

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATION FORM

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**Nominee:** Laura Safran Shepard  
**Country of Citizenship:** USA



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**Present Occupation:** Freelance Writer/home maker

**Address: (Business)** Work at home  
**Tel:** 081 818-2513

**How long have you lived in Thailand?** 8 months

**When do you expect to leave Thailand?** 4 years

**Can you commit to the Board for at least two years?**  Yes  No

**How many children do you have at ISB?** 2

1. Grade 9    2. Grade 6    3. In what grade?    4. In what grade?    5. In what grade?    6. In what grade?

**Do you have children in other schools?**  Yes  No    If yes,

1. In what grade?    2. In what grade?    3. In what grade?    4. In what grade?    5. In what grade?    6. In what grade?

**Educational background:**

Yale University, School of Management, Class of 1994, MBA/MPPM

Wesleyan University, Class of 1989, BA

Concord Academy, Class of 1985, HS

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#### Employment history:

- Freelance Writer, parent, volunteer, 2000-present
- Derivatives Trader, OTC Freight Swaps, Navios Dry Bulk Shipping Co., 1997-1999
- Contract Negotiator, ship charters/freight contracts, Navios Dry Bulk Shipping Co., 1994-1997
- Director of Philanthropic Advisory Service, Better Business Bureau of NYC, 1990-1992
- Operations Mgmt Trainee, Connecticut Bank and Trust/Bank of New England, 1989-1990

#### School-related experience: (Parent Groups, Volunteer, Board etc.)

- Weston In Support of Education (WISE). Executive Committee, Treasurer, Foot Soldier
- Weston, Connecticut PTA , Committee for Parent Symposiums
- ISB Booster Hut Volunteer
- ISB Cafeteria Food Tasting Committee
- Panther Swim Team parent

#### Community activities:

Australia/New Zealand Women's Group (ANZWG): Board Member, Welfare Committee: Identify, fund and monitor worthy charities that support Thai women and children.

Weston Volunteer EMS/Fire Department: Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician. Provided emergency on-scene medical care, drove an ambulance and wrote many patient documentation reports.

- Meals on Wheels: Delivered hot meals to home bound elderly
- Sydney Asylum Seekers: Cooked meals for refugee families seeking political asylum
- Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen: Served lunch to homeless adults

#### Other relevant interests and experience:

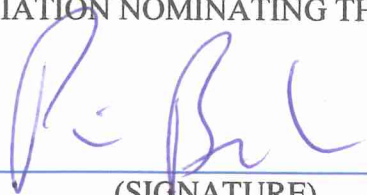
- Members of Royal Bangkok Sport Club/Polo Club
- Fluent in Spanish
- Absolutely passionate about education

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MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NOMINATING THE  
CANDIDATE:

1. Pierre Breber  
(PRINT NAME)

  
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(SIGNATURE)

2. Amy Loebner  
(PRINT NAME)

  
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(SIGNATURE)

I acknowledge this nomination and herewith indicate my willingness to be a candidate.

  
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(SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE)

8 April, 2012  
Date

**NOTE:** Nominations must be filed in the Head of School's Office prior by **12:00 noon on Thursday, April 12, 2012**

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### CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

Please include your responses to the following questions. *Why do you want to be a Board member? What skills and attitude would you bring to the Board? What is your vision of the Board of Trustees' role in the governance of ISB? How do you see ISB 10 years from now?*

Please include any other relevant information.

All students, past and present, have at least one teacher they remember as a critical influence and inspiration in their lives. I will never forget my High School Spanish teacher who flapped his arms, jumped on desks and did whatever he had to do, to get us to understand what he was saying without speaking a word of English. That man was dedicated and passionate. He taught me a lot of Spanish but he also taught me creativity and perseverance and the use of humor to engage an audience. Then as now, the classroom is where we trepidatiously step away from our parents and discover our own essence.

A school must undertake to provide every possible means by which to advance and support this development in both the academic and social realm. I believe the Trustees must provide long term guidance and a big picture strategy and then work with the administration to develop a plan to actuate that vision of student support. The Trustees must also provide a backbone for the ISB community to depend upon and feel comfortable with.

Toward that end, I believe that what I can bring to the BOT is momentum, visibility and critical thinking. Back in Connecticut, I was fortunate to be able to lend my business training and negotiation experience toward a worthy purpose. I volunteered as Treasurer and active member of a non-partisan group called "WISE" (Weston In Support of Education) to drive a solution to overcrowding in our school system. Our success required long range planning, strategy and positive working relationships with town administrators. After years of perseverance and several town-wide referendum votes, I'm proud to say my daughter was among the first group of students to attend classes in a beautiful, new school building with state-of-the-art educational tools.

My team was the driving force behind that project. However, the most important part of making that dream happen, was to have the community behind us. Without their willingness to fund the project, the playgrounds would still be littered with mobile classrooms. Gaining that community support required clear and constant communication and cooperation.

The ISB Community has a highly motivated, unique and academically superior student body. The parents of these students are involved in their children's education and care deeply about the school. I would like to work with the other Trustees to involve the community more and to increase the salience of the important work they do. I believe in the power of communication to garner support and consensus for paving the direction of ISB into the future. Ten years from now I would hope to see an ever-climbing academic standard, a unifying sense of community and many phenomenal teachers who inspire the best in our children in the most creative of ways.

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(Use your name as the name of this file)

Last step:

Please print this form, add signatures and your photo and submit to Khun Oor at Bill Gerritz's office.

Thank you.