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### **North Little Rock's Laura Stanley to Chair International Guilds Council on the American Gem Society's International Board of Directors**

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA** – The American Gem Society International Board of Directors elected Laura Stanley, CGA of Stanley Jewelers-Gemologists in North Little Rock to sit on the American Gem Society's International Board of Directors and chair the International Guilds Council. Stanley was elected during the American Gem Society's annual membership meeting, Conclave, held April 21-24, 2010 in Boston.

The American Gem Society International Board of Directors oversees all policy matters for the American Gem Society, including matters of membership. The Board establishes the standards of gemological education, business conduct and public relations, as well as the requirements for gemological equipment, member classification, titles and accreditations. The Board also approves the annual budget for the organization.

"The dedication and insight of our Directors is truly an asset to our Board. We appreciate their service to help guide the growth of the Society and all that it stands for", Ruth Batson, Executive Director and CEO of the American Gem Society.

The American Gem Society, founded in 1934 by Robert M. Shipley, is the leading trade association dedicated to proven ethics, knowledge, and consumer protection within the jewelry industry. The American Gem Society is the international professional organization for all Registered Jewelers (RJ), Certified Gemologist (CG), and Certified Gemologist Appraisers (CGA). Members are held to the highest ethical and professional standards in the industry and must pass annual recertification exams to maintain their AGS titles. For more information regarding the American Gem Society, please call 702.255.6500, or visit the AGS website at [www.ags.org](http://www.ags.org).