



German American
Chambers of Commerce
Deutsch-Amerikanische
Handelskammern

Press Contact:

Jasmin Welter

Manager, PR and Communications

German American Chamber of Commerce
of the Midwest, Inc. – GACC Midwest

321 North Clark Street, Suite 1425 | Chicago, IL 60654

Tel: (312) 494-2162 | Fax: (312) 644-0738

Press Release

For immediate release

German American Chambers of Commerce of the USA create joint Board of Directors to reinforce their transatlantic voice - W. David Braun named first Chairman

For the first time, the German American Chambers of Commerce of the USA (GACCs), based in Atlanta, Chicago, and New York have created a joint Board of Directors. Representing over 2,500 members and actively supporting German-American trade and investment, this will allow the GACCs to more effectively speak to the key issues affecting transatlantic trade and investment. The first Chairman, elected for a two-year term, is W. David Braun, who also serves as the Chairman of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest. The Vice Chairmen are Martin Richenhagen and Caroll H. Neubauer.

Mr. Braun is a Partner at Quarles & Brady LLP in their Corporate Services Practice Group, based in Chicago. Mr. Braun's practice focuses on U.S. and foreign corporate, licensing, and antitrust law. He advises a wide variety of companies, including many mid-sized German companies and their US subsidiaries – hence he is intimately familiar with the opportunities and challenges encountered by these companies as they grow their businesses. At the opening of the Global Business & Markets Forum at the Hannover Messe 2013 last week, he noted that *“The GACCs are the ideal organization to support companies as they expand their business, combining our national and international networks with services tailored to supporting companies as they seek advice, business partners, and new markets.”* Some of the key issues that the GACCs will be addressing during his term include the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership announced by President Obama in his State of the Union address, and developing strategies and programs to support the training of a skilled workforce.

Vice Chairman Mr. Richenhagen serves as the Chairman of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, and is the Chairman, President & CEO of AGCO Corporation. Vice Chairman Mr. Neubauer, who is Chairman of the German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc., based in New York, is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of B. Braun of America and B. Braun Medical Inc. Additional information on the GACCs and our chairmen is available on our web site at: www.ahk-usa.com

About the German American Chambers of Commerce of the USA

The German American Chambers of Commerce with offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco work together under the umbrella of AHK USA. The GACCs offer a broad spectrum of activities and services and an extensive national and international business network to their more than 2,500 member companies. With 120 locations in 80 countries around the world, the German Chamber Network (AHK) offers global connections, experience, and services to German and foreign companies.