



American Gem Trade Association Announces Board of Directors' Election Results

DALLAS, TEXAS (September 13, 2017) – The American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) announced today the results of its annual AGTA Board of Directors' Election. The following candidates were elected as Directors:

Bruce Bridges, Bridges Tsavorite
Charles Carmona, Guild Laboratories, Inc.
Kimberly Collins, Kimberly Collins Gemstones
Hemant Phophaliya, A.G. Color, Inc.

The Directors'-elect will take office February 2018, and will serve three-year terms. The following Members will continue with their positions on the Board:

Jeffrey Bilgore, President	Kusam Malhotra, Director
Pramod Agrawal, Vice President	Jeff Mason, Director
Avi Raz, Treasurer	David Nassi, Director
Jonathan Gad, Director	Shekhar Shah, Director
Bill Heher, Director	Simon Watt, Director
Gina Latendresse, Director	

AGTA would like to extend special thanks to Robert Van Wagoner for his years of service to the Board of Directors, and to AGTA.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Past President Ruben Bindra. The Committee Members were John Bachman, Benjamin Hackman and Ray Zajicek. The AGTA Board of Directors holds elections on a rotating cycle in order to guarantee coherence of the Board's long-term plans. The new Board Members will be introduced at the AGTA Membership Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, February 2018; the meeting is open to all AGTA Members. For more information, please contact info@agta.org or 800-972-1162.

The American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) is an association of United States and Canadian trade professionals dedicated to promoting the long term stability and integrity of the natural colored gemstone and Cultured Pearl industries. The Association pursues its goals through the combined use of educational programs, publicity, industry events, government and industry relations, and printed materials for both the trade and consumer. The AGTA is well-known in the gemstone and jewelry industries for maintaining the highest ethical standards.

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