that Arles is the door to the Camargue where wild flamingos, horses and bulls, still roams the natural parks. After finishing my education in France,

I arrived in California in 1977 and worked for the President and CEO of “Levis Strauss” as a butler for one year in his residence in Hillsborough near San Francisco. During this employment, I continued my education in the field of Criminal Justice and English where I continued here in Davis and Sacramento. Having studied these subjects, as well as my strong background in the field of automotive mechanics, I accepted a position with the State of California as an investigator for the Bureau of Automotive Repair where I was employed for 28 years until I retired in 2013.

During my professional career, I also contributed a lot as a volunteer for different organizations such as the “Sacramento French Film Festival – Planning Committee”, Habitat for Humanity - Family Selection Committee”, “WISE Foundation – Host Family”, KVIE-6 – Studio Captain”,

“Davis High School – PTA”, and recently as the new French Honorary Consul here in Sacramento. I am a resident of Davis where I raised my two children Christopher and Patrick who are now married. Christopher who lives in Tennessee and works as an engineer for AT&T, and Patrick who is an MD Orthopedic surgeon at UCD Med Center in Sacramento. It has been over two years now that I am a member of the Alliance Française and am looking forward to many more years with your vote of confidence. I find the Alliance Française very important for the French and American community and full of resources for all including the French community, as well as for all the Francophiles and Francophone’s in the region. My passion is traveling, photography, Aikido Martial Art, and cooking with my partner Elise Bauer.

I hope you will accept me to continue with my responsibilities as a board member with the Alliance Française.



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Julie Baumhoff

I am Julie Baumhoff and I would like to run for the Alliance Française de Sacramento board. I have been an Alliance member for 11 years, have been on the board for ten years, and have been the board secretary for nine years.

I am a native Californian; born in Berkeley, raised in Davis, and have spent most of my adult life in Sacramento.

I lived a year, as a ten year old, in the French speaking part of Switzerland. As a young adult I lived two years in France; one year in Paris studying at l'Alliance Française and one year in Nantes as an au pair and attending classes at l'Université de Nantes.

My working career was spent at the California DMV where I worked as an information systems analyst. After I retired in 2008, I started classes at l'Alliance, which I have continued ever since.



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Jim Sandberg-Larsen

I've been a student and/or a board member of the Alliance Française since 2007 but have had a lifelong interest in French.

I've been an exchange student to France twice, the first time through the University of Oregon and the second through the UC Irvine MBA program. Over the years I have fed my passion for French by listening to French radio, reading novels and taking classes at the Alliance. I am a CPA and was an auditor with the California State Auditor for 24 years before retiring from state service in 2017. Over the last nine years, I have enjoyed bringing my perspective and skills to the position of Treasurer for the Alliance. I've helped ensure that the Board is well informed about the Alliance's finances and that the organization has maintained a stable financial position. I think the Alliance is doing a great job promoting French language and culture in the Sacramento region both through its language school and special events. I would love to continue helping the Alliance as it expands its programs.



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Roman Munoz

I was born in Jalisco, Mexico, a region with a rich history of immigrants from Spain and France, therefore the French language and culture always seemed familiar and dear to me. I joined the Alliance Française here in Sacramento, California in order to have access to the French classics and to be able to converse with other French speakers. In 2017 I had the honor of being asked to become a board member, which I accepted with joy. I am passionate about language and have the distinct luck of speaking six. As a board member I am grateful to be able to use my talents and connections in order to have our Alliance grow stronger and better so that we can fulfill our mission of sharing the French language and culture with our fellow Californian and foreign friends. I am grateful and happy to be part of this organization which allows me to live my life with a French accent.

