



## Department Details

Department name: International Committee

Type: Board or Commission

Meeting time: 5:30 PM

Meeting location:

Primary contact:

Description: The International Committee exists as an umbrella committee to advise the Mayor and City Council and to act as a resource on international matters, to advise and to recommend future Sister City relationships, and to coordinate activities among the La Crosse Sister City Committees. The Committee is responsible for keeping alive our locally rich and diverse cultural heritage, for raising awareness of international connections available in the La Crosse area, and for fostering positive relations with citizens in other countries. The Sister/Partner/Twinning Cities include Republic of Cameroon, Kumbo, West Africa; Epinal, France; Dubna, Russia; Luoyang, China; Friedberg, Germany; Forde, Norway; and Bantry, Ireland. Committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years and shall consist of no more than 14 members: One (1) Council Member and thirteen (13) members to include representatives from the sister city committees, and the remainder a balanced representation from La Crosse educational and business institutions and area citizens with an interest in global connections. Appointment to the committee shall be upon recommendation of the Committee and approval of the Common Council; residency requirements notwithstanding.

| Name                | Title                          | Start Date | End Date   |   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---|
| VACANCY             | Sister City Rep.               | 9/3/2022   | 2/8/2024   | * |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Alyson Glenz        | School District Representative | 12/9/2021  | 12/9/2024  |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Art Marson          | Non-Citizen                    | 11/10/2016 | 1/11/2027  |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Chris Woodard       | Council Member                 | 5/13/2021  | 4/15/2025  |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Dana Young          | Sister City Rep.               | 3/9/2023   | 3/9/2026   |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Irene Barmore       | Sister City Rep.               | 2/13/2014  | 10/13/2025 |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Jerry Berns         | Sister City Rep.               | 7/14/2022  | 7/14/2025  |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |
| Karena Norton       | Sister City Rep.               | 2/8/2024   | 2/8/2027   |   |
| Appointed By: Mayor |                                |            |            |   |

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| Karolyn Bald<br>Appointed By: Mayor   | UW-L Rep.        | 9/10/2020  | 1/11/2027 |
| Lynn West<br>Appointed By: Mayor      | Sister City Rep. | 12/9/2021  | 12/9/2024 |
| Melissa Giefer<br>Appointed By: Mayor | Viterbo Rep.     | 8/8/2019   | 9/12/2024 |
| Michael De Yoe<br>Appointed By: Mayor | Sister City Rep. | 11/13/2014 | 1/11/2027 |
| Mindy Wiesjahn<br>Appointed By: Mayor | Sister City Rep. | 7/14/2022  | 7/14/2025 |
| Thomas Monson<br>Appointed By: Mayor  | Sister City Rep. | 8/14/2023  | 8/10/2026 |

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\* indicates extended term