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International Orthodox Christian Charities Elects Jasmina T. Boulanger Chairman of the Board



Seasoned Economist, Lawyer, Philanthropist to Lead Board of Humanitarian and Development Agency

Baltimore, Md. – The Board of Directors of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) elected Jasmina T. Boulanger of Orange County, California, as Chairman of the Board at its October 2020 biannual meeting. Mrs. Boulanger is the first woman elected Chairman of the Board of IOCC. She succeeds Mark Stavropoulos of Michigan, who successfully completed six years as Chairman, the maximum allowed by the organization's charter.

“It’s a tremendous honor to serve IOCC in this new role,” said Boulanger. “I’m humbled to be part of IOCC’s impactful work, alongside dedicated staff and volunteers in the States and overseas. I’m excited about what we will accomplish together.”

To the role of Chairman, Boulanger brings a wealth of executive experience in the private sector. For more than 30 years, she has practiced corporate and tax law in the US and Europe and has held senior executive and leadership positions at a variety of public companies, including Unocal, Valeant, and Conexant Systems. She has also served the nonprofit community as Vice Chair of the City of Pasadena Planning Commission, Trustee of Assumption University, and President of the Serbian Unity Congress.

As a member of IOCC’s board, Boulanger has visited IOCC offices abroad. In addition, she has served the Orthodox Church as Vice President of the Western Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church. In 2017 the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate awarded her the Order of St. Sava (2nd class).

A native of Wisconsin and graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Boulanger completed her BA in economics at age 17 and went on to earn advanced degrees in economics (MS) and law (JD). She has lectured in those subjects at the University of Southern California and at Claremont McKenna College.

New officers who will serve alongside Boulanger are, as Vice Chairman, Dr. Frank Cerra; as Treasurer, Dimitri Zgourides; and as Secretary, Gayle Malone. The board also welcomes three new members: Kimberly Adams-Angelos, Demetri Papacostas, and the Very Rev. Michael Ellias. Each brings valued skills and experience to IOCC’s governing body.

Despite challenges posed by the global pandemic throughout 2020, IOCC has remained active, taking steps to both safely continue meeting needs worldwide and to position itself for ongoing service in the changed humanitarian landscape. Recent initiatives include emergency response to the Beirut explosion of August 4, 2020, and digitized resources for emotional and spiritual care under its disaster-focused US Program.

To read more about IOCC’s worldwide programs, visit iocc.org.

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