

## Gamma Iota Sigma Announces 2019-20 Trustees and Officers

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Yardley, PA, October 3, 2019 -- Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS), the insurance industry's premier collegiate talent pipeline, announces new members and changes to the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee as approved in its September 26 Board Meeting held during the **48<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference** in Dallas, Texas.

Chief Executive Officer Noelle Codispoti, CPCU, ARM, commented, "There is no more inspiring or committed group of leaders representing the industry, championing the future of talent, and bolstering student exposure than the members of our Board of Trustees. Representing a broad cross-section of industry organizations, segments, functional areas, and innovators, this group brings an unrivaled passion for a robust and diverse talent pipeline, whose own experiences underscore the importance of access and engagement, ensuring that students gain widespread exposure to the industry's breadth of opportunity. We are thrilled for Cheryl Matochik to take the helm as President, building on the visionary and action-focused leadership of Immediate Past President Wes Griffiths. Cheryl not only brings an unparalleled dynamism and intuitive sense of the insurance ecosystem, she is uniquely positioned to harness and amplify the industry's energy and innovative outlook for the benefit of the rising generation."

### 2019-2020 Executive Committee

- **Cheryl Matochik**, Senior Vice President of Strategic Resources and Initiatives at the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers (CIAB), has been named President
- **Barbara Bufkin**, Executive Head of Business Development at Assurant, named Executive Vice President
- **John Smith**, CEO, Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company, named Treasurer
- **Sarah Johnson**, Senior Actuarial Assistant at Travelers, named Secretary
- **Carrie Busic**, Commercial Lines Product and Profitability Leader at Westfield Insurance, named Vice President
- **Steve Marohn**, SVP, San Francisco Branch Manager with CNA, named Vice President
- **Sandy Tellefson**, Manager, Education Services with International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBC), named Industry Representative
- **Traci Smith**, Healthcare Underwriter at Markel, named Alumni Representative
- **Zach Finn**, Butler University, Beta Lambda Chapter, Faculty Representative
- **Paria Esmaeelzadeh**, Risk Management & Insurance student and President of University of Georgia's Eta Chapter, elected co-International Student Representative (ISR) at the Leadership Symposium in August
- **Jack Richards**, Actuarial Science student at Drake University, Chi Chapter, elected co-International Student Representative (ISR) at the Leadership Symposium in August
- **Wesley Griffiths**, Immediate Past President
- **Noelle Codispoti, CPCU, ARM**, Chief Executive Officer

### New Trustees Approved for a Three-Year Term:

- **James Barbuti**, Head of Multinational Casualty, AIG
- **Ty Beba**, EVP and Chief Organic Growth Officer, AssuredPartners
- **Jack Elliott**, Chief Administrative Officer, CRC Group
- **Rich Marburg**, EVP, AmWINS Access Insurance Services, LLC
- **Rob McDade**, SVP, Property/Casualty, COUNTRY Financial
- **David Sommer**, Charles E. Cheever Chair of Risk Management, St. Mary's University, Beta Xi Chapter

Current Trustees Approved for a Renewed Three-Year Term:

- **Nick Abraham**, Markel
- **Valerie Cammiso**, The Griffith Foundation
- **Glenn Dorr**, Hiscox
- **Wes Griffiths**, Gamma Iota Sigma
- **Peter Hohman**, Insurance Institute of Canada
- **Brady Kelley**, WSIA
- **Steve Marohn**, CNA
- **Millie Workman**, IRMI
- **Nicole Zaman**, Munich Re

Committed to the future of talent and the vitality of the industry, GIS leads the growth and diversification of a robust talent pipeline and delivers innovative programs that underscore a commitment to showcasing the expansive breadth of opportunity throughout insurance to students of all backgrounds. There are many ways for companies to support the rising generation and engage directly with GIS and its students year-round, from the acclaimed [Sustaining Partners Program](#), offering unparalleled benefits and exclusive access, to [conference sponsorship](#), participation in the January [Regional Conference Series](#), Virtual Career Fairs, the [GIS Career Center](#), and [opportunities directly with chapters](#). Currently underway is GIS's [Boots on the Ground Month](#), a cornerstone of the One Campus at A Time initiative and a powerful call to action for industry professionals to get onto campuses throughout the month of October, share their stories with students, and impact the future of talent. In addition, [GIS's 2019 Student Recruiting Survey will revisited in an October 10 webinar](#) open to all to further explore survey data and its implications on the recruiting process.

The 2020 Gamma Iota Sigma Annual International Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Hilton Anatole.

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#### About Gamma Iota Sigma

Incorporated in 1965 and boasting an annual membership of over 5,000 students and 25,000 alumni from a growing network of [over 85 colleges and universities throughout North America](#), Gamma Iota Sigma (GIS) is the industry's premier collegiate talent pipeline with over 50 years of experience engaging students and preparing them for careers in insurance. GIS is the only organization of its kind and is the solution to the industry's talent gap issue, pursuing a mission to promote, encourage, and sustain student interest in careers across all functional areas in insurance. GIS is committed to growing and supporting the number of highly qualified students entering the industry; to that end, not only has its core programming meaningfully expanded and diversified to include such initiatives as [GammaSAID](#), [One Campus at A Time](#), and the [2019 ITC Student Program](#) in collaboration with InsureTech Connect, the number of GIS students and active chapters has more than doubled in recent years and continues to grow. In partnership with [Sustaining Partners](#), grantmakers committed to the future of talent, corporate supporters, professional associations, trade organizations, and other industry collaborators, the full spectrum of GIS programming provides its members with valuable interaction with the industry, as well as the tools to pursue and succeed in an insurance career. For more information, visit: [GammalotaSigma.org](http://GammalotaSigma.org).

#### About the GIS Annual International Conference

First held in 1973, Gamma Iota Sigma's Annual International Conference is the largest and most significant international event of its kind, providing students unparalleled industry exposure and access, professional and educational development, showcasing industry resources and opportunities, and connecting top collegiate talent looking to enter the insurance industry with representatives from companies and organizations who recognize the importance of a talent pipeline and sustaining interest in industry careers. The Conference attracts the best and brightest students throughout North America pursuing careers across all industry segments and functional areas.