



Candidates for the AmCham Board of Directors

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

2020-2021



The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic will hold the **2020 General Assembly** online on **October 15, 2020**, at 6.00 p.m.

At the General Assembly, the American Chamber of Commerce will announce the outcome of this year's elections for the Board of Directors. To ensure that you are able to make an informed decision when casting your ballot, AmCham Slovakia has prepared special brochure with detailed information about each candidate for the Board of Directors.

As part of the candidacy of each nominee, we asked the candidates to provide a personal statement addressing the following questions:

- What is your vision for AmCham Slovakia within the two year term of office?
- What would be your contribution to the Board of Directors?
- Which changes would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected to the Board of Directors?

We do encourage each of our member companies to cast their ballots to ensure that your voice is heard, as it is the membership that makes the very important decisions as to who will serve during the upcoming year.

On the following pages, you will find all candidates for elections of the AmCham Board of Directors 2020 and their personal statements.



Herewith I would apply for your vote into upcoming Board of Directors elections. If elected, I will bringing 20 years of working experience from one of most dynamic industry sectors - Information Technologies that today fuels innovation, changes the way we work, interact and live and will for sure drive more changes in the near future. Today I am Country Managing Director of Hewlett Packard Enterprise and lead the local organization of 200 talented employees.

As per my personal view, AmCham will maintain it's relevancy by continued focus on important sectors of Slovak economy where there is concentration of companies, and possibly providing networking, information sharing and advocacy services if these sectors are not organized and have these needs covered through a different platform. An example well established is Shared Business Centers support through BSCF, but there might be new, emerging sectors that deserve attention.

Another success factor in my opinion is focus on structural issues and disruptive changes, that today or in future will impact Slovak business environment. AmCham being part of the Slovak AI initiative is a good move in this direction. Also, if our next government will be more attentive to inputs from business, AmCham's committees will for sure have relevant say into how Slovakia should move forward.

The two focus areas I mentioned are core of my vision for AmCham's next two years and I will contribute however possible.

If elected, I will bring first hand experience I draw from many conversations with industry top experts, executive representatives of Slovakia's biggest companies and public bodies and spending time at developing and introducing newest technological advances to Slovak market. I will also gladly bring my team leadership experience and perspective from within a global company, and my network of contacts I interact daily with in various business contexts. As I am in my forties, I think I also could be a bridging element between the upcoming generation of professionals and the senior, experienced generation of leaders.

Through engaging with AmCham and it's various members during recent years I carry with myself a picture of well established and respected chamber of commerce. In this time of dynamic political changes I today consider one of most important actions for AmCham to mobilize and to step into focused discussions with the new political leadership so that voice of our members and our advocacy groups is not lost and is taken into consideration when government's executives reset and move on with their agendas.



**SANTIAGO
AGUADO**

Country Managing
Director, Hewlett
Packard Enterprise
Slovakia

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board 

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

I see AmCham as the most influential and powerful business organization in Slovakia representing many important companies. AmCham is having a positive impact on the business environment and is voicing the opinion of its members. In my opinion its vision should continue to:

- build strong relationships within the business environment,
- foster positive business conditions through effective Advocacy and driving for more transparency in public office
- be the leading voice of business in Slovakia through support of its members.

Slovakia is currently in the stage where it needs to retain existing investors and still continue to attract new investors who will continue to bring value-added types of roles. AmCham should help state organizations and institutions create the business-friendly environment attractive for established foreign investors and which are also attractive for new investors.

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

Having already served on the board of AmCham for four terms now plus having extensive business knowledge both working in Ireland and Slovakia, I believe that I am well placed to help AmCham deliver on its vision as described above. In addition, through Dell, I would continue to support AmCham's objectives by partnering in key business conferences. Dell has also valuable resources and knowledge and is already one of the leading companies in more working groups, such as Employment & Social Affairs Committee, Public Procurement Task Force, BSC Forum and Labor Code of 21st century.

What **CHANGES** would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

I would suggest that AmCham is more involved in three main areas:

1. Education – partner more with high schools and Universities to help improve the educational system in Slovakia by being more connected to business needs. Slovakia should be considered as a high value knowledge economy through new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.
2. Innovation & Entrepreneurial spirit – help to encourage innovation in the business through continuous closer cooperation with Start-ups in Slovakia.
3. Rule of law – Continue to be a leading voice from the business community in advocating for more transparency from Government entities, particularly in the areas of Public Procurement and Justice system.



**STEPHEN
CAULFIELD**

General Manager,
Dell s.r.o.

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board 

Since December 2018, when I moved to Slovakia, I have been determined to leave a legacy in this country. Slovakia has everything, every European country has. Moreover, it has 5.4 million warm-hearted yet humble people. So associations, chambers and strong individuals are needed to speak for and on behalf of them. That is why I run for this position! AmCham Slovakia is one of the few cross-industry platforms that pro-actively and fully advocates, protects and supports the business environment, especially of foreign investors and international corporations in relation to government and state authorities. Especially during the new government era, it is important to strengthen AmCham's role in promoting the rule of law and transparency. Slovakia deserves same standards and same opportunities as in other EU member states. Access of innovative medicine is one of the governmental priorities now and AmCham plays significant role in implementing this strategy into real life. I feel passionate about learning the unknown. The more I learn, the more humble I become by realizing how much more it is there! I would bring to the table 20 years of 'real-life training', leadership built over two decades and experience in healthcare. I have served in five countries on various positions, local, cluster and regional matrix roles. I am a strong believer in people development. Result in numbers is an outcome of inspirational leadership, bringing best out of people and removing barriers. I anticipate we could collectively bring so much needed change.



**MATEJA
ČOTAR**

General Manager
Oncology and
Country President
Novartis Slovakia

Less than 50% of oncology medicines, approved in European Union are available in Slovakia. Is an ordinary Slovak aware about it? Do doctors recognize and fight for it? How many patients suffer and die too early because of it? Do members of AmCham know about it? This CAN be changed!

What else?

- integration of stakeholders
- platforms to share
- strengthen position as an independent advocate
- align with new government priorities
- create advisory boards – speed up execution
- operate across associations public and private, striving for partnership

At the same time, I am hoping to meet new friends and enjoy every step of the journey. Being completely aware of sacrifices, I will need to make. I am willing to invest my time and efforts to better serve Slovak population and enable better conditions, so Slovakia becomes in years from now - a country everyone wants to live in!

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

For many years AmCham has represented the interests not just of American or foreign entities but also of the wider business community in Slovakia. It performs a valuable role which continues to be vital for the business community. Following the recent political developments and amid current economic conditions, AmCham will play a critical role as a platform to communicate members' views on business issues to the government. AmCham should seek to influence the direction of future government policy, emphasize and promote the importance of foreign investment, healthy business environment and investment-friendly climate for the long-term sustainability of Slovakia's economy. With its large and diverse membership generating a significant part of Slovakia's GDP, AmCham provides a key voice for the international business community, as shown by its regular meetings with Ministers and its advocacy work in general. AmCham's role in positively influencing the business environment during the current times will be a vital part of its activities and an area AmCham can make an important difference in the coming two years. As well as its policy work, AmCham organizes activities to inform members on key issues and provides opportunities for social and business networking. In these ways AmCham Slovakia has proved its value over the years and is recognized as a major contributor to business life in Slovakia. AmCham has proved to be the key driving force for the agenda of the Rule of Law, which is of vital importance for Slovakia to continue its transformation towards a functioning and prosperous market economy and a stable and fully functional democracy. The project has been successfully launched and it is key that AmCham continue to be the leader in this area and take initiative towards involving as many foreign chambers and other institutions in the process as possible.



**LYGIA
FULLBROOK**

Director,
KPMG Slovakia

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

Having been active in Slovakia for more than 13 years working for private sector clients I have substantial experience of the business environment. Over the years I have developed a significant network of contacts both in the Slovak business community and also in international community of Business Services Centers. I created a platform where key representatives in HR and in Finance are able to meet and share best practices and hot topics. I would like to offer my expertise and experience to serve for the benefit of AmCham, its working bodies and of the whole membership base. I am keen to see the dialogue with policy makers continued and enhanced especially in the area of labor law. As the strength of the economy and Slovakia's competitiveness will largely depend on the government's policies, this is a key area for AmCham so as to achieve our goals. KPMG is a keen supporter of AmCham in this area and I will be proud to be able to contribute to this support personally. AmCham itself is clearly the most successful and active foreign chamber in Slovakia. Nevertheless, the Board must always be ready to critically appraise our existing activities and be receptive to new ideas to continuously improve the profile and effectiveness of AmCham Slovakia. Also, as the issues which AmCham members face are in most cases of importance to the broader business community, we should see more coordination and joint initiatives with other chambers in Slovakia to create and implement more efficient strategies to influence the Government's policies and decisions.

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

I envision AmCham as a center of business excellence in Slovakia bringing together the big, the smart and the courageous to drive innovative ideas and trends that our country desperately needs. I'd like to see AmCham become an organization that will be the first choice for policymakers to turn to for advice in a variety of areas. Last but not least I wish for AmCham to become a qualified and reliable bridge between smaller local businesses and foreign markets. The goal is to support their exposure to more competitive and innovative environments so that they can help the transformation at home from the grass-roots level.

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

Given my professional background and experience, I am convinced that I can be a valuable asset to the Board. I have been leading a company whose brand has been a stable part of the Slovak IT landscape for almost two decades. Thanks to many successes and failures as well, I can offer a unique point of view on a wide variety of areas ranging from business-academia cooperation, startups, international expansion up to pain points of Slovak public IT projects.

What **CHANGES** would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

Firstly, acknowledging the great work of the current board and staff, I would continue further development of standing initiatives. Secondly, given the economical and tremendous intellectual power, the organization has, I would like to pursue a more daring approach towards policymakers so that AmCham members can more actively participate in the future of our country. Thirdly, I would strive to strengthen networks with other AmCham-s around the world to facilitate information exchange and introduce a space for members to get advice and recommendations on expansion plans.



**MARTIN
HRNKO**

Chief Executive Director
& Managing Partner
QBSW, a.s.

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

I am passionate about the education system's ability to enable young generation thrive in the digital age. In this field, I consider AmCham as one of the platforms that extends the ecosystems of parties involved in the process of Slovak education system transformation to respond to the 21st century challenges. As of now, I am already involved in several initiatives and programs, which are based on collaboration and partnerships, mainly between the private and non-profit sector. Given my background, my focus is on computer science education and building necessary digital skills from early age. These belong to key prerequisites to succeed on the labor market of the future.

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

What I can bring to AmCham Board is more than 20 years of professional experience in the area of business consulting and systems integration, obtained in Accenture - one of the most successful and ethical global professional services companies. I would like to build on the long-term Accenture contribution to AmCham as a patron member, with focus on rule of law promotion, open communication & transparency, ethics and compliance in business. Therefore, I want to strengthen our mutual partnership while focusing on major issues in these segments. On the top of core business topics, I have strong insight when it comes to various aspects of corporate social responsibility and specifically CSR strategy execution through corporate citizenship. I am an active promoter of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, with knowledge of the best practices applied in the local context. My key theme in this area is gender diversity (with focus on women in IT sector and women in leadership).

What **CHANGES** would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

Rather than introducing significant changes, I would like to bring my expertise to existing projects and continue to work together with AmCham on building 'skills for future' topic, developing strong partnerships and creating synergies among different players. Important topic to address for me is also how the new skilling programs can reduce or eliminate labor market gaps in case of people in productive age (caused mainly by disruption brought by digital revolution, e.g. automation) and what parameters these programs shall have to enable workers embrace their new career pathways. As I am actively engaged in different NGOs and initiatives such as Teach for Slovakia, Business Leaders Forum, Diversity Charter of Slovakia - I'd like to continue building connections and partnerships between the non-profit sector and businesses also within AmCham.



**ALENA
KANABOVÁ**

Senior Manager &
Corporate Citizenship
Lead, Accenture
Slovakia

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

My vision for AmCham in the next 2 years is:

1. Expand AmCham's already solid membership base
2. Help AmCham push for making Slovakia a more attractive business environment
3. Promote Slovakia abroad to bring more business to the country.
4. Support needs of SMEs to be reflected in communication to relevant entities.

1. AmCham has done a great job in its efforts to boost the local economic performance and advocate for improvements in the political and business circles. This great achievement is a significant capstone for helping the country to progress. The more entities AmCham represents, the louder is its voice for significant improvements in the local political and economic environment.
2. Slovakia has already experienced positive impact of how an attractive business environment and relevant positive international image can boost the standard of living. It was after implementing a 19% flat tax in 2004. Such opportunities still exist in Slovakia; all organizations and people would benefit from making Slovakia attractive to investors again as it was in 2004 and a few following years. I will strive to push for similar enhancements to be communicated to the Slovak government.
3. I am with great enthusiasm presenting Slovakia's strengths and opportunities to potential foreign investors and business partners via Slovakia in Figures. ECENTER prepares this popular annual publication in cooperation with AmCham and it is being used by many corporations and organizations in Slovakia and abroad.
4. As a representative of SME, I am in daily contact with local and international SMEs and understand very well their needs and issues. I will happily provide this knowledge in AmCham's events as well as in advocacy efforts to ensure that smaller companies have their voice heard as well.

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

My contribution to the Board of Directors is in offering my entrepreneurial drive as a person who founded, managed and grew a number of companies in Slovakia, expertise and experience as a person who helped boost business performance of the local and international firms, and enthusiasm as a proud member of AmCham since 2002.

My first business meeting as a representative of then newly-founded ECENTER was with AmCham. The organization proved to be a vast resource for contacts and ideas; it also provided a great encouragement for going forward with my plans. It would be my pleasure and honor to continue contributing to AmCham's success in Slovakia and make other companies to be proud members of AmCham.



**PAVOL
KOPECNY**

General Manager,
ECENTER

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board 

Nominee standing
for the SME sector 

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

The current world situation has shown us, how important it is to know how to communicate, cooperate and stand up for the right thing. We are in a state where politics and egoism must go sideways, because only humanity and cooperation will help us win over the pandemic. And AmCham has a unique position in the Slovak business field in the field of business and cooperation at the level of top companies, and my vision is to support primarily two main pillars - communication and education. In the context of both current and historical work, I consider the exchange of information to be the most important value, and now critical. In particular, I see a great deal of information sharing and education in digitalization, in which Cisco is one of the technology leaders and help the education and business environment prepare to face up to the challenges of changing economic models, work and home education and the overall functioning of social structures .

One of the practical solutions is the Cisco Networking Academy, which helps with education within the technology world and the Cisco Webex service, which today helps keep companies running and support distance learning. The big topic is staff readiness to ensure all these social and economic changes. I see the main role in the work in discussions on the topic of staffing and utilization of human professional potential in Slovakia. In the proposals for AmCham activities I see a lot of space for continuing and developing the Vrátša.sk project, where I am currently working as a project manager based on volunteering and achieving the first positive results. The development of society has always stood and is based on values and rules, and these are always determined by people. Therefore, it is important that the right people decide.



**MARTIN
MAŠTALÍR**

Area Manager
Cisco Systems
Slovakia, s.r.o.

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board 

IBM is the largest employer in the information technology sector in Slovakia. We are able continuously contribute to the growth of the knowledge economy and create high value added jobs in the Slovak Republic. IBM is being clearly positioned in the Slovak market not only as a leader in information technologies, but as well as a company whose main target is to set better business climate and transparency in the country. We are unprecedented trendsetter in the field of artificial intelligence and Quantum computing which will be the most disruptive class of technologies over the next decade, fueled by near-endless amounts of data, and advances in deep learning. As IBM's Slovakia Country Leader I would like to leverage all my working experience and know-how of IBM to support AmCham's mission. We are in difficult times, when COVID have extremely impact on our families, jobs and global ecosystem. I am giving my personal commitment that I will be helpful with any activity that will support economy recovery supported by AmCham. I strongly believe that only continuous cooperation and dialogue between companies on the one hand, and government and municipalities on the other, will lead to continuous improvements of the overall business environment.

My personal contribution will be mainly in utilizing IBM broad skills and experience in the areas that influence business environment and direct investments in Slovakia. Especially initiatives like Labour code, Public Procurement Act, Shared Services, R&D, Transfer of Know-How and Education. AmCham should also act as a thought leader in these areas, representing and advocating best in-terests of its members. We need to keep on strengthening the perception of AmCham as a respected partner and trusted advisor for government and municipalities striving to improve the environment for business and direct investments in Slovakia. IBM is also long term leader in innovation and source of inspiration and technological progress in many areas of research and development. Our years of experience in working with the academic sector from dozens of countries around the world and know - how in cooperation with universi-ties in a number of cases led to creating very effective education programs and educating gradu-ates who are wider and better prepared for the labor market.

Also in Slovakia we have intensive cooperation with many universities. The digital era brings new challenges and opportunities for the scientific community. It offers new ways for resear-chers to interact, and new channels for sharing findings with each other and with society, where digital is the king. Specifically, the new digital world has improved connections among resear-chers, and between researchers and society, thanks to new forms of interaction and access to in-formation. IBM Slovakia is fully prepared to help universities in Slovakia to make next steps to become respectfull partner for the well known universities and disruptive.



**FRIDRICH
MATEJČÍK**

Country Leader,
IBM Slovensko

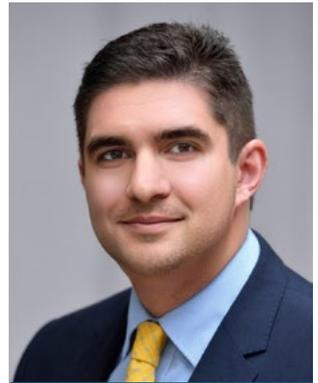
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American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia is important platform for communication and interaction with Slovak Government and other institutions in different areas and segments. In Slovakia transparency of business environment, fight against corruption and Rule of Law are critical pillars to establish development and long-term sustainability for the citizens, society and business environment. To gain these important objectives AmCham Slovakia should be recognized as leader in policy advocacy, shaping environment and legislation changes, delivering proposal solutions created in cooperation with other stakeholders in different segments.

As current chair of the AmCham Healthcare Committee I perceive as critical to drive dialogue with new Slovak government to establish sustainability of healthcare and assure good access of Slovak citizens to good and modern healthcare provided at the level of European Standards with focus on fast return to their standard life and work.

It would be my honor to offer to AmCham Slovakia Board of Directors my long and wide experience in the healthcare environment I gained during previous 16 years. Spending more than 10 years in the area of Government Affairs and Market Access gave me unique opportunity knowing different aspects and complexity of healthcare sector, creation of stable network of stakeholders. Including the leadership in the SKMED association during past 5 years, I believe, that all these experiences including my dedication, energy and value integrity can help to the overall success that AmCham could gain in its initiatives to fulfill its mission and reinforcing its position as respected and inspirational partner to all relevant stakeholders in Slovakia.

I am convinced that proactivity of AmCham with increased engagement of US Embassy and Slovak Government can help not only to create more favorable environment to all US multinational business objectives, but also driving a new setup based on values and principles. As member of the Board of Directors I would focus on increased cooperation between different AmCham committees and individual project/initiatives and Healthcare committee to interconnect different sectors and assure promotion of new trends, non only in healthcare. As other critical milestone I see as critical much better connection between business and academic sector to drive more advanced research & development opportunities and creating more positive environment for companies with innovations and start-ups.



**VLADIMÍR
MIČIETA**

Country Manager
Slovakia,
Medtronic Slovakia,
s. r. o.

Ever since I joined U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o. some 13 years ago, and also before, during my work for U.S. Department of State, I've been personally engaged in AmCham through several committees and initiatives, and in such a way, contributed towards AmCham making a difference to the business environment in Slovakia. Amongst other activities, I have been working effectively within AmCham's Energy Committee, and contributed to the Rule of Law Initiative, aiming to ensure transparent and ethical business conduct, improve transparency and predictability of the legislative process, and address corruption and inefficient judiciary system. Recently, I have been putting also much effort into making the Slovak Labor Code "fit for 21st century" allowing businesses flexibility to drive improvements, while also fairly protecting employee rights. I would now like to continue contributing to successful policy and advocacy initiatives lead by AmCham, building on first-hand experience that I previously acquired and bring it further within AmCham Board of Directors. I would therefore be honored to be elected to AmCham Board of Directors, on behalf of my employer, but also in the name of the manufacturing industry from the region of Eastern Slovakia, for the full term. In this position, I have an ambition to support further enhancing of AmCham's advocacy performance, as policy issues are very much the essence of my whole professional career. With the new Government of Slovakia coming to power in current days, I aim to work on building strong working relationships, resulting in long-lasting positive developments for business environment. Moreover, I would like to also continue fostering closer cooperation and coordination with other professional associations in Slovakia to align in major advocacy efforts. I strongly believe this makes our voice stronger in drawing the Government's and other authorities' attention to issues of our concern. I would also like to contribute to a continuous improvement in the area of education, to help ensure the right skill sets are available for next generation employees. Last but not least, I will do my best to ensure that AmCham responds to the current unprecedented circumstances pertaining COVID-19 that Slovakia, the whole Europe, and even globe is facing by searching for avenues and financial sources that businesses can use to deal with the situation and recover as soon as possible. I believe that my year-long personal experience both with the U.S. government and U.S. corporate sector, my skills and connections, as well as my profound knowledge of the Slovak business, social and political environment will serve as a valuable asset to the AmCham Board of Directors. In this regard, let me hereby not only commit my personal involvement in policy and advocacy development, ensuring that that the voice of AmCham is being heard and considered at the national and regional levels, but also facilitate the involvement of our in-house experts on specific areas of AmCham's interests. The Board should always reflect its membership base therefore I would like to contribute to its work by providing the perspective of a well-established U.S. investor, speak on behalf of the manufacturing industry in Slovakia and the business community. In the upcoming years I would like to see AmCham cementing its reputation of the top institution representing foreign investors in Slovakia, the best platform for them to meet other business representatives and state authorities and the most respected communicator of their joint positions towards the government and change that all companies are looking for moving forward. Last but not least, as a member of the Board I would make sure that it maintains a high level of transparency and communicates actively with its members to be able to meet their expectations. It is important that the businesses feel the added value the organization. I look forward to playing a continuing active role in AmCham's future and I stand committed to provide the expertise and active participation by our company – U. S. Steel Košice.



**MICHAL
PINTÉR**

**Director Governmental,
EU Affairs & REACH,
U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o.**

I would like to announce my candidacy for the AmCham Board of Directors with a vision to contribute to the creation of an innovative Labor Code for the 21. Century so that Slovakia can compete in global competition while learning a new, unprecedented way of cooperation.

I have been working in the field of Human Capital for more than 15 years. Not only this experience and knowledge, but also working in the global company ManpowerGroup – which is among the leaders in innovative solutions in the labor market and processes a lot of data on Slovak employers quarterly – will enable me to bring new perspectives and ability to differentiate priorities in policy making or recommendations in the Board of Directors.

Last but not least, I would like to contribute to a balanced leadership in the AmCham Board of Directors. The future of governance is now more than ever also in the hands of us - women, because leading with more purpose today means leading with more humanity.



I have started my professional career in business consulting and more than 20 years from then, I am still in the same area. And I still find it fascinating to have an insight to wide variety of businesses in different industries - from multinationals to Slovak headquartered companies, some with the global reach; from established corporations to start-ups; from banking through manufacturing to IT companies.

I have been working actively in AmCham for more than 8 years - started as a member of the Tax Committee, then chairing it for the last 5 years. Over these years I witnessed the great position of AmCham as the voice of the business community. I believe that my work alongside the team of the other members of the Tax Committee contributed to creation of the platform for bringing the practical perspective and providing valid feedback and new propositions in the area of taxation, accounting and the state aid to the legislators.

In the next two years, with the new government just starting, I believe AmCham will have lots of opportunities to come up with the improvements of the business environment based on the practical experience of its members. Tax Committee of AmCham has become respected body and the partner for negotiations with the legislators in the past couple of years. I will ensure that AmCham will continue via its Tax Committee in its active participation in the process of creating the legislation and will keep respectful relationships with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economy.

I will focus my efforts on bringing to life what I consider topical issues relating to taxation in the Slovak business community - the first one is increasing the legal certainty and mutual trust between businesses and tax authorities and the other - making Slovakia attractive place for businesses with higher added value. To this end, working in the Board of AmCham would provide me with the opportunity to coordinate the efforts of the Tax Committee with other platforms AmCham is operating at.



CHRISTIANA SERUGOVA

Tax and Legal
Services leader
Pricewaterhouse-
Coopers Slovensko

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board 

As introduction, I (Daren Wilson) am the General Manager for Roche Slovensko. My leadership focus at Roche Slovensko has been to transform the company into a high-performing, purpose-driven, agile organization with the mission to help improve the healthcare system in Slovakia to serve the needs of Slovak patients. With a strong synergy between the missions of AmCham Slovakia and Roche Slovensko, I would like to offer my global 20+ years of experience and leadership in the pharmaceutical industry to serve the AmCham Board of Directors, where my contributions could strongly support the AmCham 2030 Healthcare Policy initiatives.



**DAREN
WILSON**

General Manager,
Roche Slovensko

My VISION FOR AMCHAM SLOVAKIA is to BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE OF SLOVAKS by:

- establishing long-term strategies for economic expansion into fast growing industries (e.g. AI, Biotech, Sustainable Energy), creating new jobs and opportunities for Slovaks
- supporting Start-up culture to foster innovation and support young talent and talent retention in Slovakia
- continuing to advance efforts for Education and Healthcare reform
- strengthen best practice sharing and collaboration across member companies for business prosperity and a stronger community

As a Board Member of AMCHAM, my primary contribution would be towards helping to improve the lives of Slovaks through education and healthcare reform. My secondary contribution would be towards supporting innovation and expanding the start-up culture in Slovakia to foster young talent and grow ideas.

AmCham is a major catalyst for unlocking the full potential of the business community and people of Slovakia. This is something I would not want to change if elected. Where I could add value is to help to put the actions behind the healthcare policy strategies and to support Slovak companies in their agile transformations and adoption of new ways of working.

About me personally, I am Canadian and married with 2 children. My career has allowed me to be a world citizen, having lived in seven countries across three continents. My business experience has been in leading global strategy, international teams and companies in the pharmaceutical industry. My passion is in helping others to grow and build their potential.

Thank you for our consideration.



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