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## **NAFA Membership Elects 2013 Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting**

**Milwaukee, WI (January 9, 2013)** – The National Association for Fixed Annuities (NAFA) elected its 2013 board of directors at the association's annual meeting held recently in Phoenix, Arizona.

Four new members are joining the board: Gayle Allen of North American, Tony Compton of Gradient Financial Group, Jim Maietta of Allianz Life and Brian Williams of Financial Independence Group.

Bob Phillips of Alternative Brokerage will take over the role of chair of the NAFA board in 2013 replacing Eric Thomes of Allianz Life. The NAFA board also elected the following officers: Chip Anderson of Creative Marketing serving as vice chair, S. Christopher Johnson of National Western Life serving as secretary and Nathan Zuidema of Imeriti Financial Network serving as treasurer.

The NAFA membership approved the board roster which includes existing directors: Lowell Aronoff of CANNEX Financial Exchanges, Mike Ebmeier of Forethought Financial Group, Kris Kattman of Lincoln Financial Group, Brian Mann of Partners Advantage, Jeanne Taylor of EquiTrust Life and Danette Kennedy of Aviva USA. NAFA recognized the contributions of the exiting board members Eric Thomes, Steve Kerns of Insurmark and Nick Gerhart formerly of Midland National.

"NAFA's ability to advocate, educate and promote the value of fixed annuities is only made possible through the dedication and contributions of its board of directors," stated NAFA President & CEO Kim O'Brien. "The association has been extremely fortunate to continually welcome the most talented and influential leaders in the fixed annuity industry to our board posts."

NAFA, the National Association for Fixed Annuities, is a national trade association exclusively dedicated to promoting the awareness and understanding of fixed annuities – including income, declared rate, market value adjusted and indexed. NAFA is the only association whose sole purpose is advocating for the fixed annuity product and educating regulators, legislators, consumers, members of the media, industry personnel, and distributors about fixed annuities and their benefits to retirees and those planning retirement. NAFA's membership of fixed annuity carriers and independent marketing organizations (or field organizations) represents over 114,000 agents and registered representatives selling fixed annuities. NAFA was founded in 1998 and is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Get more information on annuities at [www.nafa.com](http://www.nafa.com).

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