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NAAIA Announces Rebekah Ratliff as Secretary of the Board of Directors

James Hutchinson Reappointed to Board Vacancy as Agent Engagement Chair; 2024 Committee Chairs Announced

Washington, DC – The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) announced today recent leadership changes within its Board of Directors, repositioning board members to roles in support of the association's Vision 2030 strategic plan.

Rebekah Ratliff, Mediator and Arbitrator at JAMS, was elevated to the role of Board Secretary. Ratliff was elected to the national board in December 2022, and serves also as the chair of the board's ad-hoc Committee on governance, charged with the revision of association bylaws.

Additionally, James Hutchinson, Chief Marketing Officer & President, Agency Services at High Street Insurance Partners, was appointed to the national board to fill the vacancy created by Ngozi Nnaji's resignation. Hutchinson was initially elected to the board in 2020 and he will serve as the chair of the Agent Engagement and Development Committee.

"I am excited to congratulate Rebekah and welcome her to the national board's executive committee, where her experience as a former chapter president, entrepreneur, and strong global relationships will add tremendous value," said George Woods, Chair of NAAIA's Board of Directors. "I'm also immensely grateful that James, with his deep connections with carriers and brokers/agents, has agreed to stay on the board in a new leadership role supporting our agent and broker members as we work to provide more value and opportunity."

Additionally, Woods appointed the following board members as committee chairs: Susan Johnson as Finance Chair; Clive McCarthy as Chapter Development and Membership Chair, Owie Lei Agbontaen as Emerging Leaders Chair, Michele Lamarre as Marketing Chair, Dwight Geddes as Programs Chair, and Sherita Hardy as Nominations & Elections Chair.

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ABOUT NAAIA

The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) was organized to create a network among people of color and others employed in or affiliated with the insurance industry. The association currently has over 2,400 members and 24 chapters, with others in development, throughout the nation and its members represent every sector of the industry. NAAIA's focus is the professional development and personal empowerment of its members, and to serve as a gateway to diverse talent at every level of the industry.

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