



2020 Annual Meeting Officer/Director bios

All officer positions are up for election, except the president role

Officers

Naveen Bandla (Secretary)

Mr. Bandla is Senior Manager, Research and Analytics at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. He has more than 17 years' experience in air service development, statistical analyses, flight scheduling, network planning, forecasting, and fleet optimization, including 12 years with Sabre Airline Solutions. He was named one of the "Top 40 Under 40" industry leaders in the Airport Business Magazine in 2013. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's in industrial engineering. He is active in the Asian-American employee resource group at DFW Airport. Mr. Bandla joined the JASDFW Board in 2015 and served on the 2016 Award Dinner Underwriting Committee.

Sarah Carabias-Rush (American Second Vice President)

As Senior Vice President, Economic Development and International Engagement, at the Dallas Regional Chamber, Ms. Carabias-Rush actively markets the region as a prime location for U.S. and North American headquarters, corporate facilities, and international talent; supports efforts to increase direct flights to the region; and leads efforts to improve the Dallas Region's rankings as a top 20 global metro. She has worked at the DRC since 2003 and led the Chamber's efforts to recruit major corporate headquarters to the Dallas Region, including Toyota Motor North America, Hilti North America, ACTIVE Network, Omnitrac, and Kubota Tractor. She earned her B.A. in international studies, sociology, and Spanish from Austin College. She joined the JASDFW Board in January 2019.

Roshan Mansinghani (General Counsel)

Mr. Mansinghani is Legal Head (NPE) at Unified Patents, LLC. He previously practiced for nearly a decade in the Intellectual Property Practice at Baker Botts L.L.P. He has over a decade of experience in patent litigation and trials, and has also extensive experience in patent counseling and intellectual property due diligence in the context of merger and acquisition transactions and licensing programs. While in law school, Mr. Mansinghani served as an intern for Judge William W. Justice at the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Texas. He earned his J.D. at The University of Texas School of Law and his B.S. in electrical engineering at Rice University. He previously served as General Counsel of JASDFW from 2014 to 2018.

Kazunori Nemoto (Japanese First Vice President)

Mr. Nemoto is Vice President, Corporate Strategy of Hitachi High-Tech America (HTA), where he leads Business Development, Business Planning, and Corporate Marketing. Prior to joining HTA in 2017, Kazunori was General Manager in Business Strategy Planning Division of Electronic Device System Business Group of Hitachi High-Tech which is HTA's foreign parent company in Japan, where he was responsible for marketing and planning business strategy for Semiconductor Equipment Businesses. He has more than thirty years of industry experience in engineering, product sales, and marketing. Before Hitachi High-Tech, Kazunori served as Senior Manager of Manufacturing Technology Department at Trecenti Technologies, and working for Hitachi Ltd. for almost 15 years in development and improvement of semiconductor manufacturing technology. Mr. Nemoto received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Science University of Tokyo, and a Doctor of Engineering degree from The University of Tokyo in 2003.

Grant Ogata (President)

Mr. Ogata serves as Principal of Domitech Products, LLC, and EnerControl, LLC. His professional career spans more than 35 years in the consumer electronics and retail industry for various firms including serving as a corporate officer at RadioShack Corporation, Arkados, Inc., and Powermat, LLC, and as Senior Director at Motorola, Inc., focusing on product development, global sourcing, and marketing. He holds a B.S. in marketing from San Diego State University and has deep roots in Japan, having lived in or worked in Japan for 18 years. Mr. Ogata is active in Southlake Sister Cities and served as Southlake's local coordinator for the 2012 Japan America Grassroots Summit. He joined the JASDFW Board in 2013.

Allison Rosario (Treasurer)

Ms. Rosario is a partner based in PwC's Dallas office, currently serving both public and private clients primarily within the automotive and industrial products/manufacturing industry sectors. In addition to her client roles, Ms. Rosario leads PwC's Automotive Assurance practice nationally and is a member of the Firm's Japan Business Network, a group of PwC partners focused on serving the business needs of Japanese companies with operations in the United States. Ms. Rosario currently serves on the Board of Directors for Dallas/Fort Worth chapters of the Japan American Society and the World Affairs Council. Prior to moving to Dallas in 2015, Ms. Rosario spent seven years on assignment with PwC in Japan, serving audit clients in the automotive and consumer markets industry sectors. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Ms. Rosario is a graduate of Oregon State University and is a C.P.A. in Texas and Oregon. She was elected to the JASDW Board as Treasurer in 2016.

Shigetoshi Takashi (Japanese Second Vice President)

Mr. Takashi serves as Managing Director of Japanese Corporate Banking (East) Dallas for MUFG Bank, Ltd. He moved to Dallas in April 2017 from Tokyo, where he held various positions at MUFG Bank, Ltd. since 1997, most recently in the Global Human Resources Offices. He also served a three-year overseas assignment in Los Angeles from 2011 to 2014, in the Pacific Rim Corporate Banking Division of MUFG. Mr. Takashi began his banking career at The Sanwa Bank in 1997 after earning a degree in industrial engineering from Tsukuba University.

Harry Whalen (American First Vice President/President-elect)

Mr. Whalen joined the Frisco Economic Development Corporation as Director of Business Development in October 2014. His primary responsibility is the attraction of new national and international investment in Frisco. He has served on development boards and commissions in numerous states, including Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Michigan. Mr. Whalen is a graduate of the University of South Carolina (USC) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in advertising design. He was a graduate student in journalism at USC and is a graduate of the Industrial Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2015.

Nominated elected directors for terms ending 2023**Mark Berry**

Mr. Berry is Senior Manufacturing Electrical Engineer at Collins Aerospace and General Partner at Westar International LP. Previous employers include Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.; Texas Instruments; and DSC Communications (now Alcatel). He earned B.S.E.E. and M.S.E.E. degrees from Southern Methodist University. Elected to the JASDFW Board of Directors in 2000, he served as Secretary in 2002-03 and 2005-07 and chaired the Young Professionals Committee from 1999 to 2004. Since 2005, Mr. Berry has chaired the Dallas/Sendai Committee, accompanying numerous Dallas delegations to Sendai and strengthening ties between the two cities. He received the Bridges-to-Friendship Award from JASDFW in April 2017.

John Bowers

Mr. Bowers is currently Vice President Co-Brand Partnerships at American Airlines. He is responsible for enhancing American's presence throughout the region through partnerships with other carriers, including AA's \$1.8 billion transpacific joint business with Japan Airlines. Since joining American Airlines in 2000, he has held positions in financial and capital planning, labor analysis, network profitability, and onboard service. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Music Education from Texas Christian University. He was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2012, chaired the Strategic Planning Committee, served as American First Vice President/President Elect, and was elected President in 2016.

Elaine Browning

Ms. Browning has been a JASDFW Board member since 2011 and served as President from 2014 to 2016. She was Host Cities Coordinator for the 2012 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in North Texas. During prior Board service in the early 2000s, she held positions as an officer and also organized JASDFW's Women's Outreach, arranging events between Japanese and American women in the area. While twice living in Japan in the 1990's, she worked as an English teacher and curriculum consultant for a large juku in Mie Prefecture and later as an adjunct instructor in the School of Economics at Sophia University, Tokyo. She holds a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College, an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University, and a certificate from Tokyo Institute of Japanese Language.

Lawrence Howorth

Mr. Howorth is the Director, Mayor's Office of International Business, Richardson Economic Development Partnership and Vice President, International Business Development, Richardson Chamber of Commerce. He focuses on bringing Foreign Direct Investment and new businesses into the City of Richardson, Texas and supports Richardson-based companies in their efforts to grow their international business and enter new international markets. His background includes executive-level positions and over 40 years of multinational business experience in multiple industries and more than 25 countries including Japan and neighboring countries where he led the development of a technology training business. He was a founding member of two multinational companies and currently is the President and Founder of HOWORTH International LLC and an Adjunct Professor with the Dallas Community College.

Dustin Johnson

Mr. Johnson is a patent attorney and the Administrative Partner in the Dallas-North Office of Haynes and Boone, LLP. He advises clients in all aspects of Intellectual Property, including general counseling, freedom to operate, patent infringement, and patent validity. He manages IP portfolios spanning a variety of technology areas, and he helps clients obtain protection for their developments and inventions. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Johnson worked in the industrial diamond industry. He spent two years living in Osaka as a representative for his church. He holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Brigham Young University and a J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law. He was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2016.

Keiichi Kagayama

Mr. Kagayama has been the President of High-Speed-Railway Technology Consulting Corporation (HTeC) for four years. He previously worked for Central Japan Railway Company (JRC) from 1992-2016 in various roles, including General Manager of the Consulting and Coordination Office of JRC's Overseas High Speed Railway Project in the Technology Planning Department of the General Technology Division. In July 2014, he transitioned to JRC's Washington, D.C. office as Deputy General Manager before later joining HTeC. He holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture, an M.S. from the University of Tokyo, and a master's of business administration from the London School of Business. He was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2018.

David Schlottman

Mr. Schlottman is a Partner at Jackson Walker L.L.P. He is an advisor and litigator who focuses on complex cases involving employees, the workplace, and related business disputes. He has wide-ranging experience in helping clients with business problems and lawsuits involving wage-and-hour issues, employee competition, theft of trade secrets, contract claims, compensation disputes, employment discrimination and retaliation, and union-related disputes. Mr. Schlottman stays current on relevant legal trends through regular participation in local bar activities and assisting with continuing legal education presentations. Additionally, David has served as a contributor to the influential treatise *Employment Discrimination Law*, which is published by the American Bar Association's Section of Labor & Employment Law. Throughout law school at Baylor, David was recognized for his advocacy and written work product. He was a member of winning mock trial and moot court teams. He was also published in the *Baylor Law Review* and later served as Editor-in-Chief for the 2011-2012 school year.

Hisashi (Sam) Shichijo

Dr. Shichijo has been a Research Professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Texas at Dallas since January 2010. Prior to this, he held the position of TI Fellow in the External Development and Manufacturing Group at Texas Instruments. During his 28-year career with TI, he held various technical and managerial positions within the research and development organization. Dr. Shichijo received his B.S.E.E from the University of Tokyo and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined the JASDFW Board of Directors in 2002, served as President in 2007-08, and has chaired numerous committees. He is also a member of the Dallas Japanese Association.