



## **American Gem Trade Association Announces Board of Directors' Election Results**

*Dallas, Texas, November 4, 2014* - The American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) announced today, the results of it's annual AGTA Board of Directors' Election. Mr. Bruce Bridges, of Bridges Tsavorite, and Mr. Jeffrey Bilgore, of Jeffrey Bilgore, LLC, were both re-elected to the Board; and Mr. Charles Carmona, Guild Laboratories, and Mr. Robert Van Wagoner, Beija-Flor, were newly-elected. The Directors'-elect will take office February 2015, and will serve three-year terms.

The following Members will continue with their positions on the Board:

Ruben Bindra, President  
Gerry Manning, Vice President  
Cynthia Renee, Secretary  
Pramod Agrawal, Director  
Sushil Goyal, Director  
William Heher, Director

Gina Latendresse, Director  
Niveet Nagpal, Director  
Avi Raz, Director  
Simon Watt, Director  
Larry Woods, Director

AGTA would also like to recognize those Board Members whose terms will be coming to an end - John Bachman, of John Bachman, Inc. and Bear Williams, of Bear Essentials. Their years of service and dedication to AGTA and the Board of Directors is greatly appreciated.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Past President Benjamin Hackman. The Committee Members were Jeffrey Bilgore, Neal Litman, Douglas Parker, Avi Raz and Ray Zajicek. The AGTA Board of Directors holds elections on a rotating cycle in order to guarantee coherence of the Board's long-term plans. The new Board Members will be introduced at the AGTA Membership Meeting, which is open to all AGTA Members and will be held Friday, February 6, 2015, at AGTA GemFair™ Tucson. For more information, please contact [info@agta.org](mailto:info@agta.org) or 800-972-1162.

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