

Section II: Board of Director Nominee Information

***Full Name (Last, First)**

Halona, Kristina J.

***Brief (200 words or less) biography of nominee that will be included in the Ballot mailed or emailed to each General Member. Include information related to affiliation with AISES and what the nominee will bring to the Board of Directors.**

My name is Kristina J. Halona and I am Navajo, originally from Sawmill, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. I am of the Black Streak Wood People Clan born for the Folded Arms People Clan. The Bitter Water Clan is my maternal grandfather's clan and the Salt Clan is my paternal grandfather's clan. I am an Aerospace Engineer where my role is the Vehicle Delivery Deputy Lead on the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Interceptor Program at Orbital ATK in Chandler, AZ. I received a B.S.E degree in Aerospace Engineering from Arizona State University and a M.S.E degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University. I have been an AISES member since I was in middle school competing in AISES science fairs, which led to AISES scholarships, internships, and leadership opportunities like serving as the AISES National Student Representative. As a professional and a Sequoyah Fellow I have been part of the AISES Professional Chapters in the Bay Area, Tucson, and Phoenix and am currently the Phoenix Professional Chapter Vice President. I would love to serve on the board as I want to give back to an organization that has truly helped me become the successful professional I am today.

Please Answer the Following Questions

- 1. Why would you like to serve on the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Board of Directors? (150 words or less)**

I would like to serve on the AISES Board of Directors because it gives me the opportunity to give back to an organization that has helped me become the Aerospace Engineer Professional that I am today. AISES was instrumental on my journey to become an engineer as it began as a young middle school student competing in the AISES Career Fairs to taking advantage of every opportunity AISES provided from scholarships, internships, and leadership opportunities as a college student and as a professional. I am living proof that the AISES Mission is successful and serving on the board gives me the desire and hope to carry on that legacy and success to AISES Members worldwide. I want to share my love and passion for AISES and to ensure that AISES continues to be successful and is here for American Indians for another 40 years or more, our people deserve AISES.

- 2. What is your past experience/association with the AISES organization? (150 words or less)**

While an undergraduate student at Arizona State University I became very involved with AISES and served as the ASU Chapter President where our chapter won the AISES Chapter of the Year Award. It was my peers within AISES that saw my passion for the organization and elected me as the AISES National Student Representative to the BOD. I was in this position for three years and gained more insight about the organization that I loved. While in college I was an AISES scholarship recipient as

well as an AISES intern in Washington, DC for two summers with the Department of Energy and Federal Aviation Administration. As a professional I have served on the local AISES Professional Chapters in the Bay Area, Tucson, and Phoenix in various roles and am currently the AISES Phoenix Chapter Vice President. I truly have grown up with AISES and consider myself an AISES baby.

The AISES Board of Directors has determined that there are key skill sets needed to fulfill AISES' strategic goals. The questions below specifically address the needed skills, knowledge and experience.

3. Please elaborate on your fundraising and major gifts cultivation experience. (150 words or less)

My AISES fundraising and cultivation experiences stems from being on the AISES Phoenix Chapter Board starting in the early 2000's when our golf tournament was just getting off the ground. This effort met developing and utilizing a cultivation plan with colleagues, partners, supporting businesses, friends, and family, as I really had to learn how to develop building relationships and really getting them to understand the AISES mission and the benefits of a golf tournament. 15 years later the golf tournament is still going strong and I'd like to think I played a part in its success. I believe I have strong relationships that could possibly be beneficial to AISES and I would love to work with the other board members to research and examine any prospect pools for AISES, as well as work with the existing prospect pools and donors.

4. Given the strategic goal of increasing value to all members, what skills and resources can you provide toward the success of this strategic initiative? List experience with program development, target populations and outcomes. (150 words or less)

In my current role as the Vehicle Delivery Deputy Lead at Orbital ATK, I have experience with creating and managing system requirements, specifications and a requirements verification database, which in itself is program development on many different levels. I also implement changes and subsystem architecture models that run existing models and simulations to assess system performance, so the end product or outcome are various metrics to gain better understanding of what is happening with the system/program. While this development is primarily geared towards the NASA, Boeing, Raytheon, other government agency populations, etc, I believe my experience is beneficial to AISES in that I do have the resources to provide success of AISES strategic goals. As an AISES Professional I also know the strengths and weaknesses of AISES at the Professional Level and have ideas on increasing value for not only us AISES Professionals, but all members of AISES.

5. Elaborate on your prior experience serving on non-profit Boards. Specify your understanding of the associated fiduciary responsibilities required of Board members. (150 words or less)

My first and only experience serving on a non-profit Board was when I served as the AISES National Student Representative to the BOD for three years. While I may have only been a student on the board at the time, it came with much responsibility as bringing issues from my constituents to the board and vice versa. Having that experience with the BOD I understand the responsibilities and duties of good faith and trust that is expected of the AISES BOD. As a AISES professional that has been part of AISES most of my life and a Sequoyah Fellow I understand I am responsible for the duties of care, loyalty, and obedience outlined for all Board Members. While my experience with non-profit Boards may be limited, I believe it is encouraging because I bring the passion, love, and hope for an organization that truly care about and want to succeed.

6. Have you visited the AISES website to view the AISES Board of Directors Roles, Responsibilities, Agreement, and Member Requirements at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

AISES Code of Conduct document at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

- Yes
 No

Section III: Two (2) Endorsements of Nominee (Required)

Endorsement #1

*Full Name (Last, First)
Finley, Amber

*Endorsement Date
6/14/17

*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)
By Email

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) (this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form) **(150 words or less)**

I am enthusiastically endorsing Miss Kristina Halona to the AISES Board of Directors. I have known Kristina for almost 13 years now. We met through AISES as college students and have seen each other through to become professionals. Kristina represents AISES constantly through her work and has always served as a role model for fellow colleagues and our younger membership. She is an active member of the Arizona Professional Chapter, which I believe shows her commitment to AISES. I have witnessed Kristina grow into a mature and well-rounded individual. I believe her experience as an AISES member and scientific professional will be a great addition to our Board of Directors.

Endorsement #2

*Full Name (Last, First)
Baker-Demaray, Twyla

*Endorsement Date
6/14/17

*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)
By Email

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) (this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form) **(150 words or less)**

Greetings AISES staff - It is my honor to offer my endorsement of Kristina Halona in her bid for election to the AISES Board of Directors. I have known Kristina for a few years through our mutual interest and work with AISES. She is a well connected, committed AISES member who would serve as a wonderful role model for our constituency. I also feel Kristina would prove an excellent Board member, as I see her work ethic and know any board service she would provide would be excellent. I am happy to answer questions regarding my endorsement, please do feel free to contact me via email.

Additional Endorsements (Optional)

Endorsement #3

*Full Name (Last, First)
Deal, Paul (Manager)

*Endorsement Date
6/14/17

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By Email

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) (this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form) (150 words or less)

It is my privilege to endorse Kristina Halona for a position on the AISES Board of Directors. I have worked with Kristina for the past year on the GMD interceptor program, a key element of our nation's Ballistic Missile Defense System. Kristina helped lead our launch vehicle delivery effort that recently culminated in a first-ever successful intercept of an incoming intercontinental ballistic missile. Before coming to Orbital, Kristina had a successful career at Raytheon Missile Systems, Space Systems Loral, and other aerospace greats, including an internship at NASA's Ames Research Center. The qualities that have helped Kristina succeed professionally – leadership, strong ethics, and a passion for people – are traits that will serve the AISES Board well. I look forward to hearing about Kristina's continuing contributions to your organization.

Endorsement #4

*Full Name (Last, First)

*Phone

*Email

*Endorsement Date

*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)

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