



Alliance Française

Seattle - USA

2018 Annual Election of the board of Directors Slate of Candidates

Annual Meeting & Elections to be held at the Alliance Française de Seattle 4649 Sunnyside Ave N. #223, Seattle WA 98103

Friday, April 27th, 2018 at 12:00 PM

The Alliance Française is opening voting from March 31st through April 27th, 2018.

2018 Candidates:

BOARD MEMBERS SEEKING RE-ELECTION, TERM ENDING APRIL 2019:

Robert Baldino. Robert is French and works as a Finance Director at Amazon. He has a long experience of living and working in France and the USA. After graduating in Finance from a French business school he obtained his MBA in International Business in New York. He and his family moved to the Pacific Northwest fifteen years ago and are happily settled here. He enjoys working in an international environment, is well connected with Seattle's French community and has travelled extensively throughout the USA. He has had the pleasure of attending events organized by the Alliance Française and this has led him to want to become more directly involved in supporting our organization, leveraging his experience, networks and belief in the benefits of multi-cultural activity. Robert has been the AF treasurer for 7 years and would like to support the Alliance Française de Seattle for another year.

Thierry Rautureau. Thierry Rautureau has served on the board since 2012 and is now seeking a second term. He enjoyed his time as a board member and is proud to be one of them. He also believes that the Alliance Française de Seattle has the capability to pursue its missions and has everything it needs to grow in the Puget Sound.

Thierry Rautureau, Chef in the Hat is the chef/owner of Rover's Restaurant (1987-2013), Luc, and Loulay Kitchen & Bar (Seattle Met Restaurant of the Year 2014) in Seattle, Washington. For 26 years, Rover's offered cuisine that Rautureau describes as Northwest Contemporary with a French accent. Rautureau was born in the town of Saint Hilaire de Loulay in the Muscadet region of France. At fourteen, he started a cooking apprenticeship in Anjou, France. At twenty, he moved to the United States and worked at various fine restaurants including La Fontaine in Chicago, the Regency Club for Joachim Splichal in Los Angeles, and the Seventh Street Bistro with Laurent Quenioux, also in Los Angeles. While visiting Seattle in 1987, Rautureau dined at Rover's and discovered that the restaurant was up for sale. Tired of Los Angeles, he decided to buy the restaurant so that he could express his culinary creativity as the chef/owner. Rautureau received the name Chef in the Hat, due to his ever-present fedora. Chef Thierry Rautureau has won various awards including the James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Pacific Northwest in 1998, and has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre Du Mérite Agricole by the French government. Rautureau's cuisine can best be described as whimsical.

Chef in the Hat is well-known for his radio show "Seattle Kitchen" with Chef Tom Douglas and Katie O on Kiro 97.3FM and his television appearance as a contestant on Bravo's *Top Chef Master's* in 2010 and again in 2012.

BOARD MEMBERS SEEKING RE-ELECTION, TERM ENDING APRIL 2021:

Patrick Calliari. Patrick has served on the board as an officer since 2013 and as a President since June 2015. He would like to seek another year on the board of the Alliance Française de Seattle.

Patrick Calliari is a French Entrepreneur. Born and raised in Paris, he created his first enterprise in France and then embarked on new business ventures in South America, Canada and the United States. As a resident of Kirkland, Washington, for the last 16 years, he owns and operates a variety of enterprises between France and North America (United States and Canada)s. He advocates the French culture and fosters trade with France.

BALLOT

** The Alliance is opening voting from **March 31st through April 27th** **

I am a member in good standing of the AF and *I approve* the above listed slate of candidate.

I am a member in good standing of the AF and *I do not approve* the above listed slate of candidate.

Member name: _____

Voting Instructions

1. Please cross out the sentence that you don't choose, such that only the sentence expressing your vote remains legible.
2. Mail your ballot to: Nominating Committee, Alliance Française de Seattle, 4649 Sunnyside Ave N. #205, Seattle, WA98103.
3. Drop off your ballot in a sealed envelope at the office.
4. Bring your ballot to the Annual Meeting on Friday, April 27th, 2018.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 27th, 2018