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Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation Welcomes New Board Members for 2015

Ann Arbor, MI – The Book Industry Charitable Foundation announced today additions of a new board member and board president to its Board of Directors.

The newly elected board president is Lori Tucker-Sullivan, Executive Director of the Independent Booksellers Consortium (IBC). Lori joined the Binc board in August 2012 bringing with her over 20 years of experience in the book industry as well as a range of experience in the nonprofit world, a position she has held since 1998. She is a former board member of Washtenaw Literacy and a founding board member of the Ann Arbor Book Festival. Lori holds a BA in Communication and Journalism from the University of Michigan, and an MFA in Creative Nonfiction from Spalding University.

Ken White of Books Inc. in the Castro has been elected the newest board member. Ken brings over 20 years of book industry experience to help support Binc's mission. His background includes many years of independent bookselling as well as five years as a director of the board for the Northern California Independent Booksellers Association (NCIBA). Ken also served for six years as a board member for the American Booksellers Association (ABA).

The full Binc Board of Directors for 2015 is as follows:

Executive Committee:

President – Lori Tucker-Sullivan, *Independent Booksellers Consortium, Inc. (IBC)*

Vice President – September Wynne, *Dart Container*

Treasurer – David Althoen, *Forest Health Service*

Secretary – Christie Roehl, *PetSmart*

Chairperson – Anne Kubek, *INscribe Digital*

Board Members:

Matthew Gildea, *Joseph-Beth Booksellers*

Rockelle Henderson, *Rock Inked, Inc.*

Wanda Jewell, *Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA)*

Mary Jane Karowski, *Books-A-Million*

Deb Leonard, *Great Lakes Independent Booksellers Association (GLIBA)*

Kate McCune, *HarperCollins*

Annie Philbrick, *Bank Square Books*

Ken White, *Books Inc. in the Castro*

About The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that coordinates charitable programs to strengthen the bookselling community. Established in 1996, the core program provides assistance to bookstore employees who have a demonstrated financial need arising from severe hardship and/or emergency circumstances. Since its inception, the organization has provided over \$5.2 million in

financial assistance and scholarships to more than 6,900 families. Support for the Foundation's programs and services come from all sectors of the book industry.

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation's mission is to strengthen the bookselling community through charitable programs that support employees and their families. The Foundation was imagined and built by booksellers and proudly continues to be their safety net. It is our vision to be a caring community of book people.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.bincfoundation.org>. ###