

The logo for NDSU Research Foundation features the text "NDSU" in a large, bold, gold-colored serif font on the left, and "RESEARCH FOUNDATION" in a smaller, gold-colored sans-serif font on the right, separated by a thin vertical line. The background is a dark green rectangle.

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NDSU Research Foundation welcomes new Board members

Fargo, ND, 11/14/2022 – The NDSU Research Foundation added three new Board members at the Board of Directors’ October 14, 2022 meeting. The NDSU Research Foundation is a separate, independent, not-for-profit organization that facilitates the transfer of NDSU scientific discoveries, technologies, products, and processes to the marketplace. NDSU’s technology portfolio includes a wide array of developed inventions from faculty, staff, and students ranging from green technologies to paints and coatings to software and algorithms. A particular strength of the portfolio is the plant varieties developed through NDSU’s public plant breeding program.

The thirteen-member Board is responsible for the management and general administration of the NDSU Research Foundation. It’s composed of a diverse group of industry and academic leaders who provide the foundation with invaluable knowledge and experience.

Joining the NDSU Research Foundation Board are Ryan Raguse, Bushel; James Brown, PhD, Agathos; and John Hanish, PhD, Maynard, Cooper & Gale.

Raguse is president and co-founder of Bushel. Since its launch in 2017, the independently-owned software company’s software powers more than 2,000 grain facilities and reaches over 60,000 farmers across the U.S. and Canada with real-time business information. More than 40% of grain origination in the U.S and Canada run through the Bushel platform, which includes mobile apps, websites, trading tools, digital payments and money facilitation, market feeds, API services, FarmLogs (acquired by Bushel in 2021) and a custom software division focused on agriculture. When he’s not leading operations at Bushel, Ryan, a graduate of NDSU, enjoys spending time working at his farm.

Brown is CEO and a co-founder of Agathos Biologics, a company developing biological systems to facilitate better delivery of therapeutic molecules, including proteins, enzymes, and nucleic acids, directly to cells. Before Agathos, he held multiple leadership roles at Aldevron, REGENXBIO and MedImmune (now AstraZeneca). James holds a PhD in chemistry from Stanford University.

Hanish, a graduate of NDSU, is a shareholder in Maynard’s New York office. He has 24 years of experience in the trial and appeal of patent licensing and infringement disputes in the federal courts, International Trade Commission and arbitration, and advises clients with respect to obtaining and licensing patents. John graduated from NYU School of Law after receiving a PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Chicago. He was also a Winston Fellow at The Rockefeller University and a Research Scientist at the Sloan-Kettering Institute.

“We are glad to welcome Ryan, James, and John to the Board of Directors,” said NDSU and Research Foundation Board President David Cook. “Their experiences span an array of industries and intellectual property/patent knowledge and they will help guide the foundation in determining how we can effectively interface with the marketplace.”

NDSU Vice President of Research and Creative Activity and Research Foundation Board Treasurer Colleen Fitzgerald added how the group is a critical component of the success of NDSU’s research operations. “The Board plays an essential role in supporting the next phases of NDSU’s growth in commercialization and technology development. Finding ways to spur more creativity and innovation is essential for us to thrive as a twenty-first century land-grant institution, especially given our R1 research classification.”

Board meetings are held quarterly with an annual meeting in November.

About the NDSU Research Foundation

The NDSU Research Foundation (ndsufoundation.org) was established on May 30, 1989, and incorporated in North Dakota as a scientific and educational organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to make interactions with business and industry possible and to expand NDSU’s ability to commercialize its research discoveries for and with domestic and international for-profit business organizations.

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