



Nominating Committee Recommendations April 2026

Earlier this year, Foundation Board President Jeff Russell appointed a Nominating Committee per the Foundation's bylaws. The Committee, chaired by immediate Past President Jennifer Bertolet, has met to recommend members for election to the Foundation Board of Directors. The Committee, made up of board members Jennifer Bertolet, Jeff Russell, Rick Dinger, Todd Vradenburg, and Kris Hons, is hereby submitting candidates for board membership.

Board Nominations

Six current board members have terms expiring in June 2026. The following five members are being recommended for new three-year terms through June 2029.

Name	Company	Year Joined
Suzette Clover	Retired, Superior Court of Los Angeles	2014
Rick Dinger	Crescenta Valley Insurance	2009
Kris Hons	Stevenson Real Estate	2012
Adel Luzuriaga	Nextblock.com	2017
Edwin Sahakian	Ardwin Freight	2014

Director Mike Haney has opted not to continue his service on the Board. The Nominating Committee thanks him for his 19 years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee is recommending the addition of two new members to the Board of Directors. If approved, they would take office in July and serve three-year terms through June 2029. (Biographies attached)

- Vahe Peroomian, Associate Professor, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Former member, GCC Board of Trustees

Vahe Peroomian is an accomplished physicist, educator, and community leader, serving as an Associate Professor at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. With more than 25 years of research experience in space science, he is widely recognized for his expertise in space weather, geomagnetic storms, and their societal impacts. His work explores Earth's magnetosphere, astronomy, and celestial events such as solar and lunar eclipses, and he has authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications in these fields. Dr. Peroomian, a GCC alum, served for 15 years on the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees. He has been a long-time supporter of the Foundation.

- Toni Beck Espinoza, Retired, Senior Vice President, the Stone-Beck Group at Morgan Stanely Wealth Management.

Toni is a dedicated community leader and longtime advocate for education, service, and civic engagement. She has held numerous leadership roles, including Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, Past President and Treasurer of the Glendale Educational Foundation, board member for the Community Foundation of the Verdugos. In addition to these roles, Toni has contributed her time and expertise to several organizations, including the Arturo Sandoval Institute, the Glendale YWCA, the Glendale YMCA, and the Character & Ethics Project. Her service has been recognized through numerous honors, including Woman of the Year awards from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce (2018) and the Glendale Latino Association (2015), the Award of Excellence from the Campbell Center (2015), Women of Heart and Excellence from the YWCA of Glendale (2013), the Distinguished Service Award from Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Division III (2013), and Kiwanian of the Year from the Glendale Kiwanis Foundation (2009). Toni is retired from Morgan Stanely and resides in La Crescenta with her husband, Vince.