

## Executive Committee Slate of Candidates



**Susan Maine-Descamp**  
**President**

Susan is a born and raised Floridian who has been living in France since 2010. She grew up in Boca Raton, attended the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's and master's in Tax Accounting, and then lived in Tampa and Jacksonville. She spent a year in Geneva before settling in Villecresnes, a Paris suburb, where her husband Nicolas grew up. Her children Gabriel (9) and Céleste (6) are attending the same school as their father. A Florida-licensed CPA and IRS Enrolled Agent, Susan now operates an independent tax assistance business. Susan has served previously as Professional Networking Chair, VP Events, VP Administration, and President. A nature lover, she enjoys plants, gardening, and animals, particularly Florida sharks and alligators.



**Amy Dutailly**  
**Vice President**  
**Administration**

Amy is from Albuquerque and graduated from the University of Denver. She met her husband, Thomas, in 2007 during her semester abroad at the University of Exeter. They have a 5-year-old daughter, Alice. Amy has held leadership positions at USA Girl Scouts Overseas and Democrats Abroad and has served on the AAWF Board in various roles. Amy looks forward to continuing to serve AAWF for another year as Vice President Administration.



**Sylvia Hakopian-Lebouteiller**  
**Vice President Programs**

Born and raised in LA, Sylvia has been quite the traveler, spending time across various US states and European countries while pursuing her work and studies. In Paris since 2014, Sylvia is a content developer for Open English, an online language school. She holds an MA and PhD in Italian Studies from Cornell, and a BA in English from UCLA. She speaks fluent Armenian, English, Italian, and French. She and her husband Vianney share a number of hobbies including archery, sheep herding, cooking, and cider-making. Sylvia hopes to contribute her diverse background to the role of VP Programs and looks forward to a third year on the Board.

Born and raised in Houston, Jennifer graduated from Rice with a BA in Applied Mathematics and worked ten years as an actuary at American General Life Insurance. She spent a year as an au pair in France, before meeting her husband Pascal in Texas, where he was finishing up his PhD. They have raised four children in France: Sophie (27), Stephanie (26), Christine (24), and Daniel (22). Jennifer enjoys baking, Pilates, piano, clarinet, and word games. Since discovering AAWF 14 years ago, she has volunteered at the various fairs and enjoys attending cultural outings. After years of avoiding expats, Jennifer now appreciates getting together with other women who have adopted France as their home. She has served as Treasurer since 2020.



**Jennifer Hua**  
Treasurer

Gina is an Ohio native who has lived and worked in France for nearly 20 years. A graduate of Miami University of Ohio (Business) and Northwestern School of Law, she has worked as a corporate attorney, law professor, and currently is at a large American insurance company in Paris. Gina and her husband, Aurelien, have one daughter, who attends an international school in the Western suburbs. She was most recently on the Executive Board of a nonprofit association which runs several Sections Internationales Anglophones in her area. An avid piano player and art aficionado (she has an art history degree from Paris IV Sorbonne), Gina is excited to be part of the vibrant AAWF community!



**Gina Allomong-Cottet**  
Recording Secretary

Ellie Krasne moved to Paris in 2022 with her French husband. Originally from an organic farm in Iowa, she has also lived in Chicago, New York, and, most recently, Washington, DC. Ellie holds a BA from the University of Kansas and an MA in Jewish History from the University of Chicago. She owns a marketing communications firm that helps mission-driven organizations amplify their work. Her firm participates in a network of business owners offering pro-bono strategy support to Jewish startups as they launch. During her time in Washington, DC, Ellie volunteered as an ESL teacher and founded a Jewish community group focused on civil discourse about current events. In her free time, Ellie loves reading, baking, and walks along the Seine.



**Ellie Krasne**  
Secretary of Communications



**Gwen Monnot**  
**Membership**

Gwen was born in the US of a Dutch mother and a Belgo-American father. At the age of 10, her family moved to the South of France, where she grew up before going back to the US to attend Smith (BA) and Thunderbird (Masters). She met her French husband in New York and moved to Paris in 1992. Gwen joined AAWWE when her two children were young and has volunteered at the Bazaar Boutique stand ever since, as well as on various ad-hoc committees. She is a Coach – leadership, career, intercultural – and spends her time between Paris and a beach house in Normandy. Her son lives in NYC, and daughter in London. Gwen welcomes the opportunity to connect with the vibrant AAWWE community by taking on the role of Membership Chair.



**Evelyn Isaia**  
**Development**

Evelyn is a native New Yorker who move to Paris with her husband two years ago. She was a wealth manager for 32 years at Merrill Lynch, working with individuals and families in Latin America and Europe. Evelyn's personal experiences and life-long passion for volunteering to improve the quality of life for women were the cornerstones for her transition to a new career. In 2016, she founded Ratatouille & Co as a way to empower immigrant and refugee women through the food trade and set them on a path to self-reliance and economic stability. Evelyn has served on the Boards of several nonprofits in Connecticut and is one of the cofounders of the Paris-based nonprofit, Hila Initiative. Her daughter, Camilla, and grandchildren live in Brooklyn, NY.



**Chloé Chandler**  
**Diversity, Equity,  
Inclusion and  
Belonging**

Born in Paris and raised between France and the US East Coast, Chloé moved back to Paris in 2020 after completing her MS in Counseling and Psychotherapy at the University of Edinburgh. Chloé has a private practice as a therapist for expats. Additionally, she implements mental health trainings and strategies for corporate organizations, while undertaking freelance translations on the side. In 2021, she interned with the UN Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate, utilizing her research skills and expertise in trauma and mental health. Chloé aims to leverage her knowledge and skills as a mental health professional to foster an even more accepting and inclusive culture within AAWWE, where everyone feels accepted, seen, heard, and understood.

A New Englander, Beth first came to Paris as a young teen. She returned in 1981 with a degree from the University of Connecticut, a phone number, and an offer of free lodging from a friend of a friend. That offer was from husband Denis. Their children Matthew (38), Jennifer (36), and Chloe (28) arrived later. Beth enjoyed a long professional career as Financial Controller in multinational companies. Baked Goods Stand head since the early '90s and active in the Bazaar/Winter Festival, creator of Working Women's Happy Hour in 1990 for 11 years, BBX Sisterhood group concepthor, Beth has also spent many years on the Board as Treasurer, Nominations Chair, VP Administration, Membership Mentoring, and most recently, President from 2020 to 2024.



**Beth Austin**  
**Nominations**

***AAWE wishes to thank the Nominations Committee for their work putting together the new Board slate!***

**Chair:** Elaine Rothman. **Members:** Janine Brimbail, Rose Burke, Pat Danahey Janin, Lise Ducrey, Laura Leach, and Mary Ellen Wessinger.