Special Notice to Members

APRIL 21, 2004

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KEY TOPICS

National Adjudicatory Council

GUIDANCE

NAC Nominations

NASD Announces Nomination Procedures for Regional Industry Member Vacancies on the National Adjudicatory Council; Nomination Deadline: May 17, 2004

Executive Summary

The purpose of this *Special Notice to Members* is to advise members of the nomination procedures to fill two upcoming vacancies on the National Adjudicatory Council (NAC). The three-year terms of the NAC regional Industry members from the Midwest and South Regions expire in January 2005.

Exhibit I contains information regarding the NAC regional Industry members whose terms expire in January 2005. Exhibit II contains a list of all NAC members. The procedures to fill the NAC regional Industry vacancies are outlined in Exhibit III. Also, a Candidate Profile Sheet is included in Exhibit IV.

Nomination Process

Members are encouraged to submit nominations for the upcoming NAC vacancies. To nominate a candidate, members should submit a cover letter and the Candidate Profile Sheet (Exhibit IV) to the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee Chair, the NASD District Director, or NASD Corporate Secretary (listed in Exhibit I) by May 17, 2004.

The completed Candidate Profile Sheets will be provided to all Regional Nominating Committee members for review. On or about June 1, 2004, the Regional Nominating Committee will provide NASD members with written notice of the NAC candidates that the Committee proposes for nomination to the National Nominating Committee. Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.3(a) of the NASD Regulation By-Laws, the NASD National Nominating Committee shall nominate all candidates for the NAC for subsequent appointment by the Board.

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Questions/Further Information

Questions concerning this *Special Notice* may be directed to the District Directors listed in Exhibit I or to Barbara Z. Sweeney, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary, NASD, at (202) 728-8062 or via e-mail at *barbara.sweeney@nasd.com*.

National Adjudicatory Council Membership and Function

Membership

The NAC consists of 14 members—seven Industry members and seven Non-Industry members. Exhibit II contains a list of all current NAC members. Two Industry members are appointed by the NASD Regulation Board of Directors as at-large members. Five Industry members each represent one of the following geographic regions:

West Region: Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and the former U.S. Trust Territories.

South Region: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands.

Midwest Region: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

North Region: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and New York (except for the counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and the five boroughs of New York City).

New York: The counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and the five boroughs of New York City.

We are seeking nominations for the Midwest and South Regions.

Function

According to the NASD By-Laws, the NAC is authorized to act for the NASD Board of Governors in matters concerning:

- appeals or reviews of disciplinary proceedings, statutory disqualification proceedings, or membership proceedings;
- the exercise of exemptive authority; and
- other proceedings or actions authorized by NASD rules.

The NAC also considers and makes recommendations to the Board on enforcement policy and rule changes relating to the business and sales practices of NASD members and associated persons.

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EXHIBIT I

NAC Industry Member with a Term Expiring in January 2005

Midwest Region (Districts 4 and 8)

NAC Incumbent: Douglas L. Kelly

If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague to represent the Midwest Region for a three-year term on the NAC, please submit a cover letter and a completed Candidate Profile Sheet (Exhibit IV) to any of the following individuals by May 17, 2004.

William K. Curtis

Regional Nominating Committee Chair

M & I Brokerage Services, Inc. 770 North Water Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 765-7674

Thomas D. Clough

District 4 Director

NASD 12 Wyandotte Plaza 120 West 12th Street, Suite 900 Kansas City, MO 64105

(816) 421-5700

Carlotta A. Romano

District 8 Director

NASD 55 West Monroe Street Suite 2700 Chicago, IL 60603-5001

(312) 899-4400

Barbara Z. Sweeney

Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary

NASD 1735 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

(202) 728-8062

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NAC Industry Member with a Term Expiring in January 2005

South Region (Districts 5, 6, and 7)

NAC Incumbent: Barbara L. Weaver

If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague to represent the South Region for a three-year term on the NAC, please submit a cover letter and a completed Candidate Profile Sheet (Exhibit IV) to any of the following individuals by May 17, 2004.

Dennis S. Kaminski

Regional Nominating Committee Chair

Mutual Service Corporation One Clearlake Centre, Suite 1800 250 Australian Avenue South West Palm Beach, FL 33401

(561) 835-4100

Warren A. Butler, Jr.

Regional Director, South Region

NASD

1100 Poydras Street Suite 850, Energy Centre New Orleans, LA 70163

(504) 522-6527

Virginia F.M. Jans

District 6 Director

NASD

12801 North Central Expressway Suite 1050

Dallas, TX 75243

(972) 701-8554

David Paulukaitis

District 7 Acting Director

NASD

One Securities Centre, Suite 500 3490 Piedmont Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30305

(404) 239-6100

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EXHIBIT II

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Geoffrey F. Aronow	Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP		
A. Louis Denton	Philadelphia Corporation for Investment Services		
Amy Bowerman Freed	Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.		
Kathleen M. Hagerty	Northwestern University		
Douglas L. Kelly	A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.		
David A. Lipton	Catholic University of America		
Philip R. Lochner	Director of Public Companies		
Judith R. MacDonald	Rothschild, Inc.		
Neal E. Nakagiri	Associated Securities Corporation		
James M. Rogers	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.		
Mark A. Sargent	Villanova University School of Law		
Richard O. Scribner	Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic		
Brian T. Shea	Pershing LLC		
Barbara L. Weaver	Howard Weil, Incorporated		

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EXHIBIT III

National Adjudicatory Council Nomination Procedures

- NASD maintains Regional Nominating Committees in the manner specified in Article VI of the By-Laws of NASD Regulation, Inc.
- Members located in the Midwest and South Regions are hereby notified of the upcoming election of members to the National Adjudicatory Council and are encouraged to submit names of potential candidates to their respective Chair of the Regional Nominating Committee, District Director, or to NASD Corporate Secretary Barbara Z. Sweeney (see Exhibit I) by May 17, 2004.
- 3. Nominees will be asked to complete a Candidate Profile Sheet, which will be reviewed by the Regional Nominating Committee.
- 4. The Regional Nominating Committee shall review the background of the candidates and the description of the NASD membership provided by NASD staff and shall propose to the National Nominating Committee one or more candidates for the National Adjudicatory Council. In proposing a candidate for nomination, the Regional Nominating Committee shall endeavor to secure appropriate and fair representation of the region.
- 5. On or about June 1, 2004, the Regional Nominating Committee shall notify in writing the Executive Representatives and branch offices of the NASD members in the region of the name of the candidate or candidates it will propose to the National Nominating Committee for the National Adjudicatory Council.
- 6. If an officer, director, or employee of an NASD member in the region is not proposed for nomination by the Regional Nominating Committee and wants to seek the nomination, he or she shall send a written notice to the Regional Nominating Committee Chair or the Secretary of NASD within 14 calendar days after the mailing date of the Regional Nominating Committee's notice (#5 above) and proceed in accordance with the Contested Nomination Procedures found in Article VI of the NASD Regulation By-Laws.
- 7. If no additional candidate comes forward within 14 calendar days, the Regional Nominating Committees shall certify their candidates to the National Nominating Committee.

Additional information pertaining to the National Adjudicatory Council Election Procedures can be found in Article VI of the By-Laws of NASD Regulation. The By-Laws can be found in the online NASD Manual at www.nasd.com.

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EXHIBIT IV Candidate Profile Sheet

Current Employment

Name:		CRD#:	CRD#:		
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Title/Primary Responsibility:					
Address:					
City:		State: Zip:			
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Prior Employment (List the r	most recent first. Feel free to include extra	pages if necessary.)			
Title/Primary Responsibility:					
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Title/Primary Responsibility:					
General Areas of Expertis	e (please check all that apply)	Product Expertise (please check all that apply)			
Compliance/LegalCorporate FinanceFinancial/OperationalInstitutional Sales	Investment AdvisoryRetail SalesTrading/Market MakingOther	Corporate BondsDirect Participation ProgramsEquity SecuritiesMunicipal/Government Securities	O Investment Company O Options O Variable Contracts Securities O Other		
Memberships/Positions H	eld in Trade or Business Organi	zations			
Past NASD Experience an	d Dates of Service (please check all t	that apply)			
O Committee Member (Ide	ntify committee:) Approx. Dates			
O Arbitrator		Approx. Dates	Approx. Dates:		
O Mediator		Approx. Dates:			
O Expert Witness (arbitrations; disciplinary proceedings):		Approx. Dates	:		
O Other:		Approx. Dates	:		
Educational Background					
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