



Michael Strand

Deputy Executive Director

After a career in IT leadership in a Fortune 100 financial services company, Michael moved with his wife and youngest children to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he works with a non-profit to enhance educational and cultural opportunities.

Michael led as an Information (Data) Architect, influencing the direction of data acquisition, storage, governance, and utilization. Working in both technical and management roles, he led efforts varying from data protection to artificial intelligence to data analytics to visualization. He also volunteered for non-profit boards. This varied experience is reflected in his education: a bachelor's degree in business with focus in technology and two master's degrees, in religion and classics.

Michael married Lia in 1994. They have five children, all adopted internationally, ranging in age from high school to post-college. He enjoys running and biking, guitar and piano, reading a good book, and drinking strong coffee with friends.