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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BANK DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARD OF INSTITUTE FOR BANK DIRECTOR EDUCATION

The American Association of Bank Directors (“AABD”) announced today that it has appointed Dave Martin, Richard George, Fred Finke and Anita Gentle Newcomb to the Board of Advisors of the Institute for Bank Director Education (“IBDE”).

Mr. Martin is the head of the Hamilton Group, Inc. He brings many years of experience in investment and commercial banking. He speaks regularly on banking subjects, having been a guest lecturer at Wharton, Carnegie Mellon and other educational and trade institutions. He previously served as a managing director with Sandler O’Neill and senior positions with Mellon Bank.

Mr. George teaches at the Haas Graduate School of Business and is a bank consultant for turnaround services and international financial institutions. He previously served in senior positions at Citigroup and as President and CEO of a community bank.

Mr. Finke is a Senior Advisor with Treliant Risk Advisors in Washington, D.C., who brings a broad background in bank supervision to banks of all sizes. He previously served in various positions with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, including Deputy Comptroller of the Northeastern District and Deputy Comptroller of Special Supervision.

Ms. Newcomb is the head of A.G. Newcomb & Co., a Washington DC-based strategic consulting firm to banks, and a board member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond – Baltimore Branch. She is a member of the faculty of the Barret Graduate School of Banking, Memphis, TN. Ms. Newcomb’s experience spans three decades in the financial services industry as a commercial banker, investment banker and strategic consultant.

“Each of our new IBDE Advisory Board members brings to IBDE and AABD’s members and other bank directors a wealth of practical experience and expertise in banking.” David Baris, Executive Director of AABD, said. “They each have a deep understanding of the challenges facing the banking industry, bank boards of directors and senior bank management and will provide AABD members with invaluable support for the challenges they face.”

AABD established IBDE in 1993 to act as a clearinghouse for programs designed specifically for bank and savings institution directors and to provide certain programs directly to its members and other bank directors. IBDE also conducts core courses for bank boards of directors that cover the subjects that bank directors need to understand to help them be effective directors and meet their fiduciary responsibilities.

Bank directors who are AABD members who participate in the core course and supplemental courses offered by AABD and others can qualify to receive certificates from AABD as part of its nationally recognized Director Certification Program. These certifications may assist banks whose board members are AABD members to qualify for better D&O insurance coverage and/or lower premiums.

Founded in 1989, the non-profit American Association of Bank Directors is the only trade group in the United States solely devoted to bank directors and their information, education, and advocacy needs. AABD recently has published the “The Bank Director Regulatory Burden Report”, the first public compilation of over 800 laws, regulations and federal banking agency guidance that impose various requirements on bank directors and their boards and board committees, and “FDIC Director Suits: Lessons Learned”.