

HONORARY CONSULS OF FINLAND IN THE UNITED STATES

ALASKA, Anchorage



Ms. Hanna Eklund
Honorary Consul of Finland in Anchorage, Alaska since 2011

Education

- Degree in Human Geography, Master's in Social Sciences 2006-09, University of Joensuu, Finland
- Degree in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Engineer 2004-05, Tampere Polytechnic, Finland
- Degree Program in Environmental Management, Bachelor's in Environmental Management, 2000-04, Tampere Polytechnic, Finland

Profession

- Consultant at Eklund Consulting

Areas of Expertise

- Climate change, traditional knowledge, indigenous knowledge, working with indigenous communities, environmental issues, arctic environment, environmental education

Special Interests

- Global connections, local resources, food security, Finnish know-how

Community and Other Activities

- Anchorage Suomi Finland Club, President
- Alaska Consular Corps, Member

Family and Hobbies

- Married to James Henley, two sons Vili and Timi
- Outdoors and camping, recycled handicrafts, Finnish culture and language promotion

ARIZONA, Phoenix



Dr. Gary Waissi
Honorary Consul of Finland in Phoenix, Arizona and New Mexico since 2011

Education

- Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, with focus on Operations Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A.
- Licentiate of Engineering, Helsinki University of Technology (now Aalto University), Finland
- Diplom Ingenieur, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany

Profession

- Professor of Technology Management, College of Technology and Innovation, Arizona State University
- Associate Vice President for Global Academic Programming, Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement (OVPGE), Arizona State University 2008 – 2009
- Dean, School of Global Management and Leadership, Arizona State University 2006 – 2008
- Professor of Management, School of Global Management and Leadership (SGML), Arizona State University 2006 – 2008
- Professor of Mathematics and Computation, NCIAS, Arizona State University 2006 – 2008
- Professor of Operations Research, School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn 2000 – 2006
- Dean of the School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn 2000 – 2005
- Acting Dean of the School of Management, University of Michigan- Dearborn 1998 – 2000

- Chair, Department of Management Studies, School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn 1995 – 1998
- Associate Professor of Management Science, School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn 1992 – 2000
- Assistant Professor of Management Science, School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn 1986 – 1992
- Adjunct Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1992 – 1997
- Project Manager (Project Engineer 1979), Philipp Holzmann AG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany/Horicon Ltd., Nigeria; Nigeria, Africa 1979 – 1982
- Areas of Expertise
- Engineering systems; operations research; supply chain; strategy
- Special Interests
- Global education challenges and strategies
- Community and Other Activities
- Member; Consular Corps of Arizona
- Member; Finns and Friends of Arizona
- Member; the Scandinavian Club of Arizona
- Invited speaker at professional conferences and community events
- Consultant on global higher education strategies (USAID, EFCA, WDI)
- Hobbies and Family
- Internal combustion engine research and modeling, prototype building; golf; hiking; family: married to Hannele Waissi, two children (Robert and Rikhard)

CALIFORNIA, San Diego



Dr. Kathrin S. Mautino
Honorary Consul of Finland in San Diego, California since 2000

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, University of California, San Diego
 - o Major: Spanish Literature; Minors: History of Philosophy; Mathematics
- Juris Doctor *cum laude*, University of San Diego School of Law

Profession

- Attorney specializing in United States Immigration and Citizenship law at San Diego Law Firm of Mautino and Mautino

Previous Employments

- Associate Professor, Southwestern College, Chula Vista, California
- Attorney at San Diego law firm of Gray Cary Ames and Frye

Areas of Expertise

- American citizenship law; the intersection of US immigration law and diplomatic visa status; nonimmigrant and immigrant visa categories; priority dates; deportation and removal defense; Federal Court actions in the nature of mandamus, declaratory relief and denaturalization
- Certified by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law, one of fewer than 155 people presently so certified

Special Interests

- Reading, listening to music, hiking (especially in Yellowstone National Park), ballroom dancing, making crafts of various sorts

Community and Other Activities

- Member and active in the House of Finland located in Balboa Park, San Diego
- Frequent lecturer to national, regional and local audiences on immigration related topics
- Frequent author of immigration-related articles
- Provide *pro bono* services to referrals from local not-for-profit legal aid providers
- Mentor to volunteer attorneys participating in the American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project

CALIFORNIA, San Francisco / Bay Area



Mr. Michel Wendell
Honorary Consul of Finland in San Francisco, California since 2008

Education

- BSc EE

Profession

- Venture Capitalist, General partner at Nexit Ventures

Previous Employments

- Senior sales, marketing and business development executive in global high tech companies; Entrepreneur, lived and built businesses in 4 different countries over the past 30 years

Areas of Expertise

- Entrepreneurship, high tech, financing

Special Interests

- Entrepreneurial activities, cultural exchange, high tech business

Community and Other Activities

- Oceanic and nature conservation

Priority Areas

- ICT, environment, education, arts & culture

COLORADO, Denver



Mr. Juha-Veikko Mäkikalli
Honorary Consul of Finland in Denver, Colorado since 2010

Education

- Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration

Profession

- Business development, currently employed as Business Integration and Strategic Initiatives Leader at Jeppesen, a Boeing company

Previous Employments

- Self-employed Business Development Consultant, 2006
- Point of Reference, Inc., Denver, CO, Sales Director, 2004-2005
- Novo Information Technology Inc., Englewood, CO, President, 2001-2004
- Novo Group plc, Helsinki, Finland, Export Manager & Area Manager, 1999-2000
- J.W. Suominen Oy, Nakkila, Finland, Sales and Customer Service Manager, 1996-1999
- AAC-Opisto, Helsinki, Finland, Account Manager/Training Consultant, 1992-93 & 1995-96
- Skyway Freight Systems Inc., Watsonville, CA, Sales and Marketing Trainee, 1989-90

Areas of Expertise

- Business development, business integration, change management, international business operations, project & program management, transportation industry

Special Interests

- Music, coaching youth basketball and soccer, hiking, skiing

Community and Other Activities

- Finlandia Foundation of Colorado – President
- Consular Corps of Colorado – Secretary
- Highlands Ranch Community Association – Volunteer Youth Coach
- Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce – Member

FLORIDA, Lake Worth



Mr. Peter J. Makila
Honorary Consul of Finland in Lake Worth, Florida since 2001

Education

- Business College in Finland and Canada, 2 professional designation in Insurance Profession

- Insurance Broker/Agent Owner of Allstate Insurance Peter Makila Agency, Inc.

Previous Employments

- 38 years in Insurance of which 25 years in Real Estate

Areas of Expertise

- Property casualty in commercial insurance

Special Interests

- Traveling, church activities, family and grandchildren

Community and Other Activities

- Vice-President, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, Florida Chapter
- Trustee of Finlandia Foundation National Board
- Vice-President, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Lake Worth, Florida
- Past member of the Rotary Club, Vice President of FinnFest USA, and many other professional organizations

FLORIDA, Miami



Ms. Susan P. Kelley
Honorary Consul of Finland in Miami, Florida since 2002

Education

- Garland College, Boston

Profession

- Marketing and Art Gallery Owner

Previous Employments

- Kelley Swofford Roy, Inc. Founder/CEO since 1983
- Crispin Advertising, 1980-83
- American Express Company, 1975-79
- Pan American World Airways, 1965-75

Areas of Expertise

- Marketing

Special Interests

- World events, financial markets, travelled to over 51 countries

Community and Other Activities

- Health Foundation of South Florida (2000 to present): Board Members and past Chair
- Wynwood Arts District Association (2008 to present): Executive Committee
- Arts for Learning (2011: Board Member
- World Trade Center Miami (1998-2001)
- Miami Lighthouse for the blind (1998-2002): Board Member and past Chair

GEORGIA, Atlanta



Mr. John D. Saunders
Honorary Consul of Finland in Atlanta, Georgia since 1996

Education

- B.A. – Emory University; LLB – Bachelor of Laws – Emory University

Profession

- Attorney at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP for over 20 years

Previous Employments

- Founding partner of O’Callaghan, Saunders & Stumm

Areas of Expertise

- Corporate and International Law

Special Interests

- Buckhead Rotary Club: past President
- Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia: Member of Board of Governors
- Atlanta Consular Corps: Second Vice Dean
- Secretary and Director of the Finnish American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast, Inc.

HAWAII, Honolulu



Ms. Katja Silverå
Honorary Consul of Finland in Honolulu, Hawaii since 2010

Education

- Docent Program, Art History, Honolulu Academy of Arts
- Master of Arts, Major: Communication, Hawaii Pacific University
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major: Marketing, Hawaii Pacific University
- Institute for Experiential Learning, Capital Experience Program, Washington, D.C.
- Tour Guide Certification, Spies Service School, Torremolinos, Spain

Profession

- Marketing management consultant and owner, Ginga (current consulting projects include brand/marketing management for Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning)
- Writer and Tour Operator, Lealea Travel
- Principal, Drywood Coatings USA

Previous Employments

- Co-Owner, Creative Writers INK, Honolulu, HI
- Sales Marketing Manager, PacRim Marketing Group, Honolulu, HI

Areas of Expertise

- Marketing, public relations, and writing (creative nonfiction, business, and professional)

Special Interests

- Reading, writing, traveling, arts/culture, and Tai Chi

Community and Other Activities

- Finlandia Foundation of Hawaii
- Consular duties

ILLINOIS, Chicago



Mr. Olavi Göös
Honorary Consul of Finland in Chicago, Illinois since 2009

Education

- Master's Degree in Pulp and Paper technology from Helsinki University of Technology (Aalto University) in Finland

Profession

- Consultant for operations management, project management, recycle processes, product development and other operations improvement projects in pulp and paper industry

Previous Employments

- NewPage Corp(USA), Madison Paper Company(USA), Jaakko Pöyry(Fin), Papeis Inapa(Portugal), Myllykoski Paper Oy(Fin), CTS Engineering(Fin), UPM(UK), Valmet (Metso)(Fin)

Areas of Expertise

- Pulp and paper technology, operations management, recycle fiber processes, project management, consulting, product development, hands- on papermaking, maintenance issues

Special Interests

- Cleantech and other emerging industries in U.S. Midwest, school reform in Chicago and Illinois, transportation and waste management in Chicago area

Community and Other Activities

- Finnish Community in the Great Chicagoland (FACC Midwest, FASM, Chicago Finnish School etc.)
- Networking with the Mayor's Office, Aldermen (City Council), Chicago Consular Corps, World Business Chicago, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Chicago Global Council and helping other local associations create business opportunities in the Chicago area

LOUISIANA, New Orleans



Mr. Philip deVilliers Claverie
Honorary Consul of Finland in New Orleans, Louisiana since 2002

Education

- Princeton University (A.B. magna cum laude, 1963)
- Tulane University School of Law (J.D. 1966)

Profession

- Attorney; Senior Partner, Phelps Dunbar LLP, New Orleans, LA

Areas of Expertise

- Banking and Real Estate Law; Probate and Estate Planning

Special Interests

- Promoting Finland

Community and Other Activities

- Children's Hospital, New Orleans: Board Member 1978 – present; Chairman 1985-1987
- Isidore Newman School: Governor 1984-2000; Chairman 1995-1998
- Rotary International: Member and Registrant at the New Orleans Club 2011
- Covenant House New Orleans: Board Member 2014 to present

MARYLAND, Baltimore



Mr. David Chenowith
Honorary Consul of Finland in Baltimore, Maryland since 2010

Education

- Calvert Hall High School, University of Maryland, Maritime Courses

Profession

- Vessel Agency / Logistics – T. Parker Host Inc.

Areas of Expertise

- Ship Agency, logistics , export cargo moves

Special Interests

- Maritime, flying

Community and Other Activities

- Local tall ship ambassador – sail Baltimore, port related matters Governor Board of License for MD Pilots and Tug Captains – Outreach programs in local area

MASSACHUSETTS, Boston



Mr. Leonard Kopelman
Honorary Consul General of Finland in Boston, Massachusetts since 1975

Education

- Harvard College, B.A., cum laude; Harvard Law School, J.D.

Profession

- Attorney-at-Law, in private practice representing public sector clients; I have been named a Super Lawyer in Massachusetts and in New England for the past five years. I am admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Lecturer at Harvard University, where I won two teaching awards from Harvard

Areas of Expertise

- Public sector law; business strategy, innovation, and cross-cultural negotiations

Community and Other Activities

- Current Dean of the Consular Corps of New England
- Director General of the Consular Corps College
- Former director of the Finnish American Chamber of Commerce
- Chair of the public law sector of the Massachusetts Bar Association
- Chair of the American Bar Association committee on Diplomatic and Consular Law
- Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of Greater Boston
- Former President of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce
- Consulting for both public and private companies and for non-profits such as colleges and governments, and has appeared on CNN
- Served as a N.G.O. Representative to the U.N.
- Lecturing extensively abroad in the area of Management
- Former Editor of *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*
- Received National Endowment for the Humanities Grant in Jurisprudence
- Appointed by the President of the United States to head the Office of Economic Opportunity in Massachusetts
- Listed in *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America*, and *Who's Who in the World*
- Cited among the top 12 lawyers in Massachusetts by the *National Law Journal* for "influence, impact, and power"
- Served as the U.S. Delegate to the Society for International Development's World Conference held in the Ivory Coast

- Participated in foreign policy conferences for senior business executives with the U.S. Secretary of State
- Named as the 25th Year Honorand at Harvard Extension and delivered the 2009 Commencement Address to its graduating students
- Served as President of SKÅL International of Boston, the international association of travel and tourism professionals
- Serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations

MICHIGAN, Detroit



Mr. Paul N. Potti
Honorary Consul of Finland in Detroit, Michigan since 2007

Education

- Wayne State University School of Law, Cum Laude 1983

Profession

- Partner in law firm of Aho & Potti, LLP, located in Farmington, Michigan

Areas of Expertise

- Specialty areas include business law, taxation, estate administration and planning, elder law

Special Interests

- Fostering local Nordic interests and cultural organizations in the Detroit metropolitan area. I started my career working in our family funeral business as a funeral director, serving families in the Finnish-American community. I subsequently received a law degree to meet the legal needs of the community, and continue to assist individuals and families in the metro Detroit area. Serving the Finnish-American community has become a proud family tradition, starting with my grandfather, Kalle Potti, who was Honorary Consul of Finland in the State of Ohio.

Community and Other Activities

- Active in various state and local legal Associations; various Nordic associations in the Detroit metropolitan area, including the Finnish Center Association, Farmington Hills, MI (past president)

MICHIGAN, Hancock



Mr. James N. Kurtti
Honorary Consul of Finland in Hancock, Michigan since 2008

Education

- A.A., Suomi College , Hancock, MI
- B.A. Social Work and Finnish Studies, University of Minnesota
- Attended the University of Helsinki

Profession

- Director of the Finnish American Heritage Center, Finlandia University
- Editor of "The Finnish American Reporter"

Previous Employments

- Houghton County Juvenile Court Administrator: Houghton, Michigan

Areas of Expertise

- Finnish American culture and history
- Social work, juvenile court system

Special Interests

- Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce – Upper Peninsula Chapter
- Finnish American culture and history

- Community and Other Activities
- Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock, Michigan (Finlandia Foundation Chapter) Copper County
- Salolampi Foundation
- FinnFest USA 2013, Chairman
- Finnish Theme Community of Hancock (Finlandia Foundation chapter)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Genealogy

MINNESOTA, Minneapolis



Ms. K. Marianne Wargelin
Honorary Consul of Finland in Minneapolis, Minnesota and St. Paul, South Dakota since 1999

Education

- Ph.D. Candidate, University of Tampere, History dissertation in final stages of completion
- Ph.D. Studies, University of Minnesota, American Studies
- M.A., University of Michigan, English Language and Literature
- B.A., Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois), English language literature
- A.A., Suomi College (now Finlandia University)

Profession

- Educator and Researcher in Cultural History
- Currently working as Independent Scholar

Previous Employments

- Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Drake University

Areas of Expertise

- Finnish American Cultural History
- Finnish Immigration History
- Finland: Cultural History

Special Interests

- Classical music
- Contemporary Theater, Opera, and Dance
- Contemporary Art and Design
- Nordic Mystery Writers
- Lake Superior (we have a family cottage, with rantasauna, on Keweenaw Bay in Michigan)

Community and Other Activities

- FinnFest USA: President of the Board of Directors
- Friends of Christ Church Lutheran Board (Eliel Saarinen designed building, National Historic Landmark)
- Finnish American Chamber of Commerce Minnesota, Member of the Board
- Finlandia Foundation, Twin Cities Chapter, Member of the Board
- Minneapolis/Kuopio Project (an official Sister City organization), Member of the Board
- St. Anthony Village/Salo, Finland Sister City organization, Member
- Minnesota Consular Corps & Nordic Honorary Consuls' Special Interest Group
- Minnesota International Center, Member
- American Scandinavian Association, Member
- American Swedish Institute, Member
- Minnesota Orchestra Guarantor
- University of Minnesota, Immigration History Research Center advisor
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Member
- Walker Art Center, Member
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Member

MINNESOTA, Virginia



Mr. James L. Johnson
Honorary Consul of Finland in Virginia, Minnesota since 1999

Education

- Degree in marketing and management

Profession

- Insurance agent and financial planner at Vermillion Financial Services Inc.

Previous Employments

- Past 40 years in the insurance industry and investment field

Areas of Expertise

- Current Life and Health Insurance programs and products as well as Estate Planning for clients and their families

Special Interests

- Hunting, fishing, sauna and politics

Community and Other Activities

- Advisory Board of Finnish Council in America at Finlandia College since 2003
- Board of directors for Boy Scouts of America Council
- Member and past president of the local Rotary club
- Retired member of the local volunteer fire department

NEVADA, Las Vegas



Mr. Robert A. Boyle
Honorary Consul of Finland in Las Vegas, Nevada since 2017

Education

- Graduate of Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho.
 Bachelor of Science in Architecture (1971)

Profession

- Architect

Previous Employments

- Rees Associates, 2005-2007: Sr. Project Manager, National Segment Leader
- Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (TSK), 2007-2014: Principal, General Manager Asia
- Self Employed, 2014-2017

Community and Other Activities

- National Center for State Courts, Speaker at various international court conferences
- National Fire Protection Association, Appointed to the NFPA "Life Safety Code" Subcommittee on Detention and Correctional Occupancies in 1982
- National Institute of Corrections, Retained by NIC, a Division within the US Department of Justice, to provide technical assistance
- National Academy of Corrections, Retained by the NAC, a Division within the US Department of Justice, to teach at detention planning seminars attended by federal, state, county and municipal government agencies

NEW JERSEY, Newark



Ms. Helen Winter Marx
Honorary Consul of Finland in Newark, New Jersey since 2003

Education

- Wills College, Oakland, California (1968)
- Harvard Business School, Awed Program (1975)

Profession

- Executive Chief Operating Officer (Cancer Center) Research
- Principal, Claremont Equities (Private investments and investment banking)
- President, Editions Limited (Precious metal trading and manufacturing)

Previous Employments

- Strang Cancer Prevention Center
- American Health Foundation
- Claremont Equities
- Puritan Fashions

Areas of Expertise

- Medical Research, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, metals and manufacturing

Community and Other Activities

- Trustee, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce
- Trustee, British-American Educational Foundation
- Trustee, American Health Foundation, Executive Committee, Member (1992-2001)
- Co-founder, American Women's Economic Development Corporation—America's largest organization of women business entrepreneurs

NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte



Mr. Todd D. Wiebusch
Honorary Consul of Finland in Charlotte, North Carolina since 2016

Education

- M.B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- B.A., Davidson College

Profession

- CEO, CHMG Capital, LLC
- Partner, Courage Ventures Fund (Helsinki).

Previous Employments

- Co-Founder and CEO, Capital Health Management Group, Inc.
- Co-Founder and CEO, HR XCEL, LLC
- Director of Operations, Olsten Health Management
- General Manager, Homedco

Areas of Expertise:

- Early stage investing, consulting, Human Resources, Health and Wellness Services

Special Interests:

- Travel, cooking, running, boating

Community and Other Activities:

- Board Member - Peninsula Community Foundation, 2008-Present; Board Chair, 2011-Present
- Board Member and Vice-Chair at large, Hospice and Palliative Care of the Charlotte Region
- Past President, Cornelius Elementary PTO
- Little League Coach
- Various local community boards

OREGON, Portland



Mr. Vesa A. Vihavainen
Honorary Consul of Finland in Portland, Oregon since 2017

Education

- MBA, University of Jyväskylä (1999)
- M.Sc.Econ. with Major in Controlling / Organization and Minor in Manufacturing (1988)

Profession

- Chief Operating Officer, Sheldon Manufacturing, Inc.

Areas of Expertise

- Accounting, administration, sales, management and leadership

Special interests

- International relations and trade

Community and Other Activities

- Founder of Lone Star Chapter of League of Finnish American Societies (LFAS/SAYL)
- Secretary of Finnish American Business Guild in TX
- Board member in power Supply Manufacturer's Association (PSMA)
- Chairman of Finnish American Club 1932 (2009)
- Chairman of Assembly Council for the League of Finnish American Societies (LFAS/SAYL) (until 2015)

PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia



Ms. Kristina Mattila
Honorary Consul of Finland in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania since 2008

Education

- Esq, MBA, Student at the Pennsylvania Academics of the Fine Arts

Profession

- Real Estate Developer, Artist

Previous Employments

- In Finland:
 - o Legal Counsel at an international company
 - o Attorney-at-law at international law firm
 - o Managing Director for Shopping Centers in Finland and other tasks at the Real Estate Organization
- In the USA:
 - o Researcher, Marketing Manager, Legal Counsel at a private equity company specializing in Chinese Market

Areas of Expertise

- International business, legal contracts

Special Interests

- Chinese language and abstract painting

Community and Other Activities

- Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association
- Member of the Philadelphia Consular Corps (oldest in the country)
- Member of the Pennsylvania Academics of the Fine Art
- Associate Member of the American Jewish Council

TEXAS, Dallas



Mr. Kenneth M. Niesman
Honorary Consul of Finland in Dallas, Texas since 2006

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration-Management, Texas Tech University, 1972
- Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Texas Tech University School of Law , 1976

Profession

- Attorney, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1976-Present

Previous Employments

- Sales Representative, Procter & Gamble

Areas of Expertise

- Mergers & acquisitions, product distribution, article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code

Special Interests

- Education, history and sports

Community and Other Activities

- Former School Board Member and President - St. John's Episcopal School - Dallas, Texas
- Former School Board Member - Bishop Lynch High School - Dallas, Texas
- Former Board Member and Officer of Reading & Radio Resources - Nonprofit that records and provides books on tape for the visually impaired
- Board Member of Finnish American Business Guild
- Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Member of the American and Dallas Bar Associations
- Member DFW Consular Corps

VIRGINIA, Norfolk



Mr. David F. Host
Honorary Consul of Finland in Norfolk, Virginia since 1996

Education

- William and Mary MBA School, Williamsburg, VA
- Hampden Sydney College, Hampden Sydney, VA

Profession

- Chairman & CEO of T. Parker Host, Inc., Ship Agents and Brokers

Previous Employments

- T. Parker Host, Inc. (President, Executive Vice President, Assistant Vice President Operations, Export Manager, Agent)
- T. Parker Host of Maryland, Inc. (Vice Chairman)

Areas of Expertise

- Ship agency, coal logistics

Special Interests

- Golfing, hunting, boating and fishing

Community and Other Activities

- Virginia Maritime Association
- Hampton Roads Shipping Association
- National Cargo Bureau Board of Directors
- Association of Ship Brokers and Agents Board of Directors
- Town Point Club Board of Governors
- Monarch Bank Norfolk Advisory Board
- The Mariners' Museum Board of Trustees

WASHINGTON, Seattle



Mr. Matti Suokko
Honorary Consul of Finland in Seattle, Washington since 2008

Education

- Tampere University of Technology

Profession

- Business development executive, Managing Partner at Inventio LLC

Previous Employments

- Microsoft Corporation 1993-2011

Areas of Expertise

- ICT sector, business development, global marketing, strategic partnerships, business integration on acquisitions, marketing strategies, North America market access for growth companies

Community and Other Activities

- President, the Finnish American Chamber of Commerce of the Northwest, Inc.
- Board member, Advisory board for the Scandinavian Studies, Department at University of Washington



Ms. Kristiina Hiukka
Honorary Vice Consul of Finland in Seattle, Washington since 2009

Education

- M.A. (Jyvaskyla)
- CPCC (Coaches Training Institute)
- PCC (International Coach Federation)
- Certification in Women Board Directors Program at University Washington

Profession

- Chief Coaching Officer at Big Agenda Coaching
- Founder and President of Big Agenda Productions LLC
- Adjunct Instructor at University of Washington and Bellevue College

Previous Employments

- Synetics Inc. (London)
- International Women's Management Institute (Tampere)
- University of Jyvaskyla

Areas of Expertise

- Organizational culture & strategy
- Leadership and team coaching
- Executive presence

Special Interests

- Culture leadership
- Women in leadership
- Innovation leadership

Community and Other Activities

- Board member, Advisory board for the Scandinavian Studies, Department at University of Washington
- Board Trustee, the Rainier Club
- Member of the Consular Association of Seattle
- Member of the Nordic Heritage Museum Board
- Founder and chair of Women in Innovation Summit 2012 (Seattle) and Converge@Seattle Innovation Summit (2014)
- Founder of Women of Fifty Projects
- Founding member of Microsoft Alumni Foundation
- Past president of the board, Finnish School of Seattle
- Author of "Tiedon Kauppiat" and "Write Your Life from Good to Great"