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Bob is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with 18 years overseas and six in Washington. His overseas tours include DCM Stockholm, political counselor Tel Aviv, economic counselor Riyadh and Baku, deputy economic counselor Ankara, political officer Cairo and Jerusalem, as well as PRT team leader in Tikrit, Iraq. In Washington, he served as the Director of State's Iraq Reconstruction and Economic Affairs Office, and as a senior advisor on global and functional affairs in H. He has earned Senior Performance Pay, five Superior Honor Awards, and four commendations for EERs of others. His publications include a translation from Arabic of Ali Salem's *A Drive to Israel* (2002), and an article about Saudi Arabia in *Foreign Policy* magazine (November 2008).

Bob has enjoyed each of the assignments in the Foreign Service, especially the overseas tours where one can easily build close friendships and a sense of community with other FS members. He has served on a school board and ICASS Councils, and coached basketball teams at several posts. His spouse Young-Mi and he have three children, who have grown up mostly overseas in the Foreign Service. Bob graduated from Princeton with a BA and MPA, and from the University of Michigan Law School. He practiced corporate law at the Los Angeles firm of Troy & Gould for three years before joining the Foreign Service.

As he starts a two-year term as AFSA President on 15 July 2013, Bob looks forward to working with AFSA's staff and board of directors, and with the management of the Foreign Service agencies, to make a difference for all of us, both professionally and personally, in this demanding and satisfying career we have chosen.