

Meet the candidates



Aldis Alliks, Attorney at Law

Law Firm "ALLIKS un PARTNERI"

Industry: Legal services and business consulting

Membership category: Small Business

Aldis Alliks is a member of the Latvian Bar Association since 1994. He has over 20 years of experience in litigation and other legal services. Aldis is a renowned expert in civil liability issues. He specializes in complex civil and commercial litigation as well as provides legal assistance to the victims of financial and commercial crime. Aldis also assists companies with commercial fraud due diligence analysis as well as suggests individualized commercial fraud prevention programs. Also, he is an exclusive Latvian representative of FraudNet, the division of the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) Commercial Crime Services, and represents Latvia in the Legal Experts Advisory Panel of the London-based Fair Trials International. Aldis enjoys delivering speeches and seminars on legal as well as leadership and motivational issues. Aldis is JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senator no. 68963 and has served as JCI Latvia National President 2008.

Why do you stand for the Board election?

"My motto will be: Ask not what AmCham can do for you – ask what you can do for your country through AmCham. What I would love to bring to Latvia as an AmCham board member is: more business opportunities, by supporting and advocating TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), as well as a diversity of energy supplies, by supporting and advocating other alternatives to the current ones. In general, I will support active citizenship, good corporate governance and transparent policy initiatives in Latvia."



Eriks Eglitis, Country Manager

Microsoft Latvia

Industry: Information technology

Membership category: Corporate Contributing

Eriks Eglitis is Country Manager in Microsoft Latvia since May 2011. He has over 20 years of experience in information and communications technologies (ICT) industry. He is enthusiastic about and has deep knowledge of how to use ICT for value creation for businesses, public sector, and individuals. Prior to joining the Microsoft team, Eriks worked in Samsung Electronics, where he was in charge of Telecommunications business in the Baltics. Eriks has developed and administered the development strategy of Information Systems in public and private sector - VAS Latvijas Pasts, SIA Lattelecom, SIA 2012 IBM Latvija, AS Software House Riga."

Why do you stand for the Board election?

"I truly share the mission and goals of the AmCham, and am honored to be part of its proceedings. ICT is always about change, being with time, on time, even running ahead of time. Simultaneously – it is a balancing act of losing nothing of what has been built good. That is what I would love to bring to AmCham board: another angle, another viewpoint, to develop further great ideas of this remarkable community."



Arnis Kākulis, Director
AECOM
Industry: Consulting services
Membership category: Corporate

Since 2007, Arnis Kakulis has served as the Director of the Baltic Region for AECOM, and as such is the co-leader of three AECOM offices in Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius. His focus is to direct complex project engagements with various business sector clients specifically in strategic planning and design management. He is also currently the AECOM Transportation business line leader in the Baltics.

Previously, in his 8-year tenure with OWP/P, a Chicago-based 300 person multi-disciplinary architecture, engineering and consulting services firm, Arnis was a Principal and the Director of the Consulting Practice, specialized in the business development and management of corporate, health-care and education projects.

Arnis earned both his Master of Architecture and Master in Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

As an active member of AmCham, Arnis represents the Chamber as the co-leader of the Transportation Working Group of the Foreign Investors Council of Latvia.

Why do you stand for the Board election?

“AmCham has always been a very pro-active organization facilitating thought leadership among its membership and as such providing a forum for sharing best practices to the government, the business community, and the citizens of Latvia. I feel that this information exchange and knowledge transfer is essential for the future positive development of this country as a strategic cornerstone to the Baltic Sea Region. I embrace the challenge to assist AmCham and its members to share their insights and experiences to continually improve the development and business climate of Latvia.”



Janis A. Meija, Director
Dunder Mifflin
Industry: Building/Construction
Membership category: Small business

Janis Meija, a native of Lansing, Michigan, is a member of the Michigan Bar, and holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan, a J.D. degree from Michigan State University College of Law, and has studied as an exchange student at the Riga Graduate School of Law LL.M. program. Rather than continue his career in the legal consulting field, Janis has opted for hands on experience in construction and remodeling. In 2014 Janis founded Dunder Mifflin SIA, a boutique construction firm dedicated to providing an exceptional level of service and craftsmanship. Dunder Mifflin projects range from remodeling and reconstruction of residential units in central Riga to construction of office and commercial space. Dunder Mifflin focuses on providing a personalized hand on approach, helping clients realize their home remodeling visions and build the home of their dreams.

Why do you stand for the Board election?

“I will work to continue the Chamber’s tradition of offering high quality services to its members, and in promoting transparency and good governance to improve the business climate in Latvia.”



Aigars Milts, Country Manager

Aon Baltic

Industry: Insurance

Membership category: Corporate Contributing

Aigars Milts is managing Aon Plc. operations in Latvia. He has been with Aon since 2007 developing Aon in Latvia and in the Baltic region. He has more than 15 years' experience in insurance business including several positions of trust also working abroad.

Aigars is the board member of Latvia's Professional Insurance Brokers association and is advocating for transparent business environment in insurance industry and is eager to contribute in improvement of Latvia's business environment to foster the adaption of best practices in Latvia's business environment.

Why do you stand for the Board election?

"Every one of us is responsible for what is happening in our business community through acting or not acting as we all are a part of Latvia's business community, no-one except us will change the business environment and our society's attitude towards important matters. I believe that together with AmCham and through active participation in the work of AmCham board I will be able to institutionalize values that AmCham stands for in Latvia's business community."



Eric Trusiewicz, Director Strategic Planning

CEMEX

Industry: Production and retail of building materials

Membership category: Corporate Contributing

Originally from Connecticut, Eric Trusiewicz has been a Board Member and Director Strategic Planning of CEMEX, the largest industrial foreign investor in the Baltics, since 2012. Prior to working in Latvia, he has worked in different roles in CEMEX in France, UK, Spain and the United States, having started in the group's global strategic planning division.

Before CEMEX, Eric worked with the New York Times Company in business development and in the newsroom of the International Herald Tribune, as well as with the Madrid-based think tank FRIDE, focused on Human Rights and Security issues. Eric has a Bachelor's degree in History from Yale University.

Why do you stand for the Board election?

"AmCham should be both a means to promote better and more transparent business in Latvia, and an enjoyable forum for business networking among its members. I would like to join the Board in order to promote its values for business conduct which are in line with both CEMEX's and my own, as well as its role in fostering friendship and cooperation among like-minded businesses in Latvia. I believe I can bring to the Board the perspective of one of Latvia's largest industrial exporters, complementing the strong representation of legal and finance members."