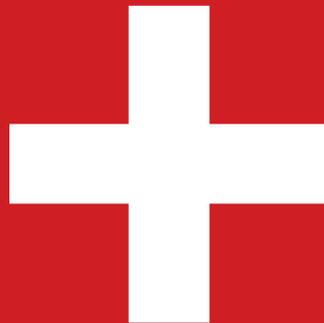
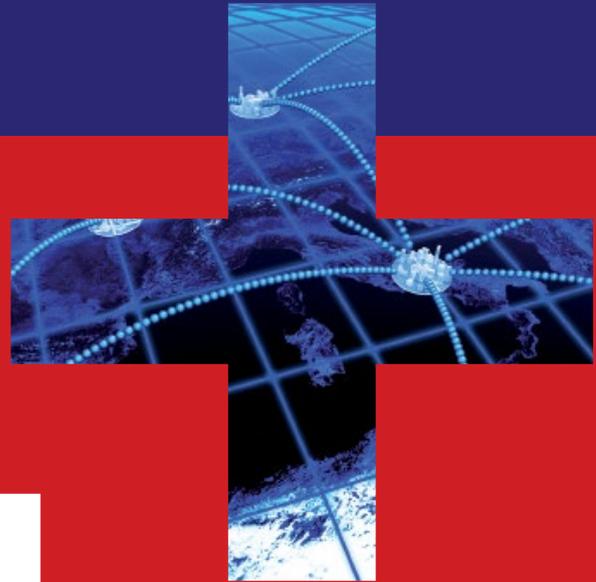


2015 Board of Directors Elections & Voting Information



Info on AmCham Board of Directors

What is the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors consist of 17 member representatives elected by the membership. Directors serve two-year terms with no limit on the number of terms served. What are Their Duties? A director is obliged to attend at least half of the six annual meetings of the board of directors. A director is expected to attend a suitable number of Chamber events, to promote the Chamber in the business and general community, to assist in the recruitment and retention of members, and to carry out other projects as determined in the course of board meetings. A director is also responsible to act in a manner reflecting the standards of professional behavior outlined in the Chamber Code of Business Conduct. Failure to do so can lead to a board vote for removal. In the event that a director cannot serve his or her full term, the board of directors is authorized to determine his or her replacement. The precedent for replacement is to appoint the next highest vote-getter in the most recent board the same member company, and cannot be automatically replaced on the board by a subordinate or superior from the same member company.

What are Their Responsibilities?

Financial Responsibilities. *The board of directors is responsible for approving the annual budget and any significant extrabudgetary expense (usually defined as any expenditure in excess of CZK 100,000 not associated with a Core Activity). The board of directors has sole authority to approve spending on Special Projects, which are defined as any activity not listed in the budget as a Core Activity of the Chamber.*

Strategic Responsibilities. *The board of directors is responsible for approving and monitoring accomplishment of the Chamber Strategic Review and Action Plan. The Strategic Review takes place every two years over the period of three board meetings. The Action Plan is approved annually and reports are made by the Executive Sta at each board meeting.*

Administrative Responsibilities. *All administrative oversight and responsibilities are undertaken by the executive committee, which is composed of five board members elected annually by the board of directors. Administrative duties include oversight of all Core Activities, budgetary spending, sta activities (including hiring and compensation).*

Public Representation. *The President and Executive Director are authorized to speak on behalf of the Chamber. Directors can be asked by the Board to represent the Chamber publicly at events or in the media.*

Voting Information

You should receive either 5 (Corporate Patron, Corporate) or 2 (Small Business / Entrepreneur) ballots by email from Weston Stacey on May 11, 2015. If you haven't, please contact Lucie Vrbova at lvrbova@amcham.cz.

The member representatives listed on the following pages have all confirmed their interest in being candidate for the board of directors and in serving on the board if elected or subsequently appointed to a seat. All representatives running for the board are members in good standing.

There are nine positions open in this election. You may select and mark up to eight candidates on each ballot. Any ballot with more than eight marks will be invalid. When you receive registered mail and informative email, the election period is considered open. You can submit your completed ballots to the Chamber offices until 5 pm, June 5th 2015.

Candidates will be informed of the results, and the 2015-2016 Board of Directors will meet prior to the General Assembly to determine which board members will comprise the executive committee. The results of the board elections and the appointment of the executive committee will be confirmed at the

General Assembly on June 18, 2015.

Current Board of Directorsbudi

*The Following Directors were elected or Appointed in 2014
and will serve the Second Year of Their term in 2015-2016*



Erik Best
*Publisher
Fleet Sheet/E.S. Best*



Ladislav Haškovec
*Managing Director
Honeywell*



Michal Chour
*General Manager
Radisson Blu Alcron Prague*



Michal Klimeš
*Managing Director
SILICON GRAPHICS*



Josef Kotrba
*Office Managing Partner
Deloitte Advisory*



Magdalena Soucek
*Managing Partner
Ernst & Young*



Branislav Šebo
*Country General Manager
IBM Ceska republika*



Biljana Weber
*Managing Director
MICROSOFT*

Candidate Profiles

Board Mission Statement

The purpose of AmCham is to connect members and exchange the information among them in order to grow the business and take full advantage of the opportunities in Czech Republic. As a young entrepreneur who built a leading social media agency in Czech Republic, I have ambition to share the knowledge with other members on contemporary digital technologies that can significantly improve business performance and monetize their visibility online.

As a board member I want to represent Czech Republic's digital community and give opportunity to other motivated and driven people to join and fully take advantage of the opportunities that AmCham offers.



Petr Andrysek

Chief Shark

Socialsharks s.r.o.



Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Actively participating in growing AmCham and spreading the information about the activities.
- Involving young entrepreneurs to become active members and contribute with ideas in order to make the membership even more beneficial.

Previous Involvement with AmCham:

- Participation in AmCham events.
- BrandMe - free social media personal branding workshop for AmCham members.

Company Membership:

- Small Business

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 9 years

Career History:

- Since 2008 owner and CEO of Socialsharks, a leading social media agency in Czech Republic.
- 2010-2011 founder and manager of Doluj.cz, daily deal site focused only on Moravian-Silesian region with turnover of over 1,5 million CZK per month.
- 2007-2010 project manager of Avizo, a.s.
- 2006 representing Czech Republic as the president of the student company on European Final Junior Achievement Youth enterprise Student Company of the Year.

Personal Note:

- I am helping to youth entrepreneurs and student companies as consultant on behalf of program Junior Achievement. I enjoy playing rugby and fishing.

Board Mission Statement

If re-elected as a board member, I would like to build on my 14 years AmCham Board experience (last six years as 2nd Vice President) and to contribute to a further expansion of AmCham as the leading voice of the business community in the Czech Republic. I am sure you have noticed that the Executive Committee and the Board of Amcham have successfully followed the approved strategic plan in both Advocacy and Networking agendas. I am pleased to hear from many members that our efforts are truly appreciated. As a member of the Executive Committee concentrated mainly on Amcham networking agenda. I am happy to see that in the last couple of years an increased number of members participated in targeted, high level events that have been organized by Amcham, including our "crown jewel", the traditional Thanksgiving Ball. I am also proud that Constellation Executive Search company is an active Corporate Patron of Amcham in the Czech Republic. In Constellation we always aim at attracting new investors to enter the Czech market and to create new job opportunities in the Czech Republic.



Jan Brázda

Managing Partner

Constellation s.r.o.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Networking*
- *Economic Development*
- *Regional Development*

Previous Involvement with AmCham

- *Member of the Board of Directors (2001 - 2015)*
- *2nd Vice President (2009 – 2015)*

Company Membership:

- *Corporate Patron Member since 2009*

Career History:

- *Managing Partner, Constellation Executive Search (2009 - present)*
- *Director, Spencer Stuart (2008 – 2009)*
- *MD CEE Hays (2005 – 2008)*
- *GM CEE AMERICAN EXPRESS (1999 – 2005)*

Personal Note:

- *Education*
 - *MBA, University of Pittsburgh*
 - *Ing., VSE Praha*
- *Personal interests – Literature, Theatre, Sports, Organizing networking and cultural events for friends*

Board Mission Statement

Amcham has proved to be an important and influential body in the Czech business community. As a representative of a company that has long-term involvement in, and respect for, the communities it serves, I would like to assist Amcham in leadership and CSR activities aimed at the development of local communities – especially in terms of increasing the level of community participation in programmes that support a healthy active lifestyle and environmental responsibility.



Josef Karásek

Coca-Cola Czech Republic and Slovakia

Country Manager

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Leadership – Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*

Previous Involvement with AmCham:

- *Patron Member*

Company Membership:

- *Patron Member since 1997*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- *5 years in Czech industry*

Career History:

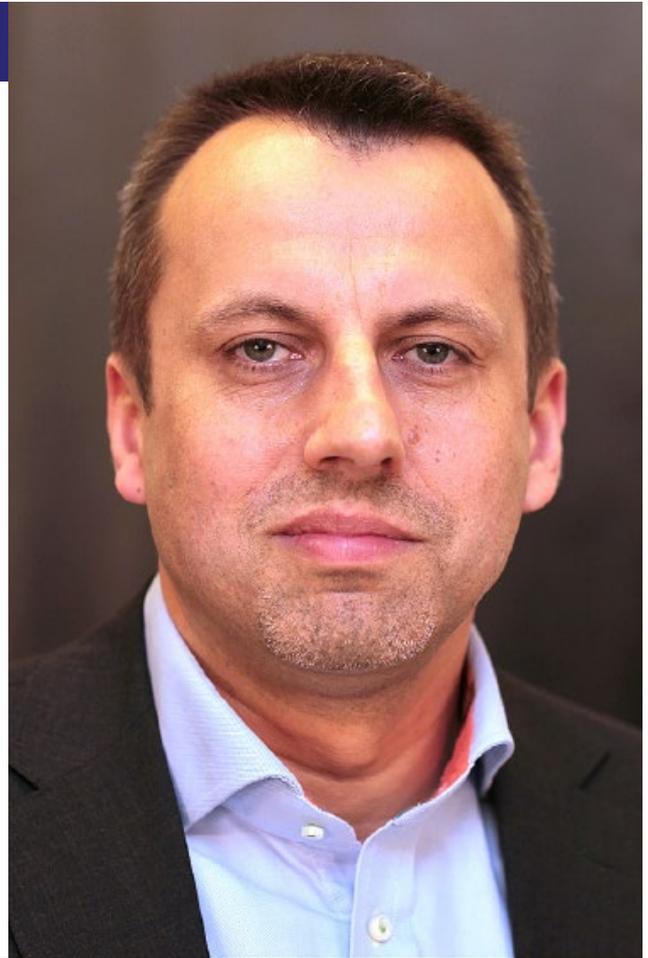
- *The Coca-Cola Company, Franchise Country Manager 2015 Czech Republic and Slovakia*
- *The Coca-Cola Company, Franchise Area Operations Director Czech Republic and Slovakia, Slovenia, 2013-2014*
- *The Coca-Cola Company, Franchise Area Operations Director Czech Republic and Slovakia, Baltics 2009-2013*
- *The Coca-Cola Company, Country Manager Czech Republic and Slovakia, 2005-2009*
- *The Coca-Cola Company, Marketing Director Czech Republic and Slovakia, 2003-2005*

Personal Note:

- *I enjoy taking care of my daughter in my free time, helping out with good causes and playing tennis.*

Board Mission Statement

As we are out of crisis now the key question should be how we can utilize this momentum - as a member I would like to support AmCham in their effort to make the Czech Republic more competitive and better place to do business both for international and local companies. Sharing best business practices among members, unleashing innovation and then helping others to implement it will be my main objective. As 3M is active in many areas of business like industrial, electro, electronics, healthcare I could offer support of experts in their areas to make Czech better place to live and do business.



Radoslaw Kaskiewicz

Managing Director

3M Central Region

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *support networking*
- *ncrease competitiveness via innovation*
- *business ethics*

Career History:

- *1993-1995 - Sales and Marketing Manager ICI*
- *1995-2003 - Sales and Marketing Manager IATD division 3M in Poland*
- *2004-2007 - Global Product Manager 3M Industrial St. Paul USA*
- *2007-2009 - Business Development Manager Industrial Business 3M Central and East Europe*
- *2009-2014 - Country Business Director Industrial and Electronics Business Groups 3M in Poland*
- *2014-2015 - Managing Director 3M Czech Republic*

- *2015-present - Managing Director 3M Central Region (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary)*

Personal note:

- *Languages: English, Polish, Russian*
- *Interests: Traveling, Tennis, Photography*

Board Mission Statement

AmCham's mission is to improve the business environment in Czech Republic. I believe that communication is a vital part of that mission. Communication is transforming the world, the way we live, work and do business. At Grayling we are committed to delivering the highest standard of communications services, through effective use of data-driven insight, creativity and experience. I'd be proud to offer my expertise to help AmCham reach the right audience and make Czech business more transparent and ethical.



Ivo Mareš

General Manager

Grayling Czech Republic, s.r.o.

Candidate's AmCham priorities:

- *Profiling AmCham as networking platform pioneering new communication channels and new ways of engagement*
- *Support of transparent and ethical business environment including PA and GR*
- *Communication as a key aspect of business transformation*

Past AmCham involvement:

- *Proactive involvement in Marketing Committee*
- *PR content in Digital communication workshop for members and guests*
- *Stakeholder engagement workshop for members and guests*
- *Social media consultancy for AmCham*

Company membership:

- *Small Business Membership since 2007*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- *20 years in media and communication consultancy*

Career History:

- *General Manager at Grayling Czech Republic: 2014 - present*
- *Chairman of the board/Co-founder at Phoenix Communication: 2009 - 2014*
- *Crisis communication and PR & media skills coach: 2005 - 2009*
- *PR Consultant at Grayling Czech Republic: 2003 - 2005*
- *Editor-in-Chief of high-end technology magazines: 1996 - 2003*

Personal note:

- *Passionate about Ancient literature and history, big fan of Martin Scorsese's and Milos Forman's movies.*

Board Mission Statement

I would like to focus on legal reform and economic development the new construction law. With my experience advising businesses here for the last 15 years, I know there are many aspects of Czech law that need improvement. As a director, I would facilitate communication between members and AmCham to identify legal/business issues that are worthy of attention and common to a broad spectrum of our membership.

Promoting economic development would be another priority, and specifically in the regions. Industrial zones, brownfields, and public-private partnerships can attract new investment and business opportunities while also improving quality of life. As a member of the Board of Directors, I would work at combining the skills of our members that are interested in these projects with our success in government policy-based initiatives.



Michael Mullen

Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers Česká republika, s.r.o.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Economic Development- Regional Infrastructure Development*
- *Legal Reform- Company Legislation*

Past AmCham Involvement:

- *Member, Board of Directors, 2006- 2015*
- *Member, Financial & Capital Markets Committee (2003-present)*
- *Member, Bankruptcy Working Group (2003-present). Commented on draft law*
- *Member, Commercial Code Working Group (2003-present)*

Company Membership:

- *Corporate patron*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- *25 years*

Career History:

- *Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers (Prague): 2013 – present*
- *Partner, HAVEL & HOLÁSEK (Prague): 2003 – 2012*
- *Senior associate, White & Case (Prague): 2000-2003*
- *Associate, Altheimer & Gray (Chicago, Istanbul, Bucharest): 1996-2000*

Personal Note:

- *Speaks Czech and English fluently*
- *Enjoys biking and spending time with family*

Board Mission Statement

I have the unique privilege of leading Citibank's franchise in the Czech Republic as the first Czech Citi Country Officer. My priorities, as AmCham board Member, would be to promote the Czech Republic as preferred destination for investments and business. Citibank is in a unique position, serving individuals, communities, institutions and nations, in more than 160 countries, connecting millions of people in over 1,000 cities and I hope to be able to use the scale of Citi's presence as well as more than 200year's history globally and 22 years in the Czech republic to the benefit of the country and AmCham activities. I would like to focus with on healthy development of both local and international businesses in the country. Given my prior roles in both financial sector (20 years with Citibank) and public sector (4 years with Czech railways), I believe I am well positioned to work with AmCham towards improving business practices, corporate governance and regulatory framework, which impact all of us. I am ready together with my colleagues to work on solutions to key challenges in business, which AmCham is dealing with in order to make the business climate in the country transparent, professional and competitive.



Michal Nebeský

Country Manager

Citibank Europe plc, organizační složka

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Responsible finance*
- *Corporate Governance*
- *Implementation of global best practices in business and finance*

Previous Involvement with AmCham:

- *Corporate Patron since 1994*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- *24 years*

Career History:

- *Citigroup 1991 -2008, with last position held as Citigroup's Risk Manager for Central Europe*
- *Czech railways 2008 -2012, CFO and Board Member*
- *Elected CFO of the year in 2011*
- *Rejoined Citigroup as Managing Director and Country Head for the Czech republic and CZ/SK Cluster Head in November 2012*

Personal Note:

- *I am slow, but enthusiastic runner, like baroque music and good books.*

Board Mission Statement

The American Chamber of Commerce has a unique position in the Czech business environment. If elected again as a Board member I would be honoured to serve for the continuous success of AmCham and I am again ready to dedicate my experience and energy to further enhance AmCham's position as trusted and respected partner to both business community and state authorities. I would like to focus on AmCham priorities, especially Competitiveness, Healthcare and Transparency. MSD has been active member of AmCham for 22 years and Corporate Patron for the last 12 years.



Václav Novotný

Managing Director

Merck Sharp & Dohme s.r.o.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Competitiveness, Healthcare, Transparency*
- *Further strengthen trusted and respected partnerships of AmCham in the Czech business community*

Previous Involvement with AmCham:

- *Vice-president*
- *Member of the Board of Directors*

Company Membership:

- *Corporate Patron Member since 2003*
- *Member since 1993*

Career History:

- *Managing Director, MSD Czech Republic (Merck & Co) 2008 – present*
- *Managing Director, MSD Slovakia (Merck & Co) 2004 – 2008*
- *Marketing and Business functions in MSD – since 1996*

Personal Note:

- *M.D., 1st Medical Faculty of Charles University, Prague*
- *MBA, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York*
- *Interests – Sports, Travelling*

Board Mission Statement

It would be an honor for me to continue to work as a Member of the Board of AmCham. Representing this reputable organization will allow me to contribute almost twenty years of experience in applying Czech law in the context of some of the most complex legal projects for the benefit of improving the business environment in the Czech Republic. I trust that I will be able to continue in raising issues and promoting ideas that correspond with the major philosophy of AmCham of increasing the economic competitiveness of the Czech Republic. I wish to play a significant part in improving existing laws and the application thereof, and to enter into debates with government and parliamentary representatives on given proposals. The Insolvency Act, to which AmCham has made a significant contribution, is a prime example of the efficiency of AmCham's legal team. I would like to continue to contribute to similar endeavors to improve this country's legislation and the application thereof, including any similar initiatives related to the New Civil Code and its implementation.



David Plch

Office Executive Partner

White & Case (Europe) LLP, organizační složka

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Advocacy – Legal Reform*
- *Organizational Excellence – Perspective of Consulting Businesses*

Company Membership:

- *Corporate Patron Member since January 2011, Corporate Member since July 1994*

Career History:

- *2005 – Present – Partner, Head of Banking and Insolvency and Restructuring Practice, White & Case, Prague*
- *2002 – 2005 – Associate – White & Case, Prague*
- *2001 – 2002 – Banking Section Associate – White & Case, New York*
- *1997 – 2001 – Associate – White & Case, Prague*
- *1996 – 1997 – Associate – Local Law Firm, Brno*

Personal Note:

- *I believe that this country and the Czech business community in particular, have no need for further laws. We may need to improve some existing laws, and perhaps replace a very few of them with new and better laws, but most of all, we now need to focus on the application and enforcement of existing laws in a fair, efficient and predictable manner. Only a legal system that is stable and predictable in the long run can make the Czech Republic a better place to do business.*

Board Mission Statement

Over the next two years I would like to devote my energy to three areas:

1. Create a vision for Czech Competitiveness/Collaborativeness 2030/2040 and a related action plan to attract and retain the best talents from the region.
2. As also President of Prague Convention Bureau for the next 2 years to create the synergy for the ecosystem that promotes applied research and high value added services by bringing together R&D, investors as well as businesses into incubators and accelerators.
3. I would explore further the responsibility of business to society through more responsible and informed leadership.

My energies would especially be devoted to small and medium enterprises, which do not have resources commanded by large corporations.



Sanjiv Suri

President & CEO
Zátiší Group

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Economic Development – Czech Competitiveness 2030/2040
- Economic Development - Meetings, Incentives, Congresses, Conventions & Events Promotion
- Economic development – Responsibility of business to add value to society

Previous Involvement with AmCham:

- Member of the Board of Directors of Amcham since 2003

Company Membership:

- Corporate Patron Member since 2002

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 24 years

Career History:

- President of "Prague Convention Bureau" (2011–2015)
- Member of the Board of directors of UNICEF (2005 -2014)
- Member of Young President's Organisation (since 2003)
- Alumnus of London Business School,
- Alumnus of Cornell University and ESSEC (one of the top 2 french business schools)
- Visited Harvard and Stanford 8 times for 1 week executive programs with Young President's Organization

Personal Note:

- Interests: Golf, Walking, Travelling, Spirituality

Board Mission Statement

AmCham has achieved a lot and is respected among business and political community. I would like to contribute to the better co-operation between business and state administration / government to improve entrepreneurs environment and competitiveness in the Czech Republic.



Milan Vašina

Managing Director

T-Mobile Czech Republic, a.s.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Transparency and ethics in business*
- *Economic Development differentiation and business opportunities*
- *Infrastructure development*
- *Networking*

Previous Involvement with AmCham

- *Active participation at AmCham ball,*
- *GM Breakfasts / Evenings*

Company Membership:

- *Corporate Patron since 1998*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

Milan Vašina (46) graduated from the Faculty of Economics, University of Agriculture in Brno. He's been working for Deutsche Telekom since 1997. Started his career as Marketing Communications Manager. He worked as Marketing Director for EuroTel (later T-Mobile Slovakia) in Bratislava between 2002-2007. In 2007 became Managing Director of T-Mobile Slovakia. Since 1 January 2011 he's been working as Managing Director of T-Mobile Czech Republic.

Board Mission Statement

AmCham is a very reputable organization in the business community and also respected by Czech political representatives. Currently, the Czech Republic operates below its potential. This is mainly caused by inefficient performance of the government and public sector. I think that AmCham as independent organization can provide objective comments and recommendations for steps necessary to improve competitiveness of the country.

If elected as a board member I am ready to support AmCham advocacy activities. As tax advisor I can focus on designing tax policy which will reflect best practices from global perspective. I will also continue in an effort for more transparent public governance. Being also member of the Czech Government Council for Sustainable Development I will actively promote principles of sustainability in any strategic discussions.



Jan Žurek

Managing partner

KPMG Czech Republic

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- *Good Governance project*

Past AmCham Involvement:

- *Participating in preparation of several Tax policy papers 1995 – 2014*
- *Platform for Transparent Business 2011 – 2014*
- *Sponsor, Thanksgiving Ball*

Company membership:

- *Corporate Patron Member since 1993*

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- *30 years*

Career History:

- *Managing Partner of KPMG Czech Republic (2010 – present)*
- *Board member of KPMG in Central and Eastern Europe (2006 – present)*
- *Head of Tax, KPMG Czech Republic (1993 - 2012)*

Personal Interests:

- *Speaks Czech, English, German,*
- *Personal interests: Literature, Skiing, Golf*