

# Indiana Auctioneers Association

## 2016 Board of Director Candidates



Indiana Auctioneers Association By-Laws - adopted November 1, 2001; revised October 10, 2011

**Article V - Officers (Section 1) - Required Officers** - Active Members shall annually elect a Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer: (i) at the Annual Active Member Meeting or other properly called Active Member Meeting; and (ii) by a plurality of the votes cast with a Active Member Quorum of Active Members entitled to vote for the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer positions present in person. At the time the newly elected Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer take office, the current President-elect shall become the new President and the current Vice-President shall become the new President-elect. (Mike Berger, 2016 IAA President, Chip Kugler, 2016 IAA President Elect)



### **Vice President Candidate - Seth Seaton, CAI, AARE, CAGA**

Seth is a licensed auctioneer, managing broker, and a certified appraiser. He has earned the CAI (Certified Auctioneer Institute), AARE (Accredited Auctioneer of Real Estate) and CAGA (Certified Appraisers Guild of America) designations. Seth is a member of the IAA, OAA and NAA.

Seth is a partner at and currently serves as Vice President and Managing Broker for Key Auctioneers, an Indianapolis-based business liquidation and real estate auction company. He has previously served as the company's Director of Real Estate, Advertising Manager, and Accounting Manager. Seth and his brother, Ted, manage and run the company founded by their father.

Seth wants to continue his service to the members of the IAA after consecutively serving as a Director for two years and as Secretary/Treasurer to now serve as the IAA Vice President in order to deepen his involvement with the auction industry, and to make a more significant impact within the IAA. Seth believes he can continue to provide the board a valuable fresh perspective as a young owner of a commercial auction company, particularly as it relates to technology issues, developing programs that will serve and attract the next generation of auctioneers and advancement of the association and industry as a whole.

### **Secretary/Treasurer Candidates**



#### **Jonathan Baker, CAI, CES**

Jonathan is a first generation Auctioneer and Real Estate Broker with over 10+ years experience in valuating and selling real estate and personal property in Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky. Jonathan is a life member of the National Auctioneers Association, member of the Indiana and Kentucky Auctioneers Associations and a graduate of CAI. Jonathan is a graduate of the Indiana Auctioneers Associations inaugural Leadership Academy (2013).

Jonathan has served as a director on the Indiana Auctioneers Associations Board of Directors for the last three years. "I believe strongly in the IAA and want to continue serving and representing the members of the IAA."



#### **Bill Davis**

Bill Davis, former resident of Portland, Indiana now resides in Ft. Wayne. He and his wife of 48 years have three daughters and eight grandchildren. Davis retired from Meshberger Bros. Stone Corporation after 32 years in sales and marketing. During that time, he worked closely with state and local communities. He also owned and operated Limestone Products, Inc., a small transportation and construction company.

Davis was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 2004. He served as a member of Roads and Transportation, Commerce and Economic Development, the Elections Committee and Labor and Pensions. He also served on the Ways and Means Committee from 2005 through 2010. He was appointed as Chairman of the Public Policy Committee from 2011-2013. He retired from the legislature to assume the directorship of OCRA for the Lt. Governor before officially retiring in 2014.

While serving at the legislature, Representative Davis promoted strong education initiatives such as Dollars to the Classroom and authored legislation that reinstated Indiana's "teacher mentoring" program. Rep. Davis also was an advocate for more efficient government. He encouraged The Speaker of the House to eliminate taxpayer funded lifetime healthcare for legislators, a program initiated prior to Rep. Davis' arrival. As a lifelong east central Indiana resident, Rep. Davis was active in many organizations. Davis is a past president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of Jay County Development Corporation. He also served as a member of the Jay County Hospital Board of Directors. Davis is an Indiana licensed real estate broker and auctioneer. He is a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne. Davis is a member of the Indiana Auctioneers Association, serving on the IAA Board of Directors 2012-2014.

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## 2016 Board of Director Candidates



### Board of Director Candidates (alphabetical order)



#### Mark Bisch, CES, GPPA

Mark is a graduate of Reppert School of Auctioneering, a real estate broker and has earned his CES and GPPA designations. Mark has been a continuous member of the IAA and NAA since completing auction school. Mark is a graduating member of the IAA Leadership Academy, a first generation auctioneer and is co-owner of Blue Skies Auction in Kokomo.

Mark wants to serve as a director on the IAA board to help maintain the IAA's role as the leader in education and to help maintain membership, and recruit new members to our state association. With his background in technology, he provides an innovative perspective as it relates to technology and can assist in the development of programs that will appeal to the next generation of auctioneers.



#### Jack Christy Jr., CAI, ATS, BAS, GPPA

Jack Christy, Jr. is a graduate of Greenwood High School. He continued his education at the ATA Training academy and became a commercial aircraft mechanic. He attended over 125 classes to fulfill his continuing education and aircraft mechanic licensing requirements. After seven years in the airline business, Jack decided to change his career and enter the auction industry. Jack is a graduate of Professional Ring Man's Institute, graduate of Benefit Auction Specialist, Auction Technology Specialist, Certified Auctioneer Institute, and graduate of Personal Property Appraisal.

In 2006, Jack earned his auctioneering license after graduating Reppert Auction School. Jack specialization is in automobiles, tooling and electronics. Jack currently assists in the instruction at Reppert Auction School. Jack serves as the General Manager at Christy's. Jack is seasoned in internet sales and computer related skills.

Jack resides in Greenwood with his wife Amber and their five children. Jack is a third generation auctioneer and son of Jack and Teresa Christy.



#### Carl Gilbert

I believe that the Indiana Auctioneers Association has unlimited potential. Therefore I, Carl Gilbert, have decided to run for the Board of Directors. I'm excited about doing my part to help further the goals of the Association. My focus is to develop additional tools that can empower us as the intelligent, hardworking and professional group that we are. I would like to use my knowledge and experience to help further the goals of the Indiana Auctioneers Association in terms of being a vibrant and meaningful institution. As a past Indiana Auctioneer Commissioner, I understand the roles and responsibilities of both the Association and the Commission. While serving on the Indiana Auctioneers Commission I was involved with multiple tasks including the ROE review of our License. I understand the responsibilities of the Association to be involved with the local Government in building upon our profession. It takes both organizations working together to improve upon an outstanding profession like ours. With my 20 plus years of service in the auction profession I have had the opportunity to work in multiple areas of the profession with multiple auctioneers. Along with my dedication to the profession I have also dedicated the last 17 years to my country serving in the United States Army National Guard. My service has helped instill discipline and dedication in which is critical when serving in an important role like the Board of Directors. It's critical for all of us to take control and make a difference; therefore I humbly ask for your support...and with your support I will roll up my sleeves, get involved and take a stand for the better of our great organization.

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#### Thomas Kennedy

Thomas Kennedy lives in Valparaiso with his wife of 34 years, Karol. They have two grown children, Cory and Carrie Ann, four grandchildren and one on the way.

Thomas graduated from the Reppert School of Auctioneering in 2012, and has been a member of the Indiana Auctioneers Association and the National Auctioneers Association since August 2012. He attended and graduated from the inaugural IAA Leadership Academy in 2013. Tom has since attended CAI and trainings by United Country, national and state auctioneer conventions, as well as Real Estate trainings.

Thomas has worked with auctions since 1996. His previous professional background includes owning a outdoor retail store in Valparaiso, and a sales representative for Riddell/All American covering most of Indiana and Chicago schools.

Thomas likes to camp, backpack, kayak and fish in his spare time. He has been very active with the American Red Cross, Porter County chapter as a member of the Disaster Services Team, the Community Emergency Response Team and as an instructor for first aid, CPR, AED and wilderness first aid, as well as being a blood donor himself.



#### Andrew Wagner

Andrew Wagner resides in Farmland, IN with his wife and three children. Andrew began his professional career as a physical therapist before returning to the auction profession. Andrew owns and operates Wagner Auctioneering and Real Estate specializing in agricultural and land markets. Andrew enjoys spending time with his family and pulling horses with his father.

Andrew is heavily involved in his community as a member and President of the Randolph Co. Extension Board, member of the Randolph Co. YMCA Board of Directors and member of First Merchants Bank board of Directors in Randolph County.

Andrew has served this past year (1 year term) as a director on the Indiana Auctioneers Association's Board of Directors and would like to seek a three year term to accomplish his goals. Andrew's goal is to establish an educational opportunity for new auctioneers following graduation from auction school. I am aware that this was my goal last year and we are no closer to this goal. However, this first year as a director I have spent learning the inner workings and functions of the IAA Board of Directors. If I am elected, I am ready to develop this programming immediately.



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## 2015 Indiana Auctioneers Convention

November 5-7  
Radisson Star Plaza  
Merrillville, IN