



2026 MAIA Board Members

MAIA is registered as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in the United States and is legally registered as Asociación MAIA in Guatemala. All MAIA board members have renewable three-year terms, with another three years to go. Each board member is also a member of at least one of the following committees: Executive, Finance and Fundraising, or Local (Guatemala) Support. All board members also sit on the General Assembly of Asociación MAIA in Guatemala.

PRESIDENT (US): Meg Ounsworth Steere *(Boston, MA, USA)*

Meg's professional experience is diverse—from her time as a park ranger in the early 2000s to her current role in repositioning historic buildings for redevelopment. Her favorite things are the North Maine Woods, writing, swimming, traveling, and trying to say at least hello or thank you in as many languages as possible. She loves improving organizational efficiency and effectiveness. She holds a Bachelor's in French, a focus in Environmental Studies from the University of Virginia, and a Master's in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She lives with her husband and children outside of Boston.

PRESIDENT (GT): Concepción Petzey *(Sololá, Guatemala)*

Concepción Petzey Sosof, a 28-year-old Maya Tzutujil woman from Santiago Atitlán, now residing in Sololá, is the only member of her family to achieve a university degree. She is the Treasury Manager at Cooperativa Integral de Ahorro y Crédito Soluciones. Concepción is a public accountant and has completed a master's in International Accounting and Auditing Standards with an Emphasis on Fiscal and Business Compliance. She is an active leader in community and political movements. During MAIA's Legacy Starfish Program, she was a distinguished, perseverant, resilient Girl Pioneer. Concepción's story is a testament to achieving MAIA's 4 organizational goals. Concepción serves as the President of the board of directors of Asociación MAIA, the legally registered entity in Guatemala.

VICE PRESIDENT (US): Ángel del Valle *(Guatemala City, Guatemala)*

Ángel del Valle is a social anthropologist with over 12 years of experience in research, program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. His work centers on adolescent empowerment, education, child marriage, gender-based violence, and social norm change, with a focus on marginalized and Indigenous communities. He has led mixed-method and experimental evaluations across Central America and supported the expansion of girl-centered programs in Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic, as well as with Native American communities in the U.S. Ángel has also advised national governments and multilateral organizations on evidence-based policies to strengthen social protection systems. He currently serves as the Country Representative for the Population Council in Guatemala. Ángel currently serves as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of Asociación MAIA, the legally registered entity in Guatemala.

VICE PRESIDENT (GT) Carmelina Espantzay *(Guatemala City, Guatemala)*

Carmelina Espantzay Serech is a Maya Kaqchikel anthropologist, educator, and researcher originally from Tecpán, Chimaltenango. She holds a Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Anthropology from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in Ethnographic Research and Intercultural Relations from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She has dedicated her career to promoting intercultural education, researching ethnic and gender equity, and strengthening Mayan languages. She has served as Guatemala's Vice Minister of Bilingual and Intercultural Education and as a university professor, and has participated in the development of educational materials in Mayan languages and in teacher training. Her work and career have been recognized with the Luis

von Ahn Award for her contributions to education and Indigenous women's leadership. Carmelina serves as the Vice-President of the board of directors of Asociación MAIA, the legally registered entity in Guatemala.

SECRETARY (US): Sonja Gustafson (*Seattle, WA / Antigua, Guatemala*)

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Sonja graduated from the University of Oregon Honors College and earned her MBA from the University of Washington. She worked at Microsoft, developing the Encarta brand, and raised her two children while serving on the Meridian School (K-5) board and later on the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS) board. While on sabbatical in Guatemala, Sonja and her family fell in love with the country, built a home, and cultivated a community there. Her interests include languages, travel, hiking, reading, and visiting national parks. She and her husband split their time between Seattle, USA, and Antigua, Guatemala.

TREASURER (US): Marguerite Le Garrec-Hart (*Pittsburgh, PA, USA*)

Marguerite is a partner at Matson, Driscoll & Damico, LLC (MDD), one of the leading forensic accounting firms in the world. Her work focuses on quantifying economic damages arising from contractual disputes, large complex losses, lost profits, business interruption, liability claims, fraud, and other litigation-related matters. In another life, Marguerite was involved in the creation of an elementary school in Namibia and is passionate about education and empowering women to succeed. She currently lives with her husband in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TREASURER (GT): Michelle Dorion (*London, UK*)

Michelle is Guatemalan and a second-generation principal who has participated in the family advisory board since its inception in 2007. She serves as Executive Director of the family office and leads the NextGen and Philanthropy initiatives, focusing on education, access to opportunity, and emergency support. Her background is in international relations and finance, and she has worked in banking in the US, Europe, and Japan for many years. Michelle is Co-Founder and Vice Chair of the London-based Institute of Imagination, which creates physical and temporal experiences for children and families to develop their imaginations. Michelle was a member of Bacardi Ltd.'s board of directors (2001-2005), serving on the Audit, Nominations, and Remuneration committees. Michelle earned her MBA from the Kellogg School and BA from Dartmouth College. She lives in London with her husband. Michelle serves as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Asociación MAIA, the legally registered entity in Guatemala.

Bill Ernstrom (*Golden, CO, USA*)

Bill worked in large and small entrepreneurial companies during his 20-year career as a business leader. Bill successfully founded and guided, as president & CEO, a venture-backed company through start-up, rapid growth, market leadership, acquisitions, and eventual sale. Bill embarked on a new journey in faith, personal development, and facilitation in midlife. Since then, he has attended numerous trainings, co-facilitated YPO forum retreats, and led spiritual weekend retreats. Bill holds a BA in physics from Hamilton, a BSEE from Columbia, and an MBA from Harvard. Bill lives in Golden, Colorado, with his wife and son.

Ana Flores (*Los Angeles, CA, USA*)

Ana Flores is an award-winning author, strategic advisor, and entrepreneur dedicated to supporting women in leading and creating from a place of purpose and fulfillment. She is the Founder and CEO Emerita of #WeAllGrow Latina, one of the most influential networks of Latina creators and entrepreneurs in the United States, which she led for more than a decade until its acquisition in 2025 by the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE). Her leadership and impact have been recognized by the United Nations, which named her a Champion of Change, and by People en Español, which included her among Las Mujeres Más Poderosas. She is the author of the upcoming book *Done With the Hustle* (HarperOne + HarperCollins Español, 2026) and continues to advise purpose-driven organizations, mentor women leaders, and promote communities rooted in empowerment and collective growth.

Greg Goldberg (*Denver, CO, USA*)

Greg is a partner with the Holland & Hart LLP law firm and chairs the firm's government investigations group. He formerly served as an Assistant US Attorney with the US Department of Justice. He now counsels individuals and companies facing government investigations by federal grand juries and federal and state enforcement agencies. Greg graduated from Dartmouth College and Columbia Law School.

Marta Julia Ixtuc (*Sololá, Guatemala*)

Marta Julia is a Maya Kaqchikel from Sololá, where the MAIA Impact School is located. As a Mayan woman, she brings a unique perspective to her leadership role. Marta Julia has worked with the communications team at Friendship Bridge for 14 years and has committed her professional and personal career to empowering women in Guatemala. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration and lives in Sololá.

María Isabel Matzir Miculax (*Chimaltenango, Guatemala*)

María Isabel Matzir Miculax is a Maya Kaqchikel woman, leader, and Human Rights Defender focused on water and territorial rights. She has been an ally of MAIA since 2012. María Isabel resides in Guatemala and has studied Archaeology at the School of History at the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Currently, she is an advocate on Human Rights, Water, and Territory issues at various organizations such as Peace Brigades International, the Center for Legal Action in Human Rights (CALDH), Maíz de Vida, Convergencia Waqib Kej, the Protection Unit for Human Rights Defenders (UDEFEQUA), Radio Dezurda, Radio El Pueblo K'iche' Opina, Ensenyants Solidaris, La Mirada de los Pueblos, and Prensa Comunitaria.

Ana Rocio Monzón Woc (*New York City, NY, USA*)

Rocio is a dual-qualified attorney admitted to practice in New York and Guatemala. She was born and raised in Coatepeque, Quetzaltenango (Guatemala), and she obtained her first law degree at Universidad Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala City. She then worked at the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration until she relocated to the United States to pursue a Master of Laws at Harvard University. After completing her degree, she moved to New York City to work at an international law firm. Rocio is currently an associate at Eversheds Sutherland, focusing on international disputes. Rocio is passionate about education, mentorship, human connection, and travel.

Christi Nielsen (*Whitefish, MT, USA*)

Christi holds an accounting degree from the University of New Orleans. She worked for numerous years for the National Flood Service and in campaign finance reporting for New Orleans elections. She is active in nonprofit work focused on preserving historic buildings in New Orleans and lives in Whitefish, Montana.

Xochitl Oseguera (*Oakland, CA, USA*)

As Senior Vice President of MomsRising and its Spanish-language arm, MamásConPoder, Xochitl Oseguera directs one of the nation's most successful programs to educate and mobilize Latina moms online and on the ground. She has over 25 years of experience working with, reaching out to, and educating Latinx people in the USA. Oseguera spearheads all of MomsRising's Spanish-language initiatives, managing and overseeing a team of staff and organizers who help shape public policy and register Latinx community members to vote. A leading national strategist and spokesperson on various issues, including economic justice, women's and children's health, immigration, criminal justice reform, gun safety, etc. She is frequently covered by top Spanish- and English-language media outlets and called on to confer with state and federal lawmakers.