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Alexandra LaHurd (chair, president) holds a BS degree in neuroscience from University of Delaware. She is currently obtaining a master degree as a PA at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. From 2012-2015 she worked at Nemours /AI DuPont hospital for Children in both research and finances. She is on the board committee for Go docs in-home-care and volunteers her time at Guadenzia HIV/AIDS clinic. She is involved in numerous organizations in the Philadelphia regions. She is an active wish granter volunteer for Philadelphia chapter and MidAtlantic and she is also involved in the Young professional committee for Mid-Atlantic. She initiated and illustrated developing the Young Professional committee for the Philadelphia Chapter in 2014.



Kandis Kovalsky (co-chair, vice-president) is a Philadelphia attorney at Weir & Partners LLP, a boutique litigation firm, where she focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation. Ms. Kovalsky is a 2013 graduate of the Washington University in Saint Louis School of Law and a 2009 graduate of the University of Delaware. Ms. Kovalsky is a former figure skater and while she was at the University of Delaware, she won eight intercollegiate national medals and served as the figure skating team's vice-president for three years. Ms. Kovalsky is a Philadelphia native and has extensive experience hosting fundraisers and working with charitable organizations.



Kelly Wetzel (secretary) graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in international relations. She now works for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. As the program & communication specialist, Kelly works to promote an economic climate that strengthens the competitiveness of Delaware businesses through managing the Small Business Alliance, the Delaware Young Professionals Network and State Chamber events. In Kelly's spare time, she volunteers for the ONE Campaign, participates on the Delaware Humane Association's special events committee. Kelly also teaches ice skating lessons at the University of

Delaware and competes on a nationally ranked synchronized ice skating team.

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Kseniya Demchenko (member) is a second-year student in the joint-degree Wharton MBA & Lauder Institute program. She is part of Wharton's Non-Profit Board Fellows that connects students with Philadelphia-area nonprofit boards. She has previously worked in finance for four years, and has volunteered her time with the Taproot Foundation and Toastmasters in New York.



Ryan H. Wibbens (member) is from Media, Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Delaware and is currently taking classes through Boston University pursuing the designation of Certified Financial Planner®. In 2014, he accepted a position with The Centerville Group at Morgan Stanley. The group provides high net worth families and individuals with comprehensive wealth management services. Ryan lives an active lifestyle and completed his first Philadelphia Broad Street Run in May 2016.



Jennifer Wong (member) is a second-year MBA candidate at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. As a part of Wharton's Non-Profit Board Fellowship program, she is currently a non-voting board member for Make-a-Wish. Prior to Wharton, Jennifer worked for a year and a half for the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Monrovia, Liberia and Lilongwe, Malawi. Before that, she spent three years in investment banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where she was actively involved with the Bank of America Merrill Lynch volunteers and God's Love We Deliver in New York.