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New Board of Directors Officers Named for Pearl S. Buck International

New officers have been named for the Board of Directors of Pearl S. Buck International. They will begin their two-year terms on January 1, 2020.

David Navazio has been named the new Board Chair. He joined the Board in December 2014 after serving as a member of the Pearl S. Buck International Advisory Council. Navazio is the Owner of Gentell, Inc., which manufactures advanced wound care and skin protection for Liguori Academy in Philadelphia and has been involved with many charitable organizations, including as the Assistant Governor for Rotary District 7510, past president of the Rotary Club of Trenton, NJ and a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, West Central New Jersey region.

Mateen Afzal will serve as the new Vice Chair of the Board. Afzal, who currently serves as Secretary, joined the Board in September 2015. He is the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources at PDC Machines, Inc. in Warminster. The company provides engineered solutions for specialty gas and chemical processing industries worldwide. He is also an active Board member of the Afzal Family Foundation and is active in the community with local soup kitchens and child advocacy groups. Afzal is a Pearl S. Buck International Child Sponsor.

Helen Ljungdahl Round has been named the new Board Secretary. Round, who previously served on the Board as Secretary, rejoined the Board in 2019. She is an experienced business leader and executive with over 25 years' experience leading and developing pharmaceutical business in Europe, North America, Latin America, Middle East / Africa and Asia. She has successfully led numerous launches and her performance was recognized by multiple awards of excellence by her past employer Merck & Co, Inc. Round recently gained experience also in the medical device industry, demonstrating her ability to transfer leadership skills, knowledge and global experience to a different industry. In 2019, she was appointed CEO for AMNICELL, a biotech startup company based in New York City and focusing on cell therapy.

Falesha Grasty will serve as the new Board Treasurer. Grasty, who joined the Board in October 2018, is a Senior Staff Accountant II at Penn Community Bank. She previously held staff accountant positions at Capmark Finance/Capmark Bank, MortgageRamp, and First Union National Bank. Grasty is a member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Financial Managers Society.

“I’ve been involved in many non-profit organizations throughout my professional career and can’t overstate the dedication of my fellow officers,” David Navazio stated. “While we bring different skills and experience, we all share a passion for the mission of Pearl S. Buck International. I am proud to serve with this group.”

Continuing in their current roles as Directors on the Board are:

- Mary Adamow
- Susan Berrodin
- Timothy Boyle
- Kathleen Brunner
- David DeLellis
- Frank Gallagher, EdD
- Maria Gallo, PhD
- Gayle Goodman
- Mark Hoffman, EdD
- A. N. M. Shamsul Huda
- Monika Misiuta
- Frederick Schea
- Charles W. Quann
- John C. Spier

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