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# Announcement

## MEI welcomes five new members to its Board of Governors

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(Washington, D.C.) - The Middle East Institute (MEI) is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members to its Board of Governors: Jomana R. Al-Rashid, Joe Geagea, Nada Hamadeh, John K. Hurley, and Kevin Taweel. MEI's board now includes 37 members from the United States, Europe, and the Middle East, whose careers and philanthropic efforts are devoted to strengthening U.S.-Middle East relations at every level.

"Each of these individuals brings an independent and unique perspective to the work MEI does to promote better understanding and stronger relations between the people of the United States and the Middle East," said MEI Board Chairman John Abizaid.

"We are excited to welcome these new leaders to our board," said MEI President and CEO Paul Salem. "Their experience and vision will be instrumental in helping the Institute to advance its mission at a time when MEI's work is more relevant and vital than ever."

The new members were approved at the board's semi-annual meeting on October 18, 2023. At the meeting, the board also voted to reappoint Ambassador Susan L. Ziadeh, former acting Principal U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. "Since Ambassador Ziadeh joined MEI's board in 2017, she has played a very important role in helping to grow the institute and increase its impact," said Salem.

Consisting of private sector leaders and retired senior government officials from the U.S., Europe and the region, MEI's board plays an important role in advancing the organization's mission to foster peace, prosperity, and partnership in the U.S.-Middle East relationship.