

2) Board Committees (elected for one year term)

a) Executive Committee (President is ex-officio Chair)

- Michael Simpson
- Misuzu Onuki
- Sergio Camacho
- Kerrie Dougherty
- Chris Welch

b) Nominating Committee

- Sergio Camacho, Chair (new)
- Bill Nye
- Bijal Thakore
- Lisa LaBonté
- Dorin Prunariu

3) Officers (elected for one year term)

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| • Max Grimard | Chair |
| • Dennis Stone | President |
| • Michelle Mendes | Vice President – Development (new – bio enclosed) |
| • Jeff Faszczka | Vice President – North America |
| • Ali Al-Mashat | Vice President – Middle East |
| • Michel Laffaiteur | Vice President – Strategy |
| • Marcia Gilbert | Treasurer |

Vice President-Development Nominee – Michelle Mendes



Michelle Mendes is Manager, Development of the World Space Week Association (WSWA). She is responsible for obtaining funding, developing plans to drive participation in annual World Space Week events, promote growth of the organization and its programs and to nurture new partnerships with like-minded organizations to promote STEM education. Michelle has held this position since May 2014, but previously volunteered for the organization for over a year in 2010/2011 in a similar position as Vice President Development.

Professionally, Michelle is an executive well known for achieving results and has worked simultaneously in the private and non-profit sectors for the last 20 years. Her roles as Director and Consultant in international financial and legal firms have allowed her to specialize in law & policy, finance & economics, strategy, planning, partnership & business development, communications and event management.

Michelle was educated internationally with an Executive Masters of Business Administration in Space Commerce (MBA) at International Space University. Most recently, she has taken a certificate in Strategic Space Law at McGill University in Montreal. She also holds a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia Canada where she focused her specialized degree on commerce, law, economics and international relations. Michelle is a Fellow Chartered Secretary of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Canada (FCIS) in both Canada and the United Kingdom.

Michelle is also a member of Women in Aerospace, the Canadian Space Commerce Association, the Canadian and UK Society of Chartered Secretaries. As a dual Canadian and Portuguese national, she lives in both Geneva, Switzerland and in Ontario, Canada. Her mother tongue is English but is also fluent in Portuguese and has moderate French and Spanish skills.