

AALEAD Welcomes New Board Members

Washington, DC (February 12, 2021) – Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is pleased to announce the election of five new members to its Board of Directors. The newly elected Board members are Andrew Brown, Radha Rangarajan, Nicholas S. Rathod, Joyce Segarra, and Robert Sohn.

“Each of these individuals has deep roots in the DC region, a demonstrated commitment to supporting low-income Asian and Pacific American youth, and strong alignment with AALEAD’s values of equity and justice,” said AALEAD’s executive director Akil Vohra. “The addition of our new Board members comes at an exciting time for AALEAD, which under Akil’s leadership is working to meet existing needs and chart a path for how we will advance more positive change in our community into the future,” said AALEAD Board Chair Siu Cheung.

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Andrew Brown is the Grants Manager at the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, which invests in organizations and initiatives in the Greater Washington community that seeks to transform systems toward racial equity. At Meyer, Andrew implements day-to-day grantmaking activities, ensuring funds get to organizations doing vital work in the region. Andrew also co-chairs the Greater Washington, DC regional chapter of PEAK Grantmaking—a community of grants management professionals that seek to advance equitable, effective grantmaking practice. Born and raised in Alexandria, VA, Andrew takes pride in the deep roots he has established in the region. He enjoys hiking, camping, cycling, kayaking, playing guitar, and creating music. Andrew lives in Woodbridge, VA with his wife and three children.

Radha Rangarajan is a Senior Program Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she develops and executes engagement strategies to support the scaling and sustainability of the foundation’s education work. Before joining the foundation, Radha taught at the Northern Virginia Community College system as part of their ESL teaching faculty, teaching courses focused on developing oral and written proficiency and also worked at the International Monetary Fund in External and Media Relations. Radha earned her M. Ed. in Curriculum Instruction and Design and Multicultural Education, from George Mason University, an M.A. in International Politics from American University, and a B.A. in International Relations and French from George Mason University.

Nicholas Rathod is President and CEO of Uprising Strategies, LLC. A lawyer by training, Nick has spent his career building institutions; designing winning electoral and policy strategies; and advising elected officials, celebrities, entrepreneurs, and non-profit leaders. He was President Barack Obama’s Special Assistant and Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs in the White House, serving as the President’s chief liaison to State and Territorial Governments. He also helped to build the Consumer Protection Bureau and served as the United States Government Representative on Consumer Finance to International Governments and decision-making bodies. He has been an advisor to Michael Bloomberg, Beto O’Rourke, Elizabeth Warren, and dozens of state and local elected officials.

Joyce Segarra is a manager at Clifton Larson Allen. A certified public accountant with over 20 years of public accounting experience, Joyce currently specializes in the audit and taxation of not-for-profit organizations. She leads, supervises, and performs attest and non-attest engagements and helps clients improve efficiencies in their financial accounting and reporting processes. Previously, she served a

variety of clients in industries such as real estate and development, construction, and employee benefit plans. Joyce serves on the board of Gandhi Brigade Youth Media and on the Finance Committee of Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing. Born and raised in the Philippines, she holds an accounting degree from Bicol University and loves spending quality time with family and friends, travelling, and baking.

Robert Sohn is a director within KPMG's consulting practice where he advises clients primarily within the financial services industry, providing expertise on a range of matters, including those related to securitization, financial risk, regulatory compliance, IT implementation, and operations. Born and raised in Maryland, Rob is a second-generation Korean American and graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. He is an active volunteer in the community and served as a mentor with AALEAD for several years before joining the Board, as well as a financial education volunteer with the Virginia Cooperative Extension. He currently resides in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife and son and in his spare time, enjoys spending time with family and friends, trying new food, and traveling.

AALEAD 2021-2024 Board of Directors

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Vice Chair – Hanh Le, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Consumer Health Foundation

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Radha Rangarajan, Senior Program Officer, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Nicholas S. Rathod, President and CEO, Uprising Strategies, LLC

Joyce Segarra, CPA, Manager, Clifton Larson Allen

Robert Sohn, Director – Structured Finance and Risk Consulting, KPMG LLP, Advisory

Nina Un, Merrill Financial Solutions Advisor, Bank of America

About AALEAD

Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) envisions a United States in which low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth, and youth of all backgrounds, are equipped with the tools and opportunities to define themselves and their own futures. AALEAD supports low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth in the Washington, DC region with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after-school, summer, and mentoring programs. To learn more about or donate to AALEAD, visit www.aalead.org, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AsianAmericanLEAD, and follow us on Twitter [@aalead](https://twitter.com/aalead).

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