

American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Board of Directors Manual

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About AABGU

AABGU Mission Statement

American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU) plays a vital role in sustaining David Ben-Gurion's vision, creating a world-class institution of education and research in the Israeli desert, nurturing the Negev community and sharing the University's expertise locally and around the globe.

How AABGU Fulfills its Mission

AABGU fulfills its mission by raising funds and awareness for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) across the United States, showcasing BGU's academic excellence and cutting-edge research from the desert for the world.

Activities include educating individuals, foundations and media about the University's groundbreaking research through a series of exciting, informative communications, and educational programs and events, featuring BGU's world-renowned faculty.

AABGU promotes the pioneering spirit of Israel's founders that continues to flourish in the vast desert wilderness of the Negev. A unique oasis of innovation, BGU is making the desert bloom, providing expertise in desert studies, alternative energy, ecological conservation, water purification and management, bio- and nanotechnologies, community medicine and global health, social work, and Jewish literature and culture. AABGU supports these endeavors and the University's extensive outreach to the Negev's diverse communities, its Arab neighbors, developing nations and the world.

Founded in 1972, AABGU is a nonprofit corporation with headquarters in New York City and nine regional offices throughout the United States.

About BGU

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) was inspired by the vision of Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, who believed that the future of the country lay in the Negev region, a desert area comprising more than 60 percent of the country. Established by government mandate in 1969 as a vehicle for the social, economic and scientific transformation of the Negev, Ben-Gurion University is more than a world-renowned institute of research and higher learning.

BGU is imbued with the pioneering spirit of Israel's earliest founders, driven by the mandate to secure the future of Israel, develop the Negev and provide opportunity to the region's residents. With some 20,000 students spanning campuses in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer and Eilat, BGU is the most dynamic university in Israel today, leading projects in the areas of environmental science and ecology, medicine and global health, engineering, biotechnology, Hebrew literature, desert agriculture, water purification and management, solar energy, and more.

About OSP

Through the generosity of Stanley D. Ginsburg and Ira Ingerman, the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program (OSP) at BGU has been enriching the lives of college students since 1991. This unique study abroad program is a tremendous source of pride for their families and for the entire AABGU family.

The OSP emphasizes integration with Israeli students and immersion in Israeli society. Students share apartment suites with Israeli students in BGU's dorms, a practice which maximizes contact with Israelis and contributes to fluency in Hebrew. International students are fully integrated members of the BGU student body and have access to all student facilities.

Whether they choose to attend for a year, semester, winter, or summer, the OSP provides participants with an authentic experience in the “real” Israel, fostering a life-long relationship with the country and with BGU and developing a cadre of proud and knowledgeable advocates for Israel on American campuses and beyond.

International students at BGU study the Hebrew language in addition to choosing from a variety of courses taught in English that are designed to enhance and connect with their experience in Israel. The OSP offers concentrated tracks in Sustainable Development, Global Health and Israel Studies along with a wide array of fascinating courses in a variety of disciplines including History, Anthropology, Sociology, Religion, the Arts and many others.

Each area of study offers matriculating courses, individual research with a faculty member and the possibility of unique academic internships as well as volunteer opportunities with the University's extremely popular and successful Community Action Unit.

Students also explore Israel on trips organized by the OSP, where they learn about the country's history, landscape and diverse traditions. Finally, OSP students at BGU become a part of the University's vibrant student body and gain a deep understanding of Israeli life from the “inside.”

How can you, as a board member, help?

- Consider the OSP as an option for your children, grandchildren or other family members and friends.
- Identify opportunities to showcase the OSP within your local community – JCC's, synagogues, Federations, Boards of Jewish education or any other appropriate venue. Our office is happy to send materials or make visits anywhere in the country.
- Help make connections between the OSP and American universities. Any “lead” or contact in a school which helps open the door for our staff is a tremendous help
- Provide scholarship funds for a needy or meritorious student.

For more information, see our award-winning Web site (www.bgustudyabroad.org) or contact Andi Meiseles, Director of the North American Office for International Academic Affairs at ameiseles@aabgu.org.

Fundraising

Priorities

Current fundraising priorities for AABGU are (in alphabetical order):

- Alternative and Solar Energies
- **American Associates Village at Sede Boqer***
- Biotechnology
- Brain Science
- Capital Projects
- Desert and Water Research and Management, including the Plant a Tree to Seed Desert Research Initiative (olive trees in Wadi Mashash)
- Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Disorders
- Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Medicine
- Homeland Security
- Israel Studies and Zionism
- Nanotechnology
- Professorial and Career Development Chairs
- Regenerative Medicine
- Robotics
- Student Scholarships and Graduate/Post-doc Research Fellowships

Recognition Levels

The following AABGU giving levels include inscriptions on the BGU Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva:

President's Pillars*	\$5,000,000 +
Ben-Gurion Society.....	\$1,000,000 +
Negev Society / Tamar	\$500,000 +
Negev Society / Arava.....	\$250,000 +
Negev Society / Eshkol	\$100,000 +
Founder.....	\$50,000 +
Living Legacy Society	any planned gift

*The inauguration of the President's Pillars and dedication of the American Associates Village will take place during the 44th Annual Board of Governors Meeting on May 19th and 21st 2014, respectively.

Planned Giving

AABGU offers a range of planned giving options that enable you to support the University in perpetuity and become a member of BGU's Living Legacy Society. Options include:

- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Bequests
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Gifts of Life Insurance
- Gifts of a Pension, a Retirement Plan, or an IRA
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

To start the conversation, consult your financial and/or legal advisor and contact the regional director in your area. Or contact AABGU's planned giving team leader at 1-800-962-2248 ext. 1400 or plannedgiving@aabgu.org.

Gift Opportunities

Scholarship and Fellowship Initiatives

Brain power is Israel's greatest natural resource. BGU is dedicated to nurturing and pumping this resource by ensuring that higher education is readily available to those who choose to pursue it, regardless of their financial situation. Educating new generations of undergraduate students is a core element of BGU's mission. And, as BGU is the number one choice of entering undergraduate students in Israel, securing enough funds to provide scholarships and financial aid to qualified students in need is an ongoing challenge.

Ben-Gurion University is also committed to recruiting the most exceptional students to its academic and research centers, and to increasing the percentage of the student body engaged in advanced research. Therefore, in addition to need-based scholarships for undergrads, fellowships for graduate, doctoral and postdoctoral candidates are provided on a merit basis, allowing Israel's finest young minds to contribute to and enrich the quality of academic life.

Undergraduate Scholarships (need based)

- Annual: \$3,000 for one undergraduate scholarship for one year
- Endowment: \$75,000 for one scholarship annually in perpetuity

Graduate, Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships (merit based)

- Annual: \$8,000-\$18,000 for one graduate fellowship for one year
- \$12,000-\$25,000 for one doctoral fellowship for one year
- \$25,000-\$45,000 for one postdoctoral fellowship for one year
- Endowment: \$200,000-\$450,000 for one graduate fellowship annually in perpetuity
- \$300,000-\$625,000 for one doctoral fellowship annually in perpetuity
- \$625,000-\$1.1 million for one postdoctoral fellowship annually in perpetuity

Costs are dependent on student's level of proven excellence and area of study. Earnings on most scholarship/fellowship endowment funds are matched by the University.

Chairs

Professorial and Career Development Chairs are bestowed upon professors, lecturers and researchers who have demonstrated excellence and success through theoretical or applied research, publications, teaching, innovation and developmental leadership.

Professorial	\$1,000,000
Career Development	\$500,000

Contact your regional director for more information about these and other funding needs.

Resources

Internet

- AABGU** www.aabgu.org
- The Web site includes:
- News and information about AABGU and BGU
 - Information about BGU’s priority research areas and funding needs
 - Living Legacy Society information
 - Videos
 - Digital versions of AABGU and BGU publications
 - Regional event information
 - Zin Fellows information
 - Donation forms: in memory/in honor/general/olive tree initiative
 - Information and application for the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program (OSP). Also: www.bgustudyabroad.org
 - Electronic greeting cards you can send for a variety of occasions
- BGU** web.bgu.ac.il/eng/home
- Facebook** www.facebook.com/aabgu
www.facebook.com/BenGurionUniversity
You can “Like” the AABGU and BGU Facebook pages
- Twitter** Follow AABGU and BGU on Twitter:
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- YouTube** Watch videos about BGU at:
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Publications

The following printed publications are available digitally at www.aabgu.org and in hard copy from your regional office:

IMPACT, a bi-annual magazine produced by the AABGU national office, featuring education and research news, donor profiles, student and alumni stories, and updates about AABGU and BGU.

eIMPACT is a monthly electronic newsletter sent to all donors with known e-mail addresses and anyone else who chooses to sign-up for it. It highlights research news, special events, new videos, students, and more.

BGU & You, a quarterly newsletter produced by BGU's Department of Publications and Media Relations that highlights donor news from around the world.

President's Report, an annual publication produced by BGU's Department of Publications and Media Relations that gives an overview of the University and its achievements for the year.

Videos

Many videos are available to view at www.aabgu.org and on DVD, including:

Designing a New Future

Highlights key research priorities: homeland security, desert science, nanotech medical advances and algae based pharmaceuticals. (6:47)

Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

Hear from students and faculty about the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. (5:36)

Water for Life

The Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research at the BIDR seeks to solve Israel's and the world's water resource needs. (5:34)

A Community of Caring

More than 40 percent of BGU students volunteer in disadvantaged neighborhoods. (7:45)

The Spirit of the Negev

Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School (9:07)

As we forge forward through the digital age, more and more short and topical videos are being made and posted on our Web site and featured in eIMPACT, our electronic monthly newsletter. These videos about BGU research can be viewed on the video page of our media center on the Web site, or here:

www.youtube.com/aabgu

www.youtube.com/user/BenGurionUniversity

Printed Materials

Ask your regional director or a national staff member to receive fundraising and promotional materials including:

Fundraising Brochures

- A Light Unto the Nations: Solar Energy
- Advancing Teaching and Research Excellence: Professorial and Career Development Chairs
- Bold in Spirit: Facts and Figures
- Building an International Community: American Associates Village at Sede Boqer
- Curing and Treating Diabetes
- Fighting our Appetite: Conquering a Worldwide Pandemic
- Focus on the Future: Student Scholarships and Fellowships
- Israel and the People of the Book: Interdisciplinary Israeli Cultural Studies
- It's a Nano World: Manipulating Molecules to Change our Lives
- Mastering the Secrets of the Human Brain

Promotional Brochures

- **Investing in the Future of Israel** – This trifold brochure provides a succinct overview of BGU and is a perfect resource to pass onto associates, friends and family members to learn about the University.
- **Feel the Energy** (available in October 2013). Provides a thorough overview of each of BGU's faculties, departments and research institutes, and includes significant achievements.
- **Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program**
 - **Folder/Brochure** (24 pages). Provides an overview of BGU's Overseas Student Program, targeted mostly for study abroad professionals and academics.
 - **Pamphlet** (4 pages). Overview for students
 - **Variety of Inserts** depict course lists, tuition, academic calendars, etc.
 - **Postcards and Posters** for student recruitment

Board Organization

Calendar

2013-2014

September 16-17, 2013	AABGU National Board Meeting	New York City
February 9-11, 2014	AABGU National Board Meeting	Sonoma, CA
May 7-18, 2014	East Meets West: A Journey Through the Jewish Balkans	Balkans
May 18-21, 2014	BGU 44 th Annual Board of Governors Meeting & AABGU National Board Meeting	BGU, Israel

2014-2015

September 16-17, 2014	AABGU National Board Meeting	New York City
February 10-11, 2015	AABGU National Board Meeting	Non-NYC location
May 17-20, 2015	BGU 45 th Annual Board of Governors Meeting & AABGU National Board Meeting	BGU, Israel

2015-2016

September 9-10, 2015	AABGU National Board Meeting	New York City
February 2016	AABGU National Board Meeting	Non-NYC location
May 2016	AABGU Pre-Board of Governors Tour	TBD
May 2016	BGU 46 th Annual Board of Governors Meeting & AABGU National Board Meeting	BGU, Israel

Board Member Participation Policy

Subject to such exceptions as the President and the Development Committee might approve, AABGU officers and directors-at-large are expected to participate in AABGU functions in the following ways:

1. Financial Support and Advocacy
 - a. Be an active advocate of AABGU and take a leadership role in fundraising.
 - b. Be a major gift donor or make a commitment to a Founder's level gift of \$50,000 during the first three-year term on the national board.
 - c. Contribute, or by direct result of the Board member's efforts, generate at least \$10,000 for AABGU during each year of Board service.
 - d. Assist in soliciting major gifts, attend and bring proposals and supporters to national and/or regional AABGU fundraising functions, and help to obtain "guests of honor" or speakers.
 - e. Encourage others to become active supporters of BGU, both at regional and national levels.

2. Attendance
 - a. Attend AABGU National Board meetings, either by phone or in person. There are nine National Board meetings per term (three per year). Minimal acceptable attendance is five Board meetings during each term.
 - b. Serve on at least one Board committee when asked.
 - c. Attend one Ben-Gurion University Board of Governors' meeting and/or visit the University at least once during each three-year term.
 - d. Participate in regional activities.

3. Relationship with the University
 - a. Each Board member is encouraged to become knowledgeable about at least one center, department, school or faculty, and reach out to individual faculty members through visits to the University and when BGU faculty visit the United States. Every trip to Israel by a Board member, where feasible, should include a visit to the University.
 - b. Pursue opportunities that help connect the University with any corporations, foundations, etc. with which Board members have a relationship for potential support of the University and/or the economic development of the Negev region.
 - c. Assist the University in making connections with academic and research institutions in the United States for potential collaboration and affiliation.

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Zvi Alon

Zvi is currently the founder and chairman of Alon Ventures. Prior to this, he was the founder of NetManage, Inc. and served as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer since the company's formation in 1990 through the sale of the company in 2008. In 1994, Zvi founded NetVision, the Largest Internet Service provider in Israel, and served as its CEO and Chairman for 5 years. From 1986 to 1989, Zvi was the president of Halley Systems, a manufacturer of networking equipment, including bridges and routers. He also has served as manager, Standard Product Line at Sytek, Inc., a networking company, and manager of the Strategic Business Group for Architecture, Graphics and Data Communications at Intel Corporation, a semiconductor manufacturer. Zvi received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel. He served as president of AABGU from 2000 to 2003.

Robert (Bob) H. Arnow

Bob is chairman emeritus of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He relinquished the chairmanship in 1995. In the early 80s, Bob served as president of AABGU. Under his stewardship, the organization became the University's major international fundraising operation. In 1997, he founded the Center for Bedouin Studies and Development at BGU, which was named for him in 2007. The Center is dedicated to enhancing the lives of the Bedouin in the Negev through education. Bob serves on the boards of *The New York Jewish Week*, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Bryant Park Corporation, Theatre for a New Audience, and on the editorial advisory board of *Moment Magazine*. He is also a life trustee of UJA-Federation of New York and a life member of JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America). A passionate advocate of many causes, Bob's leadership and generosity has enhanced the lives of many people, in the United States, in Israel and throughout the world.

Arnold Bengis

Arnie has supported AABGU since making his initial gift in 1995 and is a member of the University's Ben-Gurion Society. He established the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and High-Tech Management and the Bengis Center for Desert Aquaculture, which conducts research into the use of brackish water for fish farming in the Negev. Over the years, Arnie has been an active member of the AABGU community and a regular at Board of Governors Meetings. He served as co-chair of the Greater New York Region board, and has attended numerous regional events over the years. Arnie received an honorary doctoral degree from BGU in 2003. He currently serves as a board member of U.S.A. Maccabi Association, and has been active in South African Jewish charitable organizations for more than 40 years.

Richard (Rich) Bernstein

Rich has been a member of the AABGU board since 2009. He is a prominent leader in the Miami Jewish community and has held nearly every senior position within the Greater Miami Federation. He is a past member of the board of UJC (United Jewish Communities) and currently serves as a member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He was instrumental in the development of the Miami Federation's Partnership 2000 (P2K) relationship with the Negev town of Yerucham. He was an active member of UJC's Task Force on Negev Development staffed by Doron Krakow during his UJC tenure, and was a past national co-chair of the UJC Argentinean Relief Campaign. Rich is a passionate devotee of the Negev region and is deeply committed to the advancement of higher education in Israel, having served until recently as a member of the board of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Rich is also the only American member of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund board of

directors, which manages and allocates a \$50 million fund created by the Dutch government for projects on Jewish identity and education in the former Soviet Union. He is also a member of the board and serves as global general counsel of the One Laptop Per Child Association, a U.S. nonprofit committed to making low cost, rugged, Internet connect laptop computers available to children in the developing world. Rich is married to Barbara, his high school sweetheart from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has two married daughters, Jen Derevensky and Sara Frost.

Jack R Bershad

Jack is the chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region, a past Philadelphia chapter chair, chairman of the endowment fund for the BGU--Fox Chase Cancer Center affiliation and of the chapter's Living Legacy Society Committee. He and his wife, Helen, are members of the Negev Society, and he is a member of the Living Legacy Society. They established the Helen and Jack R Bershad Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2006 and are supporting the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. Jack is a graduate of Temple University and Harvard Law School. He had a long affiliation with Blank Rome LLP, where he served as chair of the international law firm prior to retirement. Jack's community outreach is broad. His present and past nonprofit board affiliations include: Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition; Middle East Forum; Philadelphia Museum of Art; The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society; Opera Company of Philadelphia; Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; Moore College of Art and Design; and The Wilma Theater.

Martin (Marty) Blackman

Marty was first introduced to BGU through one of his law firm's clients, Bob Arnov. Marty practices business law with the New York City firm Bergreen and Bergreen. He is president of the Skirball Foundation, a major philanthropic organization whose mission includes improving education and advancing medical research in the clinical fields. Marty is also a director of Los Angeles' Skirball

Cultural Center, the largest Jewish community center and museum in the world.

Both the Skirball Foundation and Marty personally, with his wife, Rena, strongly support BGU's Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics. Marty and the Foundation are also enthusiastic supporters of BGU medical research programs, such as the Brain Imaging Research Center. Marty has found his numerous visits to BGU to be most instructive and rewarding. Over the years, he has delighted in its growth as more schools, departments, students, and buildings have been added. As a long-term AABGU board member, his commitment is more than monetary.

Sylvia Brodsky

Sylvia has spent more than 40 years practicing in the mental health field and is listed in *Who's Who among Human Services Professionals*. She is also a mental health volunteer for the Red Cross. Past activities include serving as director of social services for the Jewish Federation of Camden County and as chairperson of the Anti-Defamation League Committee of Philadelphia B'nai B'rith Women.

Sylvia has made a major gift to fund the Sylvia A. Brodsky Psychological Walk-In Service at Ben-Gurion University, and has visited BGU several times. She is a member of the Founders, Negev and Living Legacy Societies. She was the AABGU honoree at the 2005 Israel Bonds Evening of Honor and has been on the board and an officer of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter for several years.

She has received awards from various organizations, including the March of Dimes, the Southeast Mental Health Association, the Red Cross, and Jewish Women International. For the purpose of providing for an endangered species and conservation, she has established an Eagle Mew in her late husband Ben's name at a Raptor Center. With her brother, she established an outpatient clinic at the Residential Treatment Center for Children in Jerusalem in their mother's name.

Jacob (Coby) Dayan

Coby participated in the “Express Mission” to BGU several years ago, and together with his wife, Riki, became Negev Society members. They chaired AABGU’s 2007 Major Gifts Mission, and are very committed to Israel and BGU.

Coby was born in Israel and was raised in Jerusalem. He served in the Israeli Air Force and took part in the Six Day War in 1967. After the war, he moved to California to start his academic studies in electrical engineering and computer science at the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the semiconductor industry in Silicon Valley and participated in the design and development of computer products in the early stages of this industry. As a result, he spent several years in Malaysia and traveled all over Asia and Europe.

Now semi-retired, Coby is involved in investments, enjoys traveling, golf, hiking, playing bridge, Israeli folk dancing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He serves on the AABGU board as assistant treasurer and is a member of BGU’s board of governors. He is chairman of the American Associates Village Committee and serves on various other committees. He and Riki annually attend the University’s Board of Governors Meeting.

Rochelle Etingin

Born in Israel, Rochelle graduated high school in 1948 and immediately thereafter fought in Israel’s War of Independence. Following the war, she came to New York to study fashion and graduated from Parsons School of Design. Rochelle and her husband, Maks, are strong supporters of Israel and she is a member of the AABGU Greater New York Region board. In 2004, Rochelle and Maks established a Chair in Desert Research at BGU. Rochelle is very proud of the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and has brought her extended family of 14 to Israel to visit BGU and other Israeli-based charities that are important to her.

Anthony (Tony) Felzen*

Tony earned his B.A. from Brown University (Urban Studies) and his M.B.A. from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He also earned his MSc. in Real Estate Investment/Development from New York University. He is a serial entrepreneur who primarily invests in real estate in the New York City metropolitan region and in South Florida. He is also co-owner of “Flex Mussels,” a popular seafood restaurant in Manhattan.

Propelled by his long-time love of documentary film, Tony co-produced and distributed *Unsettled*, an award-winning documentary about six young Israelis – soldiers, settlers and activists – during the August 2005 disengagement from Gaza. He also produced a documentary (currently in post-production) about rescue workers in post-earthquake Haiti.

Tony is active in several American organizations that work in Israel. He serves on the national board of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) and currently chairs its Young Leadership Division. He served as president of FIDF’s Young Leadership New York Division from January 2010 to January 2013. Additionally, Tony served FIDF in a professional capacity, stepping in twice as interim director of the Young Leadership Division. Under his leadership, the division grew its contributions to over \$1million annually and increased its commitments and scholarships to needy soldiers.

Tony sits on the AIPAC Young Leadership (NY) Board and is involved with the OR Movement, the Jewish National Fund, The David Project, the Israel Free Loan Society, and several community-based initiatives in Tel Aviv. He joined the AABGU community in October 2011 as a participant in the first cohort of the Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program.

Tony is a native New Yorker and lives in Union Square.

Steven (Steve) Finkelman

Until this past June, Steve and his wife, Sandra, served as co-chairs of AABGU's Greater Texas Region. Steve is currently president of Texas Hillel, which serves the University of Texas-Austin campus. He is general chairman, State of Israel Bonds, Houston where he formerly served as president of the Houston Prime Ministers' Club and as co-chair with Sandra of Houston New Leadership.

Steve's other community affiliations include serving on the national and Houston Advisory Councils of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the national board of directors of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA). He sits on the boards of the Anti-Defamation League-Southwest Region, Camp Young Judea Inc., CMATH – Center for Medicine after the Holocaust, and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation.

A member of the Fiscal Oversight Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, he formerly served on the federation's board and as chair of its Community Relations Committee. He served as the first treasurer and is an advisory board member of Holocaust Museum Houston.

Steve is a certified public accountant and chief financial officer of Scope Imports, Inc., a family-owned business. He is the father of three children, all of whom attended Jewish day schools.

Stewart Flink

Stewart is principal of his own private investment firm, Next View Capital, which he started in January 2009 following decades of securities industry experience at Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns and CIBC Oppenheimer, and with an earlier firm of his own, Crestview Capital, established in September 2000. He is experienced in broad aspects of investments, including money management, hedge funds, venture capital, security analysis, and operations.

In the summer of 2012, Stewart taught a customized investments class to 16 of BGU's English-language MBA candidates in Beer-Sheva. He has presented before many groups, including universities, accounting firms and peer groups. Topics have included non-correlated portfolio construction, as well as protecting assets in declining environments. In addition, he has written articles on hedge funds, published monthly newsletters and written a chapter on hedge funds in *PIPEs: A Guide to Private Investments in Public Equity*, published by Bloomberg. He received an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1983 and earned his BA in economics and psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1978.

Ruth Flinkman-Marandy

Ruth is president of Flinkman Management, Inc., a family-owned real estate management company in Santa Monica, California. In addition to being a national vice president on the AABGU board, she was elected to BGU's board of governors in May 2012. Ruth has also been the campaign chair for AABGU's Southwest Region for several years.

In 2013, Ruth was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the University for her significant contributions to research, the advancement of knowledge and the future of Israel. She has been a strong supporter of the University's Nano in the Negev initiative for many years, and has also supported student scholarships. She and her husband, Ben Marandy, most recently pledged considerable funds to build a new atom chip and quantum optics research and development facility.

A major supporter of higher education in Israel, Ruth also serves on the boards of American Technion Society and American Friends of The Hebrew University, as well as on the boards of governors of those universities. She is a past president of American Friends of Magen David Adom of Israel and Hadassah. She also serves on the boards of the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild; the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue; Theatre

40; and West Coast Jewish Theatre. She is a founder of the Los Angeles Music Center.

Ruth resides in Century City, California, and has four children and three grandchildren.

Stephen (Steve) L. Friedman

Steve was elected to AABGU's board in September 2009 and became a Founder earlier in the year. He has been very active on the Greater Texas regional board for the last nine years and was the dinner chair for the Greater Texas Region's first Kosher Extravaganza. Steve is in the insurance business and is regarded as a leader in the Houston community. He is the consummate networking consultant. He and his wife, are also involved in local, regional and national Rotary, Houston Jewish Federation and the Houston Jewish Foundation.

Dodi Fromson

Dodi has been a recognized specialist in Asian textiles and antiques since 1975. She is a longtime AABGU board member, a committed member of BGU's Negev and Living Legacy Societies and sponsor of the annual AABGU Murray Fromson Media Mission.

Born in Manchester, England, she immigrated to the United States in 1939. She attended UCLA; AUA in Bangkok, Thailand; Northwestern University; and Hong Kong University. Professionally she has worked in the industries of insurance, entertainment public relations, journalism, business, and politics.

As the wife of a veteran foreign correspondent and former journalism professor at the University of Southern California, Dodi has visited and lived extensively in more than 50 countries, including China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Israel, Mexico, and Cuba, and established permanent residences in Thailand, the former Soviet Union, Hong Kong, and Chicago, in addition to Los Angeles. She was an editor of the *Bangkok World* and took her Chicago-based

consulting business in international corporate relocation to Moscow. During those Moscow years and later on her return to Los Angeles, she was active in mounting a successful campaign to free Soviet Jewry. In public relations, she worked on United Artists films and with many top Hollywood actors and directors.

Dodi has been actively involved in Democratic politics since 1954. She was an official hostess at the 1960 Democratic (John F. Kennedy) Convention in Los Angeles, where she met her husband, Murray. Dodi is on the Leadership Council of J Street, and serves on the boards of China Society of Southern California and East Asian Arts Council of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She is a member of the Community Relations Committee of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, and of countless other cultural organizations, locally, nationally and internationally.

Dodi's daughter, Aliza, resides in Israel, is an alumna of BGU and was the special assistant to two BGU presidents. She inspired her parents' involvement in the University. Dodi's son Derek, head of external digital communications for the World Bank's controllers, lives in Washington D.C. and gave her one of the greatest gifts ever: her "Grand Twins." She and Murray live in Los Angeles.

Lis Gaines

One of the original founding members of AABGU, Lis served as its 12th and first woman president. She has been a member of the board of directors since its inception, and is a member of the University's board of governors. She has also served as chair of the Greater New York Region.

Lis came to the United States from Switzerland when she was 17 years-old with her family for the World's Fair. It was then that World War II broke out, and so they stayed. She attended college, and did graduate work in educational psychology. Lis married a doctor, who was in the Army. She had three children. After the Army, her husband

volunteered to work against a polio outbreak in Alabama, and was the only doctor who contracted the disease. Luckily, he recovered and went on to become a surgeon. However, he passed away a few years later.

After her husband's passing, she decided to enter the costume jewelry business, where she worked as a merchandiser for a major company. Lis remarried a widower with three children. They lived in Westchester and raised their six children. Her second husband passed away in 1992. All six of her children are married. She has 14 grandchildren and is a great-grandmother, as well. Lis loves participating in the growth of Ben-Gurion University. She has worked tirelessly toward its development and success, and it has enriched her life in return.

Stanley D. Ginsburg

Stanley is in the real estate investment business and is president of Diversified Investment Management, Inc. Active in many local organizations, his major focus is AABGU. He has served as Mid-Atlantic Region and Philadelphia chapter co-chairs, and is currently an associate chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region. He and his wife, Arlene, are longtime members of the Ben-Gurion and Living Legacy Societies.

He has been deeply devoted to the upbuilding of the Overseas Student Program, going back over 20 years. In 2006, the program was named for Stanley and his business partner, Ira Ingerman, and their families. In addition to the scholarships he has provided for this program over the years, he supports its administrative costs. He also maintains a substantial scholarship fund for Israeli students at BGU.

Stanley was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from BGU in 2008, and along with the Ingermans, was honored by the Philadelphia chapter in 1986. He was the founder and continues to chair the very successful tribute ad journal, produced each year in conjunction with the Philadelphia chapter's annual tribute dinner.

Other organizations that benefit from his leadership and financial support include the World Presidents Organization; the World Affairs Council; the Foreign Policy Research Institute; the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; the Abramson Center for Jewish Life; and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces; among others. He is a 1952 graduate of Penn State University.

Dorian S. Goldman

Dorian is president of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation and is vice president of her family's BLDG group of companies, a major owner/operator of real estate in the New York metropolitan region and in select areas around the country. She is a member of the international advisory committee of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and serves on BGU's board of governors. She also serves on the President's Council of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, an advocacy group dedicated to the cure and eradication of breast cancer, and she is a member of the Global Philanthropists Circle of Synergos Institute, an organization committed to developing effective solutions to global poverty by strengthening local community resources. In addition, she is a founding board member of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

Dorian holds a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.F.A. from the Graduate School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. She received an honorary doctorate from BGU in 2003. She and her husband, Marvin Israelow, reside in Westchester County, New York. They have three grown sons.

Lloyd M. Goldman

Lloyd is president of BLDG Management Company and its affiliated entities, which own and operate more than 400 properties, including some 14,000 residential units, half of which are in the New York City area, and over 20 million square feet of commercial/industrial properties around the United States. His most notable project is a 50

percent ownership stake in the 99-year net lease of the World Trade Center that was acquired in July 2001, which is now undergoing rebuilding with Larry Silverstein.

Lloyd is a long-serving member of the AABGU board, beginning his first term as president in September 2012. He was elected as a member of BGU's board of governors in 2006 and in May 2012 was appointed a vice chair. He is a member of the international Advisory Review Committee for BGU's Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School, named after his parents and gifted by the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation, of which he is a trustee with his two sisters.

He is also a trustee of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System and of The Long Island Home. He is vice chairman of the Health System Foundation, and serves on the compensation, governance and strategic planning committees, as well as the executive board of Lenox Hill Hospital. He is a member of M&T Bank's New York City Director's Advisory Council and Mortgage Investment Council.

Lloyd chairs the UJA-Federation of New York Real Estate & Allied Trades Division executive committee, and is active in many other not-for-profit organizations, including Conservation International, the Educational Alliance, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, School Foods, and more.

Lloyd is a graduate of Dickinson College. He is married to Victoria, an author and education consultant. They have two children.

Paul Goodman

Paul is a Chicago-based real estate professional. He is vice president of the family firm, Allied District Properties, and principal of his own environmental consultancy and property development firm, Kingfisher Group. Previously, Paul was a principal at Great Realty Advisors, a property valuation and real estate services company, with earlier positions including service as a

senior consultant in the environmental practice at Arthur Andersen LLP, and as a Brownfields project manager for the City of Chicago Department of Environment. Paul holds a master's degree in energy and environmental sciences from Boston University and is affiliated with the advocacy organization, Environmental Law and Policy Center. He is an enthusiastic lay leader for AABGU's Great Lakes Region.

Alexander (Alex) M. Goren

Alex was AABGU's president from September 2009 to September 2012. He is also a member of the executive committee on AABGU's New York regional board. In May 2012, he was elected chairman of BGU's board of governors. He had been a governor since 1978.

He is a partner in Goren Brothers, a money management and real estate company in Manhattan. For over 40 years Alex has had a distinguished business career in Italy, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, and the United States. From 1987 to 1994, he was vice chairman of the New York and Foreign Securities Corporation, an institutional brokerage house.

Alex is a past president of the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Foundation, which supports projects in education, culture, health, and social welfare. Through the foundation, Alex and his family have been major supporters of BGU since the early 1970s, when they funded the construction the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building for Humanities and Social Sciences. In the ensuing years, the family made additional contributions, resulting in the naming of the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, the Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought, a scholarship fund and, most recently, the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, named in memory of Alex's parents.

He is also a long-serving board member of New York City Outward Bound, New York University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences and a member of the NYU Harold Acton Society.

Alex received an M.B.A. from the Columbia Business School and a B.A. in economics from Harvard College. He is married to Professor Brooke W. Kroeger, an author and professor of journalism at NYU, who, after six years, stepped down from the position of director of its Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Jason D. Gottlieb*

Jason is regional director for Emmi Solutions, a Chicago-based healthcare technology and communications firm. He serves on the boards of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, Milwaukee College Preparatory School and Camp Interlaken JCC. Past leadership roles include Jewish federation boards in Milwaukee and St. Louis, serving the Jewish Community Relations Council, Hillel, Young Professionals Division, and Ethiopian immigration and absorption.

During each visit to Israel, Jason ventured to the Negev; however, his immersion began in earnest as a member of the first cohort of the Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program. His inspiring experience enlightened him about the life of David Ben-Gurion, Ben-Gurion University and Negev development – past, current and future. The Zin experience transformed his commitment to Israel, as the Negev represents the ultimate entrepreneurial, pioneering adventure – one that profoundly impacts Israeli security and prosperity, and has the capacity to change the world.

An impassioned advocate of high-quality education, Jason is looking forward to balancing his volunteer work for schools in Milwaukee with the continued advancement of BGU. Jason resides in Mequon, Wisconsin. He is married to Karen and they have three children: Talia (14), Josh (12) and Levi (8).

Ben Guefen

Ben, a retired businessman, first became involved with AABGU in 1997 with a \$100 gift. Today, he and his wife, Arline, are proud members of BGU's Negev and Living Legacy

Societies. Ben has served on the organization's national board since 2003, and was elected secretary in 2012. He was a recipient of AABGU's David Ben-Gurion Award in 2004, and remains an active member of the regional board of Greater Texas. In May 2011, he was elected to the University's board of governors.

Ben was born in Lithuania and raised in Mexico City. At age 20 he spent one year in the Jewish Agency's Institution of Youth Instructors (*Machon Le'Madrichei Chut's La'Harets*) in Jerusalem. During that time, he founded two *kibbutzim*: Ein Hashlosa in the Negev and Talmei Yaffe in the South of Israel.

He then returned to Mexico, where he worked with the Zionist movement *Hanoar Hatzioni*; later he founded a chapter of the same movement in Havana, Cuba. In 1953, he returned to Israel and lived for two years in the *kibbutzim* Ein Hashlosa and Tel-Itzchaq.

In 1961, he signed a land agreement in Jerusalem as the chairman of the Tel Aviv Country Club. Ben spent the next three years traveling between Mexico City and Tel Aviv to build the country club in addition to a 218-room hotel. In the late '70s, he became vice president of Jewish National Fund (JNF) in San Diego, California, and joined the JNF Texas Region board in 1994.

Ben has also been a co-chair of the Houston Federation campaign, board member of the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, member of the Jewish Community Leadership Council, and a board member for The River Performing and Visual Arts Center.

Samuel Halperin

Samuel was elected to the AABGU board in September 2009. He is a committed philanthropist who takes his volunteer responsibilities seriously. Samuel is particularly committed to Negev development – socially, environmentally and economically – and has become increasingly involved with AABGU

and BGU within the last five years. He is also actively involved with Negev development projects of the Jewish National Fund.

Founder and senior fellow of the American Youth Policy Forum in Washington, D.C., Samuel has held leadership positions in academia, the federal government, a foundation and nonprofit organizations for over 50 years. Positions have included: president of the Institute for Educational Leadership; deputy assistant secretary for legislation at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and a congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association, where he worked on U.S. Senate and House of Representatives committees dealing with major education legislation. He served as study director of Youth and America's Future: The William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Work, Family and Citizenship. He is the author of 10 books on education and politics, including *The Political World of American Zionism* and *Israel's Open University*. Samuel and his wife, Marlene, have two children and six grandchildren.

William (Bill) Handy

Bill strives to be a contributor to family and the community, modeled after the examples set by his parents, William and Mary Handy, and his in-laws, Henry and Anita Weiss. Bill feels privileged to be Los Angeles born, raised and educated.

He was motivated to serve Ben-Gurion University of the Negev because of the great progress being made there, especially in the field of nanotechnology. He is very proud of the support provided by his in-laws in this discipline.

Bill's Jewish life has been enriched by his experiences. Since 1978, he has been active at Steven S. Weiss Temple. He supports The Jewish Federation of North America's Atidim (Futures) program, enabling capable and talented young people from Israel's underprivileged communities to acquire higher education. He enjoys getting to know

the top-notch young people this program produces. He and his wife, Rochelle, also join with family members to provide needed assistance directly to the Israel Air Force, such as building pilot debriefing facilities.

Recently, he planned and led a group of non-Jews on their first visit to Israel. Being in Israel the day Gilad Shalit was released was an experience never to be forgotten. Bill is heartened to know that some of his group have already scheduled a future visit to Israel.

Since 1988, he has been involved with Weiss Family Properties LLC, a family business that owns and operates a portfolio of multi-family properties. Presently, he is the general manager and has enjoyed being part of the 400 percent acquisition growth over these years.

He enjoys the mental and physical challenges of Israeli Krav Maga, military training for civilians. Bill and Rochelle have two children, Sarah and Alex, and recently welcomed Devon, Alex's wife, into their family.

Arthur (Art) Hessel

Art is a founding member of Hessel, Aluise and Neun, P.C, from which he recently retired. Before becoming a practicing attorney, he worked both for a local urban development agency in St. Louis, Missouri and for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has been active in professional organizations and is a director and past president of the National Leased Housing Association, and has served as a director of the National Housing and Rehabilitation Association.

Art is a member emeritus of the board of advisors of the *Housing and Development Reporter*. He has chaired the Government Real Estate Programs Committee of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section of the American Bar Association (ABA), and served as a member of the Governing Committee of ABA's Forum Committee on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law.

He served as a vice chair of the Housing and Urban Development Committee of ABA's Section on Administrative Law.

Art has written a regular column for the Forum Committee's quarterly journal and serves on its editorial board. He recently received the Forum Committee's 2012 annual award for "outstanding service and commitment to affordable housing and community development."

Art has practiced law in the Washington, D.C. area since 1972. He has been a member of the board of managers and an officer of both Temple Sinai and Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., and has served on the board of directors of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. Art and his wife, Edie, currently serve as co-chairs of the Washington Chapter of AABGU. A native of St. Louis, Art is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard College, concentrating in history and Russian history. He has a law degree from Yale Law School, and was a HUD fellow at the Washington University School of Law. He also operates an on-line used book business, A. Richard Books and More, LLC.

Sonya (Sonny) Hurst

Sonny is currently the president of the Northwest Region of AABGU. She and her husband, Steve, have been involved with BGU for decades and together with her husband's brothers, they have funded a Professorial Chair at the University. Sonny participated on the Women's Mission and contributed to the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments program. Most recently, she became a member of the Living Legacy Society.

The Hursts are active in their synagogue, and continue to be active in the local Jewish Federation. Sonny recently sold her business, a stationery store in Burlingame (Paper Caper). She spends a good deal of time with her grandchildren, her mother who recently relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area, and traveling.

Ira Ingerman

Ira, a successful businessman, is a certified public accountant. Together with his business partner, Stanley Ginsburg, he has funded a variety of ventures, including real estate development and companies such as Marlton Technologies, whose principal activity is the custom design, production and sale of exhibits and environments for trade shows, museums and retail stores.

He and his wife, Eileen, have been generous donors, supporting AABGU for over 25 years. Through a major gift made in 2006, BGU's Overseas Student Program was named for the Ginsburg and Ingerman families. The Ingermans are members of the Ben-Gurion Society and have served on the Philadelphia chapter board for many years.

A highlight of a 2009 trip to Israel included 25 members of the Ingerman family sharing two memorable days at Ben-Gurion University, including witnessing the dedication ceremony of the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program (OSP). In addition to OSP scholarships, the Ingermans maintain a substantial scholarship fund for Israeli students at BGU.

Among Ira's other philanthropic interests are the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, Lankenau Hospital Foundation, Boca Raton regional hospitals, and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, where he has made significant contributions. In addition, he supports the Center for Emerging Visual Arts; the Wistar Institute; the Middle East Forum, where he serves as a member of its board of governors; and Temple Adath Israel, where he serves as a member of its board of trustees. He is also the president of the board of Mizner Tower in Boca Raton, Florida.

Max Javit

Max Javit is a passionate Zionist devoted to keeping Israel safe and secure, and also committed to supporting Israeli innovation, technology and global competitiveness.

Together with his wife, Rachel, they have prioritized higher academic learning and research among their strongest philanthropic values through their support of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Technion. They also support Hadassah Hospital and several social service organizations in Israel to provide shelters, soup kitchens and orphanages for disadvantaged populations.

Max graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychiatric social work. While at school, he met his Israeli-born wife at an Israel Independence Day party. Shortly after they were married, Max's reserve military status was activated and they spent two years in Germany assigned to a military hospital helping soldiers and their families. In 1957, they relocated to Connecticut.

Max began his career as a school social worker and later became a successful leader in the Connecticut real estate industry. Rachel and Max have attended AABGU events for more than 10 years and visited BGU for the first time in June 2011. They recently made a significant pledge that will qualify them for the Ben-Gurion Society upon completion. Max and Rachel are particularly committed to BGU's role in developing the Negev for the future of Israel.

The couple enjoys many pastimes, including traveling, tennis, bridge, book clubs, swimming, biking, and walking. They have been married for 57 years and reside in Boca Raton, Florida as well as West Hartford, Connecticut.

William (Billy) Joel

In addition to serving as a vice president on AABGU's national board, Billy was elected to BGU's board of governors in May 2012. He and his wife, Sandra, are members of BGU's Negev Society and in 2008 they were recipients of AABGU's David Ben-Gurion Award.

Billy was active in the transportation, warehousing, consolidation, and leasing business for over 30 years. As chief executive

officer and president of several large corporations that he formed in four states, he created a major network of consolidation facilities to handle wearing apparel for the major retail department stores. In 1999, he sold his interest and retired.

Retirement was short lived and he and others opened the Home Federal Bank of Hollywood of which he became a director. Deciding to enter politics, Billy has been an Aventura City commissioner since 2005.

Billy is chairman of the Florida Friends of the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled and is a founder of the Jack Joel Center for Special Children, named after his brother, at the The Hagedorn Little Village School in Long Island, New York. He is founder and president of the Anchors Away Foundation, which supplies access dinghies for disabled children, giving them the opportunity to sail on their own. Billy also serves on the boards of the Aventura Hospital and Medical Center and the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

The Joels have been honored with awards by many local organizations, including the Torch of Liberty Award by the Anti-Defamation League; Couple of the Year at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center; and the Keter Shem Tov Award by the Aventura Chabad. Billy is a royal notable for Alzheimer's and a founder at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital at Douglas Gardens.

Sandra and Billy have three children and eight grandchildren.

Edward M. Kaplan

After the active duty portion of U.S. Army service, Edward graduated from Long Island University with a B.S. in accounting. Then, while working as an auditor for an accounting firm, he went to school at night and earned a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. In 1968, after passing the New York State CPA exams and then being admitted to the New York Bar, he formed his own accounting firm, followed by a law firm in 1975. In 1979, he decided to concentrate on the accounting

firm, and, together with wonderful partners, grew DDK & Company into a medium-size firm with 12 partners and nearly 100 employees.

Since his first visit to Israel in 1980, Edward has participated in several trips. His last trip included a visit to the BGU campuses, after he and his wife, Marilyn, became founders. Edward has been active in community service and philanthropy throughout his business life. He was on the boards of his community JCC, JFS, federation, synagogue, and on the Accountants Division of UJA-Federation of New York. He has been president of the Staten Island Lodge of B'nai B'rith, president of the American Friends of the Academia Hebrea de Panama and an officer in most of the organizations in which he was a board member. He is the former president of the board of Bocaire Country Club, the residential golf community where he lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

Edward's philanthropic activities include ADL, UJA-Federation, Israel Bonds and HelpMeSee, a charity aimed at curing children's blindness in the developing world. Marilyn and Edward even made their wedding a fundraiser; gifts from that event started a scholarship at Ben-Gurion University. The couple often hosts events at Bocaire to promote BGU, the Boca Raton Regional Hospital and other fine causes. In 2010 the Kaplans founded The 770 Society, a women's fundraising program to benefit Chabad Lubavitch organizations. They are members of Palm Beach Synagogue, the Chabad of Boca Raton and the Garment Center Synagogue in New York City.

Ed's current business life includes wealth management and a law and accounting advisory practice, which includes inbound foreign investment, estate planning and complex litigation issues. He retired to Florida in 1999. Edward and Marilyn had both been widowed and together they have six children and 15 grandchildren, ranging in age from infancy to college.

Leon S. Kaplan

Leon was elected to AABGU's board in September 2009. He is a retired judge of the Superior Court of California - County of Los Angeles. He is an ardent child advocate who has founded programs to benefit underprivileged children.

Born in Santiago, Chile to immigrant Polish parents, Leon has always been a staunch Zionist. His love of Israel was molded by his participation in *Hashomer Ha' Tzair*. He emigrated to the U.S. at age 15 and completed his B.A. in psychology and his juris doctor degree at UCLA in 1968.

Upon graduation he became a VISTA volunteer and later a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow at Neighborhood Legal Services and the Youth Law Center in San Francisco; there he founded and directed Neighborhood Alternatives to Arrest, Detention and Imprisonment of Juveniles, a community-based program that significantly reduced juvenile arrests.

Governor Brown appointed the judge to the California Youth Authority Parole Board, where he presided over thousands of hearings between 1975 and 1981. Governor Brown appointed him to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1981 and he was subsequently elected to the Superior Court in 1986.

Leon is an advanced research candidate in the New Center for Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles and serves on the boards of the Children's Advocacy Institute at USD and the Los Angeles Child Development Center.

He is a forceful catalyst for the establishment of an education center at BGU for parent education and child development training for parents of children at risk in Beer-Sheva and the Negev region.

Leon is also an outdoorsman, and has challenged his body and mind by such feats as walking the Tahoe-Yosemite Trail, rafting the Khalingahdaki and Zambezi Rivers in Zimbabwe, and white-water kayaking on the Rogue River in Oregon.

Sam Katz

Sam and his wife, Connie, have served as chairs of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter since June 2011, following a two-year term as chapter vice chairs. Sam has been a member of the Philadelphia chapter board for many years, and the Katz's were the 2001 guests of honor at the annual tribute gala. They are members of the Founders Society.

Sam is very well known in the Philadelphia community, having been a candidate for political office several times. He has a wide outreach, including the local Jewish federation where he chairs the P2K (Partnership 2000) Committee. The Katz's have been active in their synagogue, Germantown Jewish Centre, for many years and have been leaders and activists on behalf of quality education in Jewish day schools and the secular system.

Sam is a financial entrepreneur, businessman and civic leader, with more than 25 years of experience in these fields. He has an extensive background in municipal and project finance and was appointed by the governor of Pennsylvania to serve as board chairman of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA), the agency that approves Philadelphia's budget and five-year plan.

He is a partner in several business interests, and his most recent initiative is the production of a film about the history of Philadelphia. His company, History Making Productions, is the producer of documentary films. He has received numerous awards and serves on many civic and community boards, including the Abraham Lincoln Foundation and the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia. He also serves as chairman of BioAdvance, which provides funding to startup life sciences companies in Southeastern Pennsylvania through its Greenhouse Fund.

Donna Weiss Lam

Donna is vice president of Weiss Investment Properties, a property management firm. She was born in Los Angeles, where she still lives

today. She received her master's degree from UCLA, majoring in Spanish, which included one year's study at the University of Madrid with a special focus on Spanish art. She did graduate work at Adelphi University, New York in early childhood education, and before entering the business world was a committed educator.

Donna has been involved for many years in the Los Angeles Jewish community and with many organizations that support Israel and Jews around the world. She and her husband, Cantor Nathan Lam of Stephen S. Wise Temple, are activists on behalf of the State of Israel and supporters of institutions that include BGU, Asaf Harofeh Medical Center, the Israeli Airforce, and *Atidim*. In addition to her business responsibilities, Donna loves being involved with her family: her son and daughter and their spouses and their children. She is proud to represent and carry on the tradition of her family's philanthropy as modeled by her parents, Henry and Anita Weiss.

Maribeth Lerner

Maribeth, a Detroit native, living for many years in Ambler, Pennsylvania, is serving as chief financial officer and corporate secretary of Bent Glass Design, Inc., a company founded in 1988 by her husband, Steven, an innovator within the glass bending industry. The company, located in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, is a leading supplier of custom bent glass to the architectural and specialty industries.

In support of AABGU, they have contributed to the Fund for Ethiopian Students, have an endowed undergraduate scholarship fund, and Maribeth has contributed to the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion. They joined the Founders' Society in 2008.

They presently serve as one of the co-chair couples of Negev Forum, a committee of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter that welcomes younger members of the community to support BGU. They have been part of the Philadelphia chapter board for several years.

Maribeth serves on the Associates Committee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and was active in the Philadelphia branch of The Jewish Theological Seminary. The Lerner, members of Temple Adath Israel in suburban Philadelphia, also support the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Michele S. Levin*

A “graduate” of AABGU’s Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program, Michele is currently studying for her master’s degree in organization development and leadership at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Robert, are officers of AABGU’s Philadelphia chapter. They have both served on the Philadelphia Annual Tribute Dinner event committee for the last three years, and are chairing this year’s patron’s level. They also frequently open their home to AABGU for events and speakers.

A passionate supporter of Israel and Jewish education, Michele serves in a number of other philanthropic organizations. She is actively involved in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP) as a board member, where she co-chairs the Israel and overseas allocation committee and sits on JFGP’s women’s philanthropy board. She also represents JFGP in the Negev Forum Coalition, which is currently partnering with Ben-Gurion University for one of its projects.

Michele serves on the executive committee of the Jewish Learning Venture in Philadelphia, is a vice president of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, and is board secretary for the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr. In December 2012, Michele and Robert led a mission of 200 people to Israel; 75 percent were first-timers. The Levins reside in Bala Cynwyd, outside Philadelphia, and have three children, ages 21, 18 and 15.

Nat Levy

Nat has been involved with AABGU’s Greater Texas Region since 2000. He is a founder, regional board member and recipient of AABGU’s 2010 David Ben-Gurion Leadership Award. Nat’s leadership extends

not only to Jewish organizational life, but also to local community health organizations. He currently chairs the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. He has served as vice president of Greater Houston’s Jewish Federation, as an executive committee member of the American Jewish Committee, and is past chair of the Federation’s community relations committee. He also previously served on the board of the American Heart Association and co-chaired the development committee of Houston’s Healthcare for the Homeless Program.

Since 1979, Nat has practiced financial planning and wealth management in Houston. He and his son, Mike Levy, head up TLC Wealth Management, Inc., a family-owned boutique ensemble firm of financial professionals. He is also an arbitrator for FINRA and the American Arbitration Association, and a former executive member of Houston’s Financial Planning Association.

A former attorney in Pretoria, South Africa, where he practiced law for 22 years, Nat was part of Nelson Mandela’s defense team at the renowned Rivonia Trial. He was also an active volunteer for professional, sporting and charitable organizations (including South Africa’s Jewish Board of Deputies) and played a leadership role as an anti-apartheid activist in South Africa’s Progressive Party.

Nat and his wife, Jill, have three children and eight grandchildren, all living in Houston.

Jan Abby Liff *

Jan is an advanced practice nurse and health educator in Nashville. Her interest in community health led her to BGU’s Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School, where her family honored her by dedicating a lecture hall. Her commitment to the growth and development of BGU’s nursing program and to the provision of transportation services to the citizens of the Negev for health services continues to inspire the Liff family’s support of a modern Israel. Jan is a founding member of the International Council of the New Israel Fund. She enjoys traveling with AABGU to experience various aspects of world Jewry.

Sheldon (Shelly) I. London

Shelly returned to the national board in 2011, after previously serving from 2000 to 2003. He and his wife, Margery, have been co-chairs of the D.C. chapter, and have been involved with AABGU for more than 30 years. They are members of the Negev and Living Legacy Societies. Shelly has spoken on behalf of AABGU around the country and has played a key role in shaping the Washington/Baltimore Region and recruiting significant donors on behalf of the University.

Shelly was a partner at London & Satagaj in Washington D.C. and lobbied on behalf of national trade associations. His book, *How to Comply with Federal Employee Laws*, was used by many trade associations and in labor management courses of leading universities in the country.

A 1959 graduate of Dartmouth College, he earned additional degrees from the Amos Tuck School of Business and the University of Connecticut School of Law. After he retired from the practice of law in Washington, he became an active volunteer with AABGU, JNF, Beth El Synagogue of Montgomery County, and the Beer-Sheva Foundation.

In 1998, the Londons published Robert St. Johns' biography of David Ben-Gurion, *Builder of Israel*, which they donated to AABGU on the occasion of Israel's 50th anniversary.

Robert Mann

Rob is an alumnus of AABGU's first Zin Fellow cohort. Professionally, he is president of Henry & Belle, a Chicago-based premium denim company. Privately, he has been a leader in Jewish philanthropy most of his adult life. Rob was selected to be a Wexner Heritage Fellow in 2006, and he also is a member of the Young Presidents Organization.

Rob's primary philanthropic engagement has been with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). In 2006, he was co-chair of

the UJC National Young Leadership Department and Young Leadership Cabinet. Rob is a past trustee of the UJC/JFNA national board. He has spoken on UJC's behalf in more than 60 communities throughout North America, and he has participated on more than a dozen UJC/JFNA missions to Israel, Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union.

Rob is a past member of the Jewish United Fund (Chicago) board of directors and currently sits on a number of JUF committees. He was the 2003 recipient of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago's Young Leadership Award, and has served as chair of JUF's Tikkun Olam Volunteer Network.

Rob received a B.S. in management from Tulane University in 1985 and an M.B.A from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 1995.

Ellen S. Marcus

Raised in Great Neck, New York, Ellen is retired from two careers. She received a B.A. in the biological sciences from Goucher College and an M.S. in human genetics from Sarah Lawrence College. Among the first to earn a master's degree in genetic counseling and accreditation by the American Board of Genetic Counselors, Ellen practiced genetic counseling in Boston and Houston from 1973 to 1988. Specializing in prenatal diagnosis, she became the first genetic counselor in the country to open a private practice.

While marketing her practice, she was approached by several individuals and institutions to help them with their communication needs. After some time practicing both genetic counseling and marketing communications, Ellen ventured full-time into the latter field. She spent about 15 years as a marketing communications professional in the healthcare, financial and petroleum-exploration software industries.

Ellen became passionately devoted to BGU after her parents made a major bequest to the

University, serving on BGU's board of governors since 2006. She was appointed a vice chair in 2012. She also serves as the Austin chapter chair of AABGU's Greater Texas Region.

Ellen's other passion is animal rescue; she volunteers weekly at the Austin Humane Society shelter. She also sits on several committees at Austin's Dell Jewish Community Association, including the Israel Task Force, and volunteers for her synagogue, Temple Beth Shalom. Ellen enjoys studying Torah, Jewish history and other Jewish subjects, and is a graduate of the Melton Mini-School of Judaic Studies.

Ellen has been married to Harvey Malyn since 2006. They moved from Houston to Austin in 2007 to retire and live closer to Ellen's children. Ellen has a daughter and a stepdaughter from her first marriage, and three step-grandchildren. Harvey has a son.

Joanne Moore*

For 15 years, Joanne helped people in Africa and Haiti lead healthier, more productive, and more independent lives through her work for Chemonics International. She is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Benin, West Africa and lived in Kampala, Uganda where she piloted a private sector program to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission. Joanne recently completed the AABGU Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program, and is serving on the board's nominating committee.

Joanne serves on the boards of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, American Jewish World Service (AJWS), and The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. She is a Wexner Heritage Program participant. She is also a past co-chair of The Jewish Federations of North America's National Young Leadership Department and Cabinet, former co-chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's NextGen Young Professionals Network, and is a member of the team that established the AJWS Global Circle, a young

professionals program in Washington, D.C., where she lives.

Joanne has a B.A. in African and Afro-American studies from Brandeis University and an Msc. (Econs) in development studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Michael (Mickey) Rahav

Mickey holds a doctorate in epidemiology from Columbia University. He taught statistics, research, methodology, and epidemiology at New York University and in Israel. He has since moved into the real estate business; he owns and runs the Chelsmore Apartments in New York City. Mickey was first introduced to BGU 29 years ago when he was offered a job opportunity in the medical school. His daughter, Miriam, graduated in 2007 from the BGU-Columbia Medical School for International Health. He and his wife, Joan Price, contributed a founder's level gift toward scholarships for this program. Mickey was elected to AABGU's board in September 2009.

Joel Reinstein

Joel practices law in the estate planning and probate fields in Boca Raton, Florida. Prior to moving to Boca Raton, Joel was president and campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale. He is currently serving as a national board member of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and a board member of the Florida-Israel Institute. He is engaged in U.S. politics and recently served as a member of AIPAC's National Council. Joel was introduced to BGU by a significant mentor in his life: Harold Oshry, ז"ל a former chairman of BGU's board of governors. Joel maintains a second home in Tel Aviv and travels to Israel frequently.

Joseph (Joe) M. Rose

Joe entered public accounting in 1960 and was a practicing CPA for 25 years, the last 15 years of which he was the managing partner of Rose, Feldman, Radin, Feinsod, & Skehan. Joining the family automobile and real estate business in 1990, he presently serves as chief

executive officer of Automotive Realty Corp. and ARC Real Estate Corporation (a real estate investment trust). In addition to serving on the board of AABGU, Joe has been a continuous board member of the ISEF Foundation since 1988 and is on his second tour as a board member of the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

Lyon (Lenny) Roth

Lenny is senior vice president of investments with UBS Financial Services Inc. Prior to joining UBS he was first vice president within the Merrill Lynch Private Banking and Investment Group. He began his career as a mergers and acquisitions attorney at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz (1990 to 1994).

From 1995 to 2000, he held various senior management positions at Koor Industries (NYSE:KOR), at the time Israel's leading industrial conglomerate. His responsibilities included business development, strategic partnerships and investor relations. From 2000 to 2002, Lenny was an executive in the telecommunications industry and was a wealth advisor at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. from 2002 until 2005.

Lenny is a graduate of McGill University and Harvard Law School and a former law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada. He has served on several corporate boards of directors, including publicly traded Blue Square Israel (NYSE:BSI), Makhteshim-Agan (TASE:MAIN, chairman of the Audit Committee) and Deltathree (NASDAQ: DDDDC, chairman of the board).

Lenny is a founder and serves as a governor of BGU. He is also currently a board member of the American Jewish Committee; Project Interchange; World Jewish Diplomatic Corps; and Israel Bonds. He teaches the Business Law and Ethics course at BGU's Honors M.B.A. program and at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Lenny is now the chair of Israel Bonds in south Florida.

Carol D. Saal

Carol served four terms as AABGU's 13th board president from 2005 to 2009. In May

2012, she was appointed a vice chair on BGU's board of governors, after serving as a governor for many years. She and her husband, Harry, have been actively involved with BGU for more than two decades and are members of its prestigious Ben-Gurion Society. Together, they have supported numerous projects, including the Harry and Carol Saal Auditorium in the Alon Building for Hi-Tech, student scholarships and most recently the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. BGU recognized Carol with an honorary doctoral degree in 2008.

Carol has made volunteerism, leadership and philanthropy a serious career and has applied her entrepreneurial gifts to many Jewish causes, as well as to her local community. Among her other charitable endeavors, she was a founding member of the Center for Clinical Immunology at Stanford University Medical Center -- an initiative designed to enable bench-to-bedside research in autoimmune diseases. She is an active fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation's Northern California Regional Chapter, and she was a parent-founder of the country's fifth Ronald McDonald House affiliated with the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

Carol is an honorary lifetime board member of The Oshman Family JCC, where she previously served as president and was the driving force in raising a significant amount of money to build the new center. Some of her other past contributions in the Palo Alto Jewish community include: chair of the Stanford Hillel capital campaign to build the Ziff Center for Jewish Life, a founder of Hatikvah, and a Jewish community residential facility serving the needs of developmentally disabled adults.

She is a past board member, officer and Bay Area campaign chair of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation and served for many years as a member of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. On the political front, Carol was a founding member of Committee for Better Schools, a grassroots

movement whose charter was to help reshape the long-range strategy for Palo Alto public schools and prevent short-term school closures.

Carol helped Harry launch two high-tech companies, including Network General Corp., where she worked as a marketing manager until her retirement in 1992. She currently manages Saal Family Partners L.P., an investment partnership, and oversees the management of the Saal Family Philanthropic Fund.

She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and attended the *Centro di Cultura per Stranieri* in Florence, Italy. Carol has two children and two grandchildren.

Lite Sabin

Lite has been a long-time friend and supporter of AABGU. Since the fall of 2006, she has chaired the Greater New York Regional board. Lite is also the immediate past chair of the national Board Development Committee. She and her husband, Arnold, a member of BGU's board of governors, have attended numerous Board of Governors Meetings and other events in Israel, as well as AABGU events in Florida. The Sabins are well respected within the New York Jewish community. They are very active in the Park Avenue Synagogue and support other charities. Lite is extremely dedicated to BGU and has been instrumental in promoting AABGU's mission.

Rubin Salant

Rubin has been an ardent supporter of Ben-Gurion University for over two decades. He is a member of the Ben-Gurion Society and his name is familiar to students as it appears on the Gate of the Future and donor walls all over campus. Rubin was awarded an honorary doctorate by Prof. Rivka Carmi in Florida in 2008.

He is a former business partner of Jack Spitzer, of blessed memory, in Seattle. Jack recruited him as a supporter of BGU. Together, they built the beautiful Spitzer-

Salant Building for the Department of Social Work, which was awarded a prestigious first prize for outstanding architectural achievement by the European Union in an international competition. The building links the town of Beer-Sheva with the campus, a priority of BGU to reach out to the community.

The students are of utmost importance to Rubin as evidenced by his funding of the Salant Scholarship Endowment Fund. A graduate of the University of Washington who has served in the United States Air Force, Rubin is the proud father of three fantastic daughters and grandfather of two granddaughters and a grandson.

Max Schechner

Since 1979, Max and his wife, Marjorie, have warmly supported BGU, sparked by the enthusiasm of Marjorie's father, George Shrut, ז"ל. They have visited the campus many times since their first trip in 1981, and are continually inspired by the world-class faculty, its diverse student body and innovative programs. Together with Marjorie's brother, Howard, they established a scholarship program at BGU. The ongoing scholarships allow students to explore opportunities that they would not have been able to pursue otherwise.

As part of their continued commitment to Israel, they have also established an endowed fund at their synagogue, providing financial assistance to young adults who wish to travel to Israel. Max has had the privilege of serving as president of Temple Reyim in Newton, Massachusetts and still serves on its board of directors.

A successful attorney who has practiced law for nearly 40 years, Max is a partner in Busa and Schechner in Boston. He is deeply proud of his children: Jonathan, formerly a practicing attorney, who has switched gears and finds more joy in being a schoolteacher; and Ranen, who practices law in Boston; and his daughter-in-law, Elissa, who has taken a break from law practice to be a full-time

mother to three-year old Avishai and one-year old Micha. All of them have visited BGU and are proud of the University's accomplishments and its promise for the future of Israel and the world.

Ernest (Ernie) Scheller, Jr.

Ernie is a prominent community activist and business leader in the Delaware Valley. He and his wife, Roberta, have been connected with Jewish and other charitable organizations for over 50 years. Ernie has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Region for more than 20 years, having served first as Philadelphia chapter associate chair, then Philadelphia chapter chair and presently as an associate chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Schellers are members of the Ben-Gurion Society.

In support of BGU, Ernie established the Ernest Scheller, Jr. Chair in Innovative Management, the Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr. Family Surface Analysis Laboratory, and the Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr. Family Foundation Atrium at the entrance to the Diane and Guilford Glazer Building for the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management. He was elected to the University's board in 2010. Each year, the Schellers make a major gift for scholarships for the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program. The couple was honored by the Philadelphia chapter at its 2004 tribute gala.

Ernie's entire business life was spent building Silberline Manufacturing Co., Inc., the family business, in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. After earning a B.S. in industrial management from Georgia Institute of Technology and serving as an officer in the United States Air Force, he affiliated with this company, holding the position of assistant to the president in 1953 and subsequently becoming president, chairman and later chairman emeritus.

Ernie has also held positions with the American Foundation for Aging Research, the Keystone Chapter of Young Presidents Organization and the Pennsylvania National Bank. He was a member of the Georgia Tech

College of Management Advisory Board, is the recipient of Georgia Tech's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, and in May 2013, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Georgia Tech.

Jacob Shochat

Jacob, a successful entrepreneur, is a dedicated friend of the State of Israel. After developing and later selling Dynamic Imaging -- a highly successful producer of digital technology, headquartered in New Jersey -- he immediately became involved with several Israeli technology startup companies. Jacob is a member of the board of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter, where he served on its Health Sciences and Academic Affairs Committee. He is a member of BGU's Living Legacy and Ben-Gurion Societies, and was elected to BGU's board of governors in 2010.

Jacob was the guest of honor at the Philadelphia chapter's annual community tribute event in 2009. Among the projects he has funded at BGU are the Victoria Itin Scholarship Fund, the Department of Clinical Biochemistry and the Brain Imaging Research Center. His generous contribution to the BGU-Negev Emergency Fund helped make possible the purchase of a much needed MRI for the Brain Imaging Research Center, which was dedicated at the 2012 Board of Governors Meeting.

Murray H. Shusterman

Murray is senior counsel of Fox Rothschild LLP and a former deputy city solicitor of Philadelphia. He was counsel for the Commission on Human Relations and for the City Council. He also served as vice president for the Philadelphia City Board of Health.

For many years, Murray was an adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law, teaching corporate and real estate law. He is a longtime member of the board of governors of BGU, as well as AABGU's board, and has served as Philadelphia chapter chair. He is currently Mid-Atlantic Region associate chair. He and his late wife, Judith, visited Israel and BGU numerous times and

established a Career Development Chair in Microbiology, a wing of the medical school library and a cancer research wing in support of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

He is a member of the Living Legacy and Ben-Gurion Societies. In 1999, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by BGU at a Philadelphia Chapter Tribute Gala, and Judith was honored posthumously by AABGU in 2005. Murray also received honorary doctoral degrees from Temple University and Gratz College.

Murray has served as president of law alumni of Temple University; secretary, board of visitors, University of Pennsylvania Center for Judaic Studies; and held leadership positions in the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia; and International B'nai B'rith; among other leadership posts in the community.

Frederick (Fred) Siegmund

Fred obtained his B.A. from Brooklyn College, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with honors in political science. He earned his LLB from Yale Law School. After receiving his degree, Fred fulfilled his service obligation with the United States Army in France as feature editor of the military paper. He defended court-martials on a volunteer basis and taught evening business law classes to the soldiers and their dependents. He rose to the position of sergeant.

After separating from the Army in Europe, Fred attended the Hague Academy of International Law and continued to explore Europe until he returned to the States and apprenticed with the Wall Street law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. He went on to receive his Master of Law degree during evening studies at the NYU Law School. He served as legislative counsel to the State Assembly's Committee on Public Health in Albany. Fred opened his own offices in 1963 and has been engaged in private practice since that time, concentrating in the area of trusts/estates and related litigation.

Fred served on the executive committee of the American Israel Cultural Foundation. During a trip to Israel with the Foundation in 1971, he met Moshe Prywes, the first president of the University of the Negev (later renamed Ben-Gurion University after the death of David Ben-Gurion) and the two hit it off. Prof. Prywes asked Fred to create the legal entity for an American support group to assist the fledgling university. It was a rare opportunity and Fred unhesitatingly accepted. He has proudly been a friend and supporter ever since and has served in various board roles since AABGU's inception. He is also a member of the University's board of governors. He devotes over half of his professional time to AABGU and BGU matters. In 1996, Fred received an honorary doctorate from the University.

After serving as a history teacher, Fred's wife Joanne went on to get her law degree and was a prosecuting attorney in the Manhattan district attorney's office until her recent retirement. Both Fred and Joanne have served as trustees of their synagogue, B'nai Jeshurun of Manhattan. Fred and Joanne have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Jessica Sillins

Jessica is chief executive officer of BTP Real Estate, LLC, a real estate and investment management firm. She first became involved with AABGU through the Hotel and Management Intern program 11 years ago.

This program brings student interns each year from BGU's Department of Hotel and Tourism Management to work in New York City hotels for three and a half months. Jessica arranges their placements and works with them and their host hotels on the daily logistics of the program. Through this program, Jessica has been personally involved in and enriched by the lives of more than 120 students.

In 2006, Jessica became co-chair of AABGU's Greater New York Region with Lite Sabin, a role she assumed for five years. She joined the national board in 2007, and is now a vice

president. As a board member of The Robert Sillins Family Foundation, Jessica plays an integral role in her family's support for special projects at BGU, favoring those that would not happen without funding. Some examples include: providing a scholarship for the first Ethiopian woman Ph.D. student at BGU; scholarships for Bedouin women; programs at the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion; sponsorship of the Israeli-Jordanian Academic Emergency Medical Collaboration and of the desertification conference at Sede Boqer; and more. The family foundation is a member of the Negev Society.

Jessica lives in New Paltz, New York and is the mother of seven-year-old Luca.

Ernest (Ernie) Simon

Ernie Simon first visited Ben-Gurion University in the mid 1970s, visiting friends who were studying in undergraduate and graduate programs. Everything was on a smaller scale, but the energy, excellence and BGU's purposeful partnership with the development of the Negev was (and is) so appealing. His initial enthusiasm for BGU has rewardingly grown to include his brother and their spouses, and their children and children's spouses and grandchildren, as well. Ernie and the Simon family feel enriched by their relationship with the students, faculty and staff of BGU and are proud of BGU's achievements, growth and vision.

Harriet Soffa

Harriet and her late husband, Albert, of blessed memory, a highly respected businessman and philanthropist, were among the earliest leaders of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter dating back to the mid-1980s, when they were honored by the chapter at its annual gala. Harriet has served in many leadership roles, including Mid-Atlantic Region chair. She is currently an associate chair of the region.

She serves on BGU's board of governors and is a member of the Negev and Living Legacy Societies. Among the projects at BGU that

she supports are the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion, the Brain Imaging Research Center, a research project in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer.

Harriet is a graduate of Temple University, with a degree in music education. Through her lifelong dedication to Jewish education, the State of Israel and all humanitarian concerns, Harriet has served on many boards, including Inglis House, Jewish Chaplaincy Service and the Jewish Publications Society of America.

Michael W. Sonnenfeldt

Michael is the chairman of MUUS & Company, a private investment company headquartered in New York City, founded in June 1998 after Michael sold his interest in Emmes & Company, a private, New York-based real estate investment group that was a leading buyer of distressed portfolios in the early 1990s. MUUS & Company is focused on financial investments, private equity, real estate, and is the controlling shareholder of Solar Outdoor Lighting, Inc., the largest dedicated manufacturer of industrial grade solar light products

From 1978 to 1979, Michael was an associate of Goldman Sachs Realty Corp. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been actively involved over the last 25 years at senior levels in numerous nonprofit organizations focused on national security, Middle East peace, international peacekeeping, the US/UN relationship, the removal of landmines and communal development. He was president of AABGU from 1989 to 1991.

Alton (Al) I. Sutnick, M.D.

Al has a long record of achievement in medical research, education and management. He was vice president and chief operating officer of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates from 1989

through 1995. For 14 years prior to this appointment, he served as senior vice president and dean and professor of medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University College of Medicine). He continues his association with Drexel as professor of medicine.

He has also been on the faculties of the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and Indiana University. In 1997, Al was appointed director of international medical education for Carelift International, where he created health development programs through medical and health sciences education. Al was previously a member of the scientific staff and associate director of the Institute for Cancer Research and was appointed director of clinical development at the American Oncologic Hospital to help create the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Al was the recipient of the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Award of the American Medical Association (William Beaumont Award in Medicine), and his work contributed to the award of the Nobel Prize to his colleague, Dr. Baruch Blumberg, of blessed memory. Al is the author of over 300 scholarly publications and has been listed by the Institute for Scientific Information among the world's most frequently cited scientists. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society. He was also elected to Sigma Xi, the national science honor society.

Recognition of his international activities has included election to the Societe des Medecins Militaires Francais, the receipt of medals from Universite Catholique de Lille (France), the Kiev Medical Institute (Ukraine), the Ukrainian State Medical University, Universidad de Cantabria (Spain), and the University of Belgrade (Yugoslavia), which also honored him with a visiting professorship. He was presented with the Shield of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan; the Benjamin Albagli Medal of the Instituto de Pos-Graduacao

Medica Carlos Chagas (Brazil); the St. Thomas Aquinas Award of the Santo Tomas University (Philippines) Medical Alumni Association; and appointment as visiting professor and professor associate at the State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu" (Moldova).

Active with the AABGU for over 25 years, Al has been a member of the Philadelphia chapter board and is also a chapter officer. He is co-founder and was co-chair of the chapter's Health Sciences and Academic Affiliations Committee, a successful branch of the organization, and has played a major role in the development of the Ben-Gurion University and Fox Chase Cancer Center collaboration, and more recently, between BGU and Drexel University. With his wife, Dr. Mona Sutnick, he received AABGU's Negev Award.

The Sutnicks are members of BGU's Founders and Living Legacy Societies. Al is a longtime member of AABGU's board and serves as a vice president.

Charles (Charlie) Temel

Charlie was elected to the AABGU board in September 2009. He is a senior vice president for Wealth Management at UBS Financial Services and a certified investment management consultant. He has received national recognition, having been named twice to the Best Financial Advisor Teams in the United States by *Research Magazine*.

Charlie has served as an active member of the AABGU Investment Committee for the past several years and is now its chairman. He is a vice president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, and a former chair of UJA-Federation of New York's Manhattan Division and a member of its Wall Street Division.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1975 and currently serves as chairman of the Cornell University Library Advisory Council and is a member of the Cornell University Council. His wife, Judy Wesalo Temel, is also a Cornell University graduate. Charlie is fluent in Spanish and German.

Ira J. Wagner*

Ira is president of European Capital Financial Services, a subsidiary of American Capital, Ltd. He has been at American Capital since 1997, previously serving as chief operating officer, managing director and principal.

A welcome new friend to AABGU, Ira has been a supporter of BGU for the past five years. His support includes diabetes research, the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program, and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism.

A supporter of access to higher education in Israel and the U.S., Ira supports the Mechina Preparatory Program at The Hebrew University and the Springboard Program at the Technion. Both programs help support financially disadvantaged students and recently discharged soldiers prepare for further higher education. He also serves on the boards of Central Scholarship, a Baltimore organization which since 1924 has provided loans and scholarships to financially disadvantaged students for higher education, and Southern Vermont College, a small college in Bennington that primarily serves first generation college students from modest backgrounds.

Ira resides in Bethesda, Maryland and has three daughters.

Martin (Marty) Weinberg

Marty hails from Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1963 and from Northwestern Law School in 1966. He was a trust and estates attorney in Louisville his entire career. He became a seasonal resident of Frenchman's Creek Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in 2000, after reviewing every golf community in southeast Florida to find what he considered the best of the best! He rated golf courses for *Golf Week Magazine* for 10 years.

He is president of the board of directors of the Edgar and Elizabeth Zantker Foundation, which has made it possible for students to attend BGU through its support for over 19

years. Marty collects contemporary art and studio glass. He is an avid duplicate bridge player and golfer, a tennis player, and gym rat. He has one daughter, Amy, residing in Highland Park, Illinois with her husband, Dan, and Marty's two grandchildren, Louis, 14 and Chloe, 10.

Aileen Whitman

In addition to serving on AABGU's board, Aileen is on BGU's board of governors. She is deeply involved and very visible on the local level, serving as an associate chair of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter. Among the projects she supports at BGU is the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion. She established the Gerson Epstein Wing and funded a career development chair at the Faculty of Health Sciences in memory of her first husband. She is a member of the Ben-Gurion and Living Legacy Societies.

Aileen has been involved with AABGU for more than 25 years and was the guest of honor at a Philadelphia chapter annual community gala. Her children are deeply involved in the local region. Her son, Charles, and his wife, Roslyn Epstein, were the founders of the sub-committee that attracts younger community members to support BGU, and her daughter, Barbara Epstein Sivan, is a leader of the Health Sciences and Academic Affiliations Committee. Her children in their own right are major donors to AABGU.

Aileen was an active partner with her late husband, Jules, when he served as AABGU's national president. She is a member of the board of the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia and is a member of the Central Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Wayne Woodman

Wayne was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is married and has four children and two step-children. He lives a bicoastal life spending most of his time in Allentown, Pennsylvania with his wife, Lisa Scheller, and some of his time in Los Angeles attending to his youngest children, as well as managing part of his business.

Wayne and Lisa are members of BGU's Negev Society, are principle benefactors and chairs of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program and serve as officers of the Philadelphia chapter. Wayne serves as a vice president on AABGU's board.

Wayne has spent his professional life in the investment management business, starting as a municipal bond trader and progressing through the ranks as a distressed debt analyst and trader, ultimately founding Tower Asset Management in 1990. Tower was a pioneering firm in offering wealth management services to higher net worth families. In the process of building this business, he was recognized five times by *Worth Magazine* as one of the top wealth advisers in the United States. Tower was sold in 1999 to Pacific Life and Wayne helped transition the firm after the sale.

Wayne is currently associated with The Investment House LLC in Los Angeles, which supports him in his efforts to manage approximately \$200 million of assets for a small number of families around the country. Wayne also served five terms on the advisory board of the Charles Schwab institutional brokerage, as well as a term on the Los Angeles business council. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Allentown JCC. In May 2012, he was re-elected to serve as chairman of the Lehigh County (PA) Republican Committee.

Wayne attended The Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University where he earned a bachelor's degree with a specialty in finance. He is an avid road cyclist and enjoys long distance endurance cycling with Lisa. Together, Wayne and Lisa have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and ridden their bikes over the top of the Continental Divide.

Toni Young

Toni is an author and community leader. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware after holding many leadership positions. She spearheaded the establishment of Delaware's

Partnership 2000 relationship with the Negev city of Arad and its surrounding Tamar region. A former vice chair of UJC, the predecessor of JFNA, Toni also served as chair of Global Operations: Israel & Overseas Coordinating Council and of Partnership 2000, later called Israel Initiatives. Today, Toni serves on the boards of *Sheatufim*, American Friends of NATAL, American Jewish Historical Society and of JCPA, as well as on the planning committee of JFNA's Negev coalition.

Toni is the author of *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish* and *The Grand Experience*. She is a contributing author to *Seventy-Five Years at the JCC*, editor and contributing author of *Delaware and the Jews*, and editor of *Letters to Leah*. Toni earned a master's degree in Spanish at Harvard University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Goucher College.

Toni and her husband, Stuart, are members of BGU's Founder's Society, having endowed an undergraduate scholarship in perpetuity and contributed to the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. Their daughter, Ann, and her husband live in Jerusalem.

Mona Zeehandelaar

Mona has been a dynamic leader of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter for many years in partnership with her late husband, David, who passed away in 2010 while serving with Mona as Philadelphia chapter co-chair. Prior to that position, they were co-chairs of the Negev Forum Committee, where Mona was successful in engaging many new friends, helping to build the core of donors in their 40s and 50s.

She served as a member of the Philadelphia chapter board for several years before accepting the position of chapter vice chair and later chair. Among the projects the Zeehandelaars have supported are the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion, student scholarships and the Fund for Ethiopian Students. Mona is a member of the Founders Society.

In November 2010, the Philadelphia chapter honored David's memory by establishing the David Zeehandelaar Overseas Student Program Memorial Fund, which will perpetuate David's passion for his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev through participation of a Penn student in BGU's OSP program.

Mona graduated from the Wharton School at Penn with a B.S. in economics, with a major in accounting and went on to hold several high level positions in the Philadelphia business community. She has been a senior corporate officer with extensive experience in investor relations and corporate communications roles with CIGNA, Safeguard Scientifics, Radian, and Towers Perrin, and was a director on the national board of National Investor Relations Institute. In 2011 she assumed the position of assistant vice president, Presidential Advisory Councils and Philanthropy in the office of Institutional Advancement at Drexel University. She has been a longtime leader of Main Line Reform Temple of Wynnewood and is a past vice president. Mona is currently on the board of trustees and co-chair of the synagogue's endowment campaign.

Roy J. Zuckerberg

Roy is currently a senior director of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. after stepping down as vice chairman of the firm. In 2001, he created a private investment company and in 2004 founded Samson Capital Advisors where he serves as chairman. He also serves on the board of directors of Mack-Cali Realty Corporation.

Roy is the immediate past chairman of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University, serving from May 2004 to May 2012. He has also been a member of the national board of AABGU for over a decade.

In 2007, Roy's generosity made it possible for the new state-of-the-art Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research building to be dedicated at BGU's Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. He was also instrumental in establishing the Zuckerberg Institute's scientific

advisory board, on which he serves as honorary chair. Through groundbreaking research, this institute is focused on solving one of the most critical problems of our time: water scarcity. In 2009, he received an honorary doctoral degree from BGU for his contributions as a generous philanthropist, visionary leader, an enthusiastic Zionist, and a concerned and influential member of the American Jewish community.

Roy's other charitable endeavors include being the former chairman of the board of trustees and presently a member of the executive committee of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc. In 1997, under his leadership as chairman of Long Island Jewish (LIJ), a groundbreaking agreement was signed to merge LIJ with the North Shore Health System. This resulted in the formation of the third largest nonprofit secular healthcare system in the United States.

Roy served as a trustee of the American Red Cross in Greater New York. It was his tireless advocacy and leadership that led to the acceptance of Israel's Magen David Adom by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He was recognized by the American Red Cross, Greater New York Chapter with a Lifetime Achievement Award for these efforts.

Roy chaired the investment committee of the University of Massachusetts Foundation from 2000 to 2009 and supports the Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Chair. The University of Massachusetts has honored him with their Distinguished Alumni Award, a doctor of humane letters and the President's Medal. Roy received a B.S. from Lowell Technological Institute (now U. Mass) in 1958.

He is a trustee of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. He is also a past chairman of the Securities Industry Association. Roy resides in both New York City and Palm Beach.

By-laws and Policies

By-laws

Amended February 10, 2012

AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATES, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, INC.

Article I - Officers; Books; Seal

Section 1 - Principal Office

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the City and County of New York, State of New York. The Corporation may establish and maintain offices at any other place or places, within or without the State of New York, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, including such branches or local chapters as the Board of Directors may from time to time approve.

Section 2 - Books

There shall be kept at the principal or any other designated office of the Corporation, books or records of membership and correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation, including a minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these By-Laws and all amendments thereto, and all minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - Corporate Seal

The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form bearing the name of the Corporation and words and figures "Incorporated - New York – 1973."

Article II - Type and Purposes of Corporation

The Corporation is a Type B corporation organized under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of New York, and shall have no "members" within the meaning of the statute. The purposes of the Corporation, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation, are:

1. To promote, encourage, aid and advance higher and secondary education, research and training in all branches of knowledge in Israel and elsewhere.
2. To aid in the maintenance and development of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (hereinafter for convenience sometimes called the "University") in the State of Israel, and for such purpose to create and foster a University Movement in America.
3. To raise, receive and maintain a fund or funds and to allocate and apply the principal and income hereof to the development and advancement of higher and secondary education, research and training in all branches of knowledge in Israel and elsewhere, including the development, advancement, and maintenance of the University.

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4. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to administer funds, to invest and reinvest the same in such manner and through such organization and instrumentalities as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time determine.
 5. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to assist its beneficiaries in negotiating or making purchases of equipment, supplies and literary material in the United States and elsewhere.
 6. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to assist and otherwise render services to officials, faculty and students of its beneficiaries while in the United States on official business of such beneficiaries but only within the scope of such official business.
 7. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to facilitate the making of contracts between its beneficiaries and institutions of learning and otherwise in the United States.
 8. To stimulate the interest of students, research workers and members of the teaching and learned professions in its beneficiaries.
 9. To disseminate information concerning its beneficiaries and their activities.
 10. To have representation on the Board of Governors of the University and to make nominations thereto, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the University.
 11. To assist in the formation of subsidiaries and local chapters to further the general purposes of this Corporation.
 12. To provide scholarships, fellowships and grants to Israeli students, teachers and members of the learned professions to pursue their studies, research or teaching in the United States or elsewhere and to provide the same to American students, teachers and members of the learned professions to pursue their studies, research or teaching in Israel or elsewhere.
 13. To promote the exchange of teachers, students, research workers and administrators between its beneficiaries and educational and research institutions in the United States and elsewhere.
 14. To do all things permitted by law which may be necessary or proper for the fulfillment of the Corporation's purposes.

Article III - Board of Directors

Section 1 - Number and Qualification of Directors

The elected Board of Directors shall consist of:

1. Officers of the Corporation - Each of the elected Officers of the Board shall serve as a Director during the period of his or her term of office. No one shall be elected as an Officer unless he or she is a Director at the time of Election or has served as a Director within the past two years.
2. Directors-at-large - Not less than forty-five (45) nor more than ninety (90) persons, each of whom shall be at least twenty-one years of age shall be elected to serve terms of three (3) years.
3. Past Presidents - All past presidents of the Corporation who have completed their normal terms of office.
4. Honorary Directors. Up to ten (10) honorary directors may be elected as non-voting members the Board.
5. All past chairs of Ben-Gurion University's Board of Governors who are U.S. citizens and who have completed their term of office.

Section 2 - Term

1. The Directors-at-large shall be divided into three classes whose “staggered” terms of office shall be for three years and until their successors have been elected and qualified. New directors shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors at its annual meeting.
2. No Director-at-large may serve more than three (3) consecutive full three (3) year terms. The term of a Director-at-large shall be suspended for the period during which (s)he serves as an officer and shall resume upon completion of such service.
3. Officers, except President, may serve as an officer no more than six (6) successive one-year terms. Thereafter, they are not eligible for re-election for any officer position for at least one year. The President is elected to serve one (1) two (2) year term and may be elected to serve two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
4. Honorary Directors shall serve for three years and shall not be term-limited.

Section 3 - New Directorships and Vacancies

New directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies among directors for any reason may be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office.

Section 4 - Duties and Responsibilities of Officers, Directors-at-Large and Past Presidents

1. To comply with these By-laws and with the Board Member Participation Policy as it may from time to time exist.
2. To participate in as many Board of Directors Meetings or other functions of the Corporation as possible.
3. To remain informed of the activities of BGU and of the Corporation.
4. To contribute and/or solicit financial and other support to the Corporation for the physical, intellectual and programmatic growth and development of BGU
5. To disseminate information about BGU and its programs to potential donors as well as to the general public.
6. To participate in regional activities to the extent possible.
7. To be available to take on leadership or other participatory roles in activities of the Corporation.
8. To develop a personal relationship with the University.
9. To facilitate meaningful connections between BGU and corporations, foundations and other academic institutions.

Section 5 - Qualifications of Honorary Directors

An Honorary Director shall be an individual whose name and reputation are widely recognized and respected and who would bring honor, recognition and credit to AABGU and the University.

Section 6 - Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board of Directors shall carry out the aims and the purposes of this Corporation as defined in Article II, and to this end, shall have responsibility for the affairs, property, and assets of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall determine the policies of the Corporation and shall adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of business and for carrying out its powers and duties as are consistent with the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have specific responsibility for employing or discharging the Chief Professional Officer.

Section 7 - Place of Meetings

The Board of Directors may hold its meetings at such place or places within or without the State of New York as the President with the advice of the Board may from time to time determine.

Section 8 - Annual and Regular Meetings

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in May or June each year for the election of the President, whose formal term of office shall commence at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the following September for the election of Directors and all other officers of the Corporation.

Section 9 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by one third of the Directors in office.

Section 10 - Notice of Meetings

Notice of the time, place and purpose of each annual and regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director by mailing or emailing, by telephoning or telegraphing, or by personally delivering the same at least ten days before the meeting addressed to him at his residence or usual place of business, or by personally delivering same. Notice of a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director by mail or email, telephone or telegraph, or by courier or personal delivery such that the Board Members will receive such notice at least one calendar day prior to the meeting. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment shall be taken.

Section 11 - Resignation and Removal of Directors

Any director may resign at any time. A director may be removed for cause by a vote of three quarters (3/4) of the remaining directors present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 12 - Quorum and Manner of Acting

A quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) directors plus one additional director for each five (5) directors (or fraction thereof) in excess of fifteen (15) who hold office. Except where otherwise required by law, the vote of a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Article IV - Committees and their Powers

Section 1 - Committee Roster

There shall be the following standing committees of the Board of Directors:

1. Executive Committee
2. Board Development Committee

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3. Audit Committee
 4. Investment Committee
 5. Budget and Finance Committee
 6. Donor Development Committee.
 7. Governance Committee
 8. Compensation Committee
 9. Grants Committee

In addition, the President or Board of Directors may create or discontinue ad hoc committees of the Board as they deem appropriate. Each committee shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Appointments

Except as otherwise specified in this Article IV, the President shall appoint committee chairs, with the advice of the Executive Committee, from among the members of the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors in September or as soon thereafter when the Board convenes. The President shall appoint committee members in consultation with the committee chairs. Non-members of the Board may also serve on committees in an advisory capacity as non-voting members. The minimum number of members for each standing committee shall be three, except as otherwise specified in this Article IV. The members of the committees shall serve at the pleasure of the President or the Board of Directors.

The President and the Chief Professional Officer shall be ex officio members of all committees, and the President may also appoint any officer to be an ex officio member of any committee. Except as otherwise specified in this Article IV, ex officio members of committees shall be non-voting members of the committees on which they serve.

Section 3 – Meetings

A simple majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business that may properly come before such committee. At all committee meetings, questions shall be decided by a majority of voting committee members present.

Each Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors. Committees shall report their proceedings to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and shall be subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 4 – Executive Committee

1. Membership - The Executive Committee shall be comprised of not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five Directors. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, which shall consist of:
 - a. all elected officers of the Corporation
 - b. the immediate Past President
 - c. Chairman of the Investment Committee
 - d. Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee
 - e. Chairman of the Audit Committee
 - f. Chairman of the Donor Development Committee
 - g. Chairman of the Governance Committee

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- h. Chairman of the Board Development Committee
 - i. and members designated by the President and approved by the Board

The President may invite other Directors and non-Directors to participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee in an advisory, non-voting capacity. The Executive Committee may convene in executive session upon the request of any voting member of the committee, provided that the general topic and any formal action taken at the meeting is reported in the minutes in a way intended to minimize harm to the Corporation or any individual. The Executive Committee may appoint or authorize the President to appoint subcommittees of the Executive Committee, which subcommittees shall have such powers as the Executive Committee may designate.

2. Meetings - The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in each calendar year at such time and place as shall be designated by its Chairman. All members of the Executive Committee are expected to participate in not less than two (2) meetings of the Executive Committee per year and to be actively involved with the activities of the Corporation. Matters shall be decided by a majority of voting committee members present, except that no matter shall be decided without the affirmative vote of at least six (6) voting members of the committee.
3. Powers and Duties - The Executive Committee shall be responsible for managing the property and business affairs of the Corporation during the period between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall possess the same powers granted to the Board of Directors, except that, in accordance with Section 712 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, neither the Executive Committee nor any other committee shall have authority as to the following matters:
 - (a) The filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or in any committee.
 - (b) The fixing of compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or on any committee
 - (c) The amendment or repeal of the By-Laws or the adoption of new By-Laws.
 - (d) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board, which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable.
4. Minutes - Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be provided to the Board within thirty (30) days after each meeting.

Section 5 - Board Development Committee

The Board Development Committee shall be comprised of not less than nine nor more than eleven persons, two of whom shall be the President and immediate past President and two of whom may be non-Board members. In order to maintain continuity of members of the Board Development Committee, the Committee shall be divided into three classes whose staggered terms of office shall be for three years and until their successors have been appointed.

The Board Development Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors of persons to be nominated as Directors-at-large, Honorary Directors and officers of the Corporation, and shall also make recommendations to the Board of persons for the Board to recommend to the University as candidates for its International Board of Governors. A member of the Committee shall

neither participate in deliberations nor vote relating to his or her own re-nomination to the Board or the re-nomination of such member's spouse or immediate family member. The Board Development Committee's responsibilities shall include participating with the President and other officers in the recruiting of prospective Board members, the retention of Board members, and with the support of the officers and staff, the training of Board members.

Section 6 - Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three or more Directors who are not employees of the Corporation, who do not have any relationship which in the opinion of the Board would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a member of the Committee, who have a familiarity with basic financial statements and accounting practices and principles, and who meet such other qualifications as established from time to time by the Audit Committee and as set forth in any Audit Committee Charter. The Chairman of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. Neither the Treasurer nor Assistant Treasurer(s) may serve on the Audit Committee; however, they may serve as consultants to the Committee.

The primary goals of the Audit Committee are (i) to oversee the Corporation's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors in compliance with applicable law, (ii) to report the results of its activities to the Board of Directors and Chief Professional Officer; and (iii) to ensure that all applicable accounting and auditing reporting practices are proper and accurately reflect the condition of the Corporation.

To facilitate these goals, the Committee shall have direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors employed by the Corporation for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work, and such independent auditors shall report directly to the Committee. The Committee shall meet with the Corporation's independent auditors prior to their annual engagement to review the intended scope of the audit and to evaluate the independence of the auditors. Subsequent to completion of the audit, the committee shall meet with the independent auditors to review findings including the adequacy of controls.

The Audit Committee shall prepare, and submit to the Board for approval, an Audit Committee Charter which may include: (i) criteria for independence; (ii) additional qualifications for membership on the Audit Committee; and (iii) additional duties and obligations of the Audit Committee.

The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors from time to time and shall submit an annual report to the Board.

Section 7 - Investment Committee

The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Investment Committee. This Committee shall meet at least four times a year and shall (1) review the Corporation's portfolio and actively and continuously consider various alternatives and (2) annually examine and make recommendations on the Corporation's investment policy to the Board. The Committee may from time to time seek professional investment advice and/or delegate responsibility for decisions on the portfolio to such professional advisors within guidelines specified by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have authority to carry out the investment policies adopted by the Board. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors and the Executive Vice President from time to time and shall submit an annual report to the Board, which shall include the AABGU Basic Investment Strategy.

Section 8 - Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be comprised only of members of the Board of Directors, including the Treasurer who shall be its Chairman. The Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing the annual budget of the Corporation and presenting it for approval to the Board of Directors not later than the September annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall examine as often as necessary, and at least twice a year, the cash, securities, and insurance policies of the Corporation, shall consider any questions of financial policy which may be referred to it, or may do so on its own initiative, and shall report on all such matters to the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have the responsibility for selecting the method of handling general funds, administering trust funds and adopting the accounting systems therefore, as well as securing fidelity bonds for the Treasurer and employees handling funds.

Section 9 - Donor Development Committee

The Donor Development Committee (DDC) shall work with the professional team in development, periodic updating, and implementation of a national plan for resource development. The plan will be updated and presented, not less than annually, to the Board of Directors for its consideration. DDC members should be drawn from all AABGU regions. The DDC chair may establish subcommittees to focus on specific aspects of the national plan such as major gifts, legacy gifts, annual giving, recognition, real property, etc. Subcommittee chairs should be members of the National Board.

Committee members will:

- Assist in identifying, nurturing and rating major gifts prospects
- Host prospects and steward donors; attend cultivation events, as needed
- Team with professional staff in conducting solicitations, when requested
- Be an AABGU advocate in their home region; work closely with the Regional Director and Regional leadership
- Participate in training sessions to enhance their development skills and knowledge
- Be current in payment of personal and family commitments to AABGU

The chair will convene meetings of the DDC as needed and will report on committee progress at each meeting of the AABGU Board.

Section 10 - Governance Committee

The Governance Committee shall periodically review and recommend to the Board changes to the Bylaws of the Corporation and shall consider all requests and recommendations for Bylaws amendments proposed by Board members and staff. The Committee shall review and recommend to the Board Policies proposed by Board committees, Board members and members of the senior staff. The Committee will receive, review and recommend to the Board proposed changes to current policies. The committee will periodically review all Board policies for currency, applicability and compliance.

Section 11 – Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee shall be responsible for making compensation recommendations for all top executives, including the Executive Vice President. It shall prescribe policy standards with

respect to performance, establish criteria for supplemental benefits and perquisites, all relative to market competitiveness. The recommendations shall be made available to the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 12 – Grants Committee

1. Membership – the duly elected officers of the Corporation shall be the members of the Grants Committee.
2. Meeting – the Grants Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as necessary to carry out the responsibilities enumerated in Article XII on Grants Administration.
3. The powers and duties of the Grants Committee shall be those enumerated in Article XII on Grants Administration.
4. Minutes of the meetings of the Grants Committee shall be provided to the Board not later than its next meeting.

Article V - Action by Conference Telephone

Any one or more members of the Board, Executive Committee, or of any other committee, may participate in a meeting of such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

Article VI - Officers

Section 1 - Number and Qualification of Officers

The executive officers of the Corporation shall be the President, one or more Vice Presidents (one of whom may be elected as the First Vice President), a Treasurer and a Secretary (and if the Board of Directors so determines, also one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers), all of whom shall be chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors. Any person may hold more than one office of the Corporation, except that no one person shall be the President and Secretary thereof.

Section 2 - Election of Officers; Filling of Vacancies

The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by a majority vote of the directors present at the meetings. The Board Development Committee shall recommend a slate of officers for consideration as provided for in Article III, Section 7 of these By-Laws, and shall notify the Board of Directors at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Board meeting at which the officers are to be elected.

Section 3 – Vacancies

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the term. When a vacancy in an office occurs, the Board Development Committee shall submit to the Board the name of a nominee to fill the vacancy and a majority of the Directors shall elect a new officer to complete the remainder of the

term. The term of an officer so elected shall begin immediately upon his/her election and shall conclude at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4 - Term of Office; Removal of Officers

Except as provided in Article III, Section 2 (3), the term of office of each of the aforesaid officers shall be for one year, commencing at the annual meeting provided for in Article III, Section 8 and shall continue until the officer's successor shall have been duly elected; provided, however, that the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the whole Board may at any time with or without cause remove any officer of the Corporation.

Section 5 - Other Officers and Agents

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as it may deem advisable, including honorary officers, who shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 - President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, the President shall have general charge of the affairs of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He shall keep the Executive Committee informed of significant matters relating to the operation and activities of the Corporation, shall consult with and have the advice and counsel of the Executive Committee. He shall, when required by the

Board of Directors, make a full written report in respect to any designated matter in connection with the Corporation or its affairs, and he shall execute and acknowledge on behalf of the Corporation all contacts, documents, checks, bonds, or other instruments authorized by the Board of Directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be delegated by the Board of Directors or these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors.

The President shall serve ex-officio as a member of all Board Committees. The President, ex officio, shall serve as an officer of the Corporation with the title "Past President" during the next year following the completion of his term of office.

Section 7 - Vice President

Each Vice President shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the President, the First Vice President shall be vested with all the powers and perform all of the duties of the President. In the absence or disability of the President and the First Vice President, the remaining Vice Presidents in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all of the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

Section 8 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive the moneys of the Corporation and deposit the same in such bank, trust companies or other depositories as may be approved by the Board of Directors or Finance Committee. He shall have custody of all securities, valuable papers and documents of the Corporation, except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. He shall keep or cause to be kept a book or books setting forth a true record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall, when and as required by the President or the Board of Directors, render a statement of the financial condition of the Corporation and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, and have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors so requires, the Treasurer shall give a bond in such form, with such surety and in such amount as the Board of Directors may direct.

Section 9 - Assistant Treasurers

The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Treasurer shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurers in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the Treasurer. If the Board of Directors so requires, any one or more or all of the Assistant Treasurers shall give a bond or bonds in such form, with such surety and in such amount as the Board may direct.

Section 10 - Secretary

The Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee; and shall give or cause to be given all required notices of meetings of the Board Directors and the Executive Committee; shall record all meetings of the directors in a book to be kept for that purpose; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix same to any instrument when duly authorized to do so and shall attest the same.

Section 11 - Assistant Secretaries

The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries. Each Assistant Secretary shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the Secretary.

Section 12 – Compensation

No director or officer shall receive compensation from the Corporation for his services to the Corporation; provided, however, that any paid employee of the Corporation may be given a title such as “Executive Director” or “Executive Vice President.” Any director or officer who renders professional services to the Corporation may receive compensation for the reasonable value of such services.

Article VII - Chief Professional Officer (CPO)

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may employ a Chief Professional Officer (CPO). This employee may be given the title of Executive Director, Executive Vice President or any other title that the Board deems appropriate. The CPO shall be responsible for providing and maintaining direction for the Corporation's national fundraising and development, implementing the policy decisions made by the Board of Directors, supervising and managing the operations and functioning of the Corporation on a day-to-day basis. With respect to the hiring and firing of Regional Directors or Regional office heads, the CPO shall consult with and have the advice of the President and Regional Board of Directors involved. The CPO shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

The CPO shall report to the President and shall be responsible and accountable to the Board of Directors.

The CPO shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the regular and special committees of the Corporation.

Article VIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article IX - Amendments

The By-laws may be amended, modified or repealed by a majority vote of the Directors at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors, provided written notice embodying such proposed action has been given in the notice of meeting calling the meeting at which such proposed action is to be acted upon, and further provided (1) the action is approved at the meeting by a majority of the directors then in office or (2) the action is approved at the meeting by a majority of the directors who are present at the meeting provided written approval of the action is also secured from a sufficient number of additional directors to constitute a majority of the directors who are in office at the time of the meeting.

Article X - Indemnification of Officers and Directors

To the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of New York:

- a) The Corporation shall indemnify any person (and his heirs, executors, or administrators) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding (brought in the right of the corporation or otherwise), whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, and whether formal or informal, including appeals, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, for and against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person or such heirs, executors, or administrators in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, including appeals.
- b) The Corporation shall pay expenses as incurred in defending any action, suit, or proceeding described in subsection (a) of this Article in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, including appeals.

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- c) The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in subsection (a) of this Article against any liability asserted against him, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article or otherwise.
 - d) The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to all actions, claims, suits, or proceedings made or commenced after the adoption hereof, whether arising from acts or omissions to act occurring before or after its adoption. The provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and each director, officer, employee, or agent who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article and the relevant provisions of the laws of the State of New York and other applicable law, if any, are in effect, and any repeal or modification thereof shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing with respect to any state of facts or any action, suit, or proceeding thereafter brought or threatened based in whole or in part on any such state of facts. If any provision of this Article shall be found to be invalid or limited in application by reason of any law or regulation, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof. The rights of indemnification provided in this Article shall neither be exclusive of, nor be deemed in limitation of, any rights to which any such officer, director, employee, or agent may otherwise be entitled or permitted by contract, the Certificate of Incorporation, vote of directors, or otherwise, or as a matter of law, both as to actions in his official capacity and actions in any other capacity while holding such office, it being the policy of the Corporation that indemnification of the specified individuals shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by law.
 - e) For purposes of this Article, references to “other enterprises” shall include employee benefit plans; references to “fines” shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to “serving at the request of the corporation” shall include any service as a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries.

Article XI - Gender Reference

As used herein, when appropriate, words imputing the masculine gender also include the feminine gender.

ARTICLE XII - Grants Administration

Section 1 - Purpose of the Grants

The Corporation shall have the power to make grants and contributions and to render other financial assistance for the purposes expressed in the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2 - Exclusive Power in the Grants Committee.

The Grants Committee shall have exclusive control over grants, contributions, and other financial assistance given by the Corporation. The Grants Committee shall review all requests for funds and shall require that such requests specify the use to which the funds will be put. If the Grants Committee approves a grant, payment to the approved grantee shall be authorized as stated in Section 7 of this Article XII.

Section 3 - Refusal; Withdrawal

The Grants Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to refuse to make any grants or contributions, or to render other financial assistance, for any or all of the purposes for which the funds are requested. In addition, the Grants Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to withdraw its approval of any grant at any time and use the funds for other charitable, scientific, or education purposes.

Section 4 - Grants to Other Organizations

The Grants Committee may make grants to any organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes within the meaning of § 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such an organization may be either a domestic or a foreign organization. If the Grants Committee approves a grant to another organization for a specific project or purpose, the Corporation may solicit funds for the grant. However, contributions received by the Corporation from such solicitations are regarded as for the use of the Corporation and not for the grantee organization.

Section 5 - Accounting Required

The Grants Committee shall require that all grantees furnish a periodic accounting to show that the funds were expended for the purposes that were approved by the Grants Committee.

Section 6 - Restrictions on Contributions

The Corporation retains complete control and discretion over the use of all contributions it receives. Contributions received by the Corporation from the solicitations for specific grants shall be regarded as for the use of the Corporation and not for the organization for which the funds were solicited.

Section 7 - Payments for Approved Grants

Payment for grants approved by the Grants Committee shall be authorized by the President (or in his absence, the First Vice President), the Treasurer (or in his absence the Assistant Treasurer) and at least one Vice President.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Definitions: A Conflict of Interest exists when one has the opportunity to advance or protect one's own interest or the private interests of related parties¹ in a way detrimental to the interests of or potentially harmful to the integrity or fundamental mission of AABGU. Relationship means a familial or other personal or business relationship.

1. **Scope:** This policy covers all Directors of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
2. **Policy:** Acting to one's own benefit or knowingly engaging in a conflict of interest is considered unethical behavior under the terms of this policy.

When a conflict of interest arises or a potential conflict of interest emerges, the Director has a duty to provide full disclosure of said conflict to the President or the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Director may be asked to provide all relevant facts concerning the conflict of interest in writing. Once disclosed, the President, in consultation with the Chair of the Nominating Committee, will develop means of helping the Director avoid those actions which put him/her in conflict.

The Board has a fiduciary responsibility above all else to protect AABGU's interests and to take appropriate action so that a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest is avoided. Failure of a Director to disclose a conflict of interest will result in Board dismissal.

3. Examples of potential conflicts of interest:

a) Favoring of Outside Interests for Personal Gain:

Influencing the terms of lease or purchase of services, equipment, or materials for AABGU to the advantage of the Director or related party.

Encouraging AABGU to contract with a company or private enterprise in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest.

Directing (or guiding or conducting) an AABGU-sponsored program to serve the needs of an organization in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest.

Accepting significant gifts or special favors for personal gain from private organizations or individuals with whom AABGU does business.

b) Inappropriate Use of AABGU Personnel, Resources or Assets:

Unauthorized and non-reimbursed use of AABGU resources or facilities to benefit a private concern in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest.

¹ "Related party" includes (i) family members (ii) corporate partnerships or other business entities in which one has an ownership, managerial or other financial interest, (iii) estates or trusts in which one's family has a present or future beneficial interest; and (iv) partners, co-owners or business associates of any related party

c) Inappropriate Use of Information:

Using for personal gain or other unauthorized purposes, privileged information acquired as a result of the Director's Board activities; such information might include, but not be limited to, knowledge of forthcoming announcements of competitive grants, investment decisions, etc.

d) Employment and Evaluative Relationships:

Participating in the selection, employment, supervision or evaluation of a person who qualifies as a related party

4. Procedures:

- a) When a conflict of interest arises or a potential conflict of interest develops, the conflicted Director has a duty to disclose in the most expeditious way possible the conflict or potential conflict to the Board President or the Board Development Committee Chair. The Director may be asked to submit full written disclosure.
- b) Allegations of any violation of the conflict of interest policy shall be investigated prior to taking any required action.
- c) The President shall report to the full Board the results of any conflict of interest decision at, or prior to, its next meeting.
- d) Each Board Member shall receive and sign a copy of this policy upon election and each re-election to the Board. AABGU will retain the signed policy acknowledgements of all current Board Members.

AABGU Board Member's Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

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