Roth IRA Custodial Account Agreement

(Under section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code (“the Code”) – Form 5305-RA (Revised April 2017))

Form 5305-RA is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408A. However, only Articles I through VIII have been reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”). The Depositor whose name appears in the accompanying application is establishing a Roth Individual Retirement Account (“Roth IRA”) under section 408A to provide for his or her retirement and for the support of his or her beneficiaries after death. The account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the Depositor or his or her beneficiaries.

The Custodian has given the Depositor the Disclosure Statement required under Regulations section 1.408-6.

The Depositor and the Custodian make the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

Except in the case of a qualified rollover contribution described in section 408A(e) or a recharacterized contribution described in section 408A(d)(6), the Custodian will accept only cash contributions up to $5,500 per year for 2013 through 2017. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 by the end of the year, the contribution limit is increased to $6,500 per year for 2013 through 2017. For years after 2017, these limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

ARTICLE II

1. The annual contribution limit described in Article I is gradually reduced to $0 for higher income levels. For a single Depositor, the annual contribution is phased out between adjusted gross income (“AGI”) of $95,000 and $110,000, for a married Depositor filing jointly, between AGI of $150,000 and $160,000; and for a married Depositor filing separately, between AGI of $0 and $10,000. In the case of a conversion, the Custodian will not accept IRA Conversion Contributions in a tax year if the Depositor’s AGI for the tax year the funds were distributed from the other IRA exceeds $100,000 or if the Depositor is married and files a separate return. AGI is defined in section 408A(c)(3) and does not include IRA Conversion Contributions.

2. In the case of a joint return, the AGI limits in the preceding paragraph apply to the combined AGI of the Depositor and his or her spouse.

ARTICLE III

The Depositor’s interest in the balance in the custodial account is non-forfeitable.

ARTICLE IV

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).

2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

ARTICLE V

1. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her and the Depositor’s surviving spouse is not the sole beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (a) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with (b) below:

   (a) The remaining interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the Depositor’s death, over the designated beneficiary’s remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the Depositor.

   (b) The remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Depositor’s death.

2. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year under paragraph 1(a) above is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the Single Life Table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the designated beneficiary using the attained age of the beneficiary in the year following the year of the Depositor’s death and subtracting 1 from the divisor for each subsequent year.

3. If the Depositor’s surviving spouse is the designated beneficiary, such spouse will then be treated as the Depositor.

ARTICLE VI

1. The Depositor agrees to provide the Custodian with information necessary for the Custodian to prepare any reports required under sections 408(i) and 408A(d)(3)(E), Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6, or under guidance published by the IRS.

2. The Custodian agrees to submit to the IRS and Depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.

ARTICLE VII

Notwithstanding any other articles, which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through IV and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles that are not consistent with section 408A, the related regulations, and other published guidance will be invalid.
ARTICLE VIII
This Agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code, related regulations, and other published guidance. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signature appears on the IRA application.

ARTICLE IX
1. All funds in the custodial account (including earnings) shall be invested in assets permissible under the Code which have been designated by the Custodian as eligible for investment ("Eligible Assets") as directed by the Depositor in compliance with this Agreement. Eligible Assets will be purchased at the prices determined in accordance with the market applicable to particular Eligible Assets.

2. The Custodian may hold all Eligible Assets in accounts registered to the Custodian or its nominee. Depositor shall be the beneficial owner of all Eligible Assets held in the custodial account notwithstanding such registration.

3. The Depositor (or the Depositor's authorized agent) shall, from time to time, direct the Custodian to invest funds received by the Custodian under this Agreement. Any funds received by the Custodian under this Agreement for which the Custodian does not receive investment directions may, at the sole discretion of the Custodian, be returned to the Depositor or held uninvested until direction is received from the Depositor (or the Depositor's authorized agent), in either case without such funds being deemed contributed to the custodial account. The Depositor shall be the beneficial owner of all Eligible Assets held in the custodial account, and the Custodian shall not vote any such shares except upon written direction of the Depositor.

4. The Custodian agrees to forward, or to cause to be forwarded, to Depositor (i) the then-current prospectus, if any, applicable to each Eligible Asset held in the custodial account, and (ii) any notices, proxies and proxy soliciting materials received by it with respect to Eligible Assets held in the custodial account.

5. The Depositor shall have the right by written notice to the Custodian (i) to designate one or more beneficiaries to receive any benefit to which the Depositor may be entitled in the event of the Depositor's death prior to the complete distribution of such benefit, and (ii) to designate one or more beneficiaries in replacement of any previously designated beneficiaries. Any such notice will be deemed to be in effect when received in good order by the Custodian. If no such designation is in effect at the time of the Depositor’s death, or if all designated beneficiaries have predeceased the Depositor, the Depositor’s surviving spouse shall become the Depositor's beneficiary, or, if the Depositor does not have a surviving spouse at the time of death, the distribution will be made to the Depositor’s estate.

6. (a) The Custodian shall have the right to receive rollover and conversion contributions as allowed under section 408A; however, it is the Depositor's responsibility to ensure that such rollovers and conversions are eligible to be contributed to this Roth IRA. The Custodian reserves the right to refuse to accept any property or contribution which is not in the form of cash.

(b) The Custodian, upon written direction of the Depositor (or the Depositor’s authorized agent) and after submission to the Custodian of such documents as it may reasonably require, shall transfer the assets held under this Agreement (reduced by any amounts referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article IX) to a successor Roth IRA or directly to the Depositor.

Any amounts received or transferred by the Custodian under this paragraph 6 shall be accompanied by such records and other documents as the Custodian deems necessary to establish the nature, value and extent of the assets and of the various interests therein.

7. Without in any way limiting the foregoing, the Depositor hereby irrevocably delegates to the Custodian the right and power to amend at any time and from time to time the terms and provisions of this Agreement and hereby consents to such amendments, provided they shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Code, the Treasury regulations thereunder and with any other governmental law, regulation or ruling. Any such amendments shall be effective when the notice of such amendments is mailed to the address of the Depositor indicated by the Custodian’s records.

8. Any income taxes or other taxes of any kind whatsoever levied or assessed upon or in respect of the assets of the custodial account or the income arising therefrom, any transfer taxes incurred, all other administrative expenses incurred, specifically including but not limited to, administrative expenses incurred by the Custodian in the performance of its duties and fees for legal services rendered to the Custodian, and the Custodian’s compensation may be paid by the Depositor and, unless so paid within such time period as the Custodian may establish, shall be paid from the Depositor's custodial account. The Custodian reserves the right to change or adjust its compensation upon 30 days’ advance notice to the Depositor.

9. The benefits provided hereunder shall not be subject to alienation, assignment, garnishment, attachment, execution or levy of any kind, and any attempt to cause such benefits to be so subjected shall not be recognized, except to such extent as may be required by law.

10. The Custodian may rely upon any statement by the Depositor (or the Depositor’s authorized agent, or the Depositor's beneficiary if the Depositor is deceased) when taking any action or determining any fact or question which may arise under this Agreement. The Depositor hereby agrees that neither the Custodian nor any sponsor, issuer, depository or other person or entity associated with any Eligible Asset held at any time in the custodial account will be liable for any loss or expense resulting from any action taken or determination made in reliance on such statement. The Depositor assumes sole responsibility for assuring that contributions to the custodial account satisfy the limits specified in the appropriate provisions of the Code.
11. The Custodian may resign at any time upon 30 days’ written notice to the Depositor and to the sponsor, issuer, depository or other person or entity primarily associated with each Eligible Asset held in the custodial account and may be removed by the Depositor at any time upon 30 days’ written notice to the Custodian. Upon the resignation or removal of the Custodian, a successor custodian shall be appointed within 30 days of such resignation notice and in the absence of such appointment, the Custodian shall appoint a successor unless the Agreement be sooner terminated. Any successor custodian shall be a bank (as defined in section 408(n) of the Code) or such other person found qualified to act as a custodian under an individual account plan by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate. The appointment of a successor custodian shall be effective upon receipt by the Custodian of such successor’s written acceptance, which shall be submitted to the Custodian, the sponsor and the Depositor. Within 30 days of the effective date of a successor custodian’s appointment, the Custodian shall transfer and deliver to the successor custodian applicable account records and assets of the custodial account (reduced by any unpaid amounts referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article IX). The successor custodian shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement (or any successor thereto) on the effective date of its appointment.

12. The Custodian shall, from time to time, in accordance with instructions in writing or by means of recorded telephone conversation with the Depositor (or the Depositor’s authorized agent, or the Depositor’s beneficiary if the Depositor is deceased), make distributions out of the custodial account to the Depositor in the manner and amounts as may be specified in such instructions (reduced by any amounts referred to in Article IX, paragraph 8). An IRA distribution form is available from the Custodian and may be obtained and used to request distributions from your Roth IRA. The Custodian assumes (and shall have) no responsibility to make any distribution from the custodial account unless and until such instructions specify the occasion for such distribution and the elected manner of distribution.

Prior to making any such distribution from the custodial account, the Custodian shall be furnished with any and all applications, certificates, tax waivers, signature guarantees and other documents (including proof of any legal representative’s authority) deemed necessary or advisable by the Custodian, but the Custodian shall not be liable for complying with any such instructions which appear on their face to be genuine, or for refusing to comply if not satisfied such instructions are genuine, and assumes no duty of further inquiry. Upon receipt of proper instructions as required above, the Custodian shall cause the assets of the custodial account to be distributed in cash and/or in kind, as specified in such instructions.

13. No distributions are required to be taken from the Roth IRA during the lifetime of the Depositor. If the Depositor desires to take distributions from the Roth IRA, such distributions shall be made, as the Depositor shall elect by written instructions to the Custodian.

14. In the event any amounts remain in the custodial account after the death of the Depositor, his or her beneficiary shall thereafter exercise the rights of the Depositor as described in Article V.

15. The Custodian is authorized to hire agents (including any transfer agent for Eligible Assets) to perform certain duties under this Agreement.

16. This Agreement shall terminate coincident with the complete distribution of the assets of the Depositor’s account.

17. All notices to be given by the Custodian to the Depositor shall be deemed to have been given when mailed to the address of the Depositor indicated by the Custodian’s records.

18. Neither the Custodian nor any sponsor, issuer, depository or other person or entity associated with any Eligible Asset held at any time in the custodial account shall be responsible for any losses, penalties or other consequences to the Depositor or any other person arising out of the making of, or the failure to make, any contribution or withdrawal.

19. In addition to the reports required by paragraph (2) of Article VI, the Custodian shall periodically cause to be mailed to the Depositor in respect of each such period an account of all transactions affecting the custodial account during such period and a statement showing the custodial account as of the end of such period. If, within 30 days after such mailing, the Depositor has not given the Custodian written notice of any exception or objection thereto, the periodic accounting shall be deemed to have been approved and, in such case or upon the written approval of the Depositor, the Custodian and the sponsor shall be released, relieved and discharged with respect to all matters and statements set forth in such accounting as though the account had been settled by judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction.

20. In performing the duties conferred upon the Custodian by the Depositor hereunder, the Custodian shall act as the agent of the Depositor. The parties do not intend to confer any fiduciary duties on the Custodian and none shall be implied. Neither the Custodian nor any sponsor, issuer, depository or other person or entity associated with Eligible Assets shall be liable (and neither assumes any responsibility) for the collection of contributions, the deductibility or the propriety of any contribution under this Agreement, the selection of any Eligible Asset for this custodial account, or the purpose or propriety of any distribution made, which matters are the sole responsibility of the Depositor or the Depositor’s beneficiary, as the case may be. The Depositor agrees that the Depositor will not direct the Custodian to engage in any prohibited transactions (as defined in Code section 4975) with respect to the custodial account.

The Depositor and the successors of the Depositor, including any beneficiary, executor or administrator, shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the Custodian and any sponsor, issuer, depository or other person or entity associated with Eligible Assets and their affiliates, successors and assigns harmless from any and all claims, actions or liabilities, except such as may arise from such party’s own bad faith, negligence, non-feasance or willful misconduct.

21. The Custodian shall be responsible solely for the performance of those duties expressly assigned to it in this Agreement and by operation of law. In determining the taxable amount of a distribution, the Depositor shall rely only on his or her federal tax records, and the Custodian shall withhold federal income tax from any distribution from the custodial account as if the total amount of the distribution is includible in the Depositor’s income.

22. Except to the extent superseded by federal law, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed, administered and enforced according to, the laws of the State of Delaware, and all contributions shall be deemed made in Delaware.
23. In the event any asset or property held in the custodial account (or any asset or property previously subject to the operation of this section and administered by the Custodian) is redeemed or liquidated, matures, or is otherwise converted to cash or other property (a “Liquidation”) for any reason or under any circumstances and the Custodian does not receive timely instructions designating what it should do with the proceeds of such Liquidation (the “Proceeds”) from any person lawfully entitled to give instructions with respect to the account, including without limitation the registered owner of the custodial account (“Owner”) and successors and representatives of the Owner, including beneficiaries, heirs, executors, and administrators, or other proper persons or entities, or instructions are received but they cannot reasonably or practicably be carried out as given or are ambiguous or unclear, the Owner expressly directs and authorizes the Custodian to take “Any Reasonable Course Of Conduct”. “Any Reasonable Course Of Conduct” is hereby defined to mean a course of conduct that the Custodian determines to be reasonable under the circumstances — this course of conduct may include any one or more of the following, but it is not limited to the following: (i) depositing Proceeds in an FDIC-insured bank account or any other account, or using Proceeds to purchase shares of a money market mutual fund or any other asset or property, (ii) distributing Proceeds to persons the Custodian reasonably determines to be lawfully entitled to distributions from the account, (iii) holding Proceeds uninvested in a general account of the Custodian or other depository and (iv) resigning as Custodian and engaging in a course of conduct, including any described in clauses (i) through (iii), outright and free of trust, if the Owner does not appoint a Custodian which immediately accepts transfer of all Proceeds, although nothing in this clause (iv) shall be interpreted to obligate the Custodian to resign before taking any course of conduct, including any described in clauses (i) through (iii).

In the event any agreement or understanding (other than this Custodial Account Agreement) pursuant to which or in consideration of which the Custodian serves as Custodian of the account is terminated (and is not renewed or replaced) and a successor custodian does not take custody of the account in connection with or following such termination, the Custodian, after not less than 30 days' notice to the Owner or such other persons as the Custodian reasonably determines to be entitled to give instructions with respect to the account, may (i) take Any Reasonable Course Of Conduct with respect to any assets or property in the custodial account, any Proceeds or any asset or property previously subject to the operation of this section and still administered by the Custodian, and (ii) may reset custodial fees charged to and owed by the Owner to the Custodian to an amount equal to the costs of maintaining the account.

The Custodian shall not be liable for any action taken in reliance on this section, unless such liability is required by the Code or regulations implementing the Code, and the Owner expressly waives and releases the Custodian from all such liability. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event the Custodian makes a distribution from the account to the persons it reasonably determines to be entitled to account distributions, the Owner and such persons shall bear sole responsibility for any taxes, fines, assessments, penalties, levies, tariffs, or other liabilities or consequences of any nature arising or resulting from the distribution, including non-monetary liabilities or consequences, and for taking any actions following the distribution to avoid or mitigate any liabilities or consequences.

This section shall not be interpreted so as to impose any duty of any nature on the Custodian if any one or more of the events described in this section occurs, whether a duty to take or omit to take any act in particular, to place Proceeds in any particular asset or property, to take possession of Proceeds if possession is discretionary, to exercise discretionary investment authority over the account, or to distribute Proceeds to the Owner. For purposes of clarification, it is the intention of this section to provide the Custodian with the broadest possible discretion permitted by law, including the discretion to hold Proceeds uninvested.

The Owner authorizes the Custodian to escheat or otherwise remit to appropriate jurisdictions in accordance with applicable abandoned property or other laws any assets or property in the custodial account, any Proceeds or any asset or property previously subject to the operation of this section and still administered or held by the Custodian, and to the extent any of the foregoing consists of anything other than cash, the Custodian may escheat or remit the non-cash asset, property or Proceeds or the cash resulting from a Liquidation of such non-cash asset, property or Proceeds.

The account Owner acknowledges and accepts the risks of owning the account as described in this section, including the investment risks and tax consequences of the Custodian taking Any Reasonable Course Of Conduct.

24. The term “Participant” used anywhere in the Application and Adoption Agreement has the same meaning as “Depositor” used in this Custodial Account Agreement.

25. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, specifically including but not limited to paragraph 3 of Article V and Article VII, a spouse beneficiary shall have available all death benefits options available under current section 408(a) even if the spouse is not the sole beneficiary.

26. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Application and Adoption Agreement, including any designation by Depositor thereon, the account being established by the Depositor pursuant to the Application and Adoption Agreement is not and may not be a Roth Conversion IRA. Any reference on the Application and Adoption Agreement to “conversion” is for purposes of clarifying instructions from the Depositor and shall not be interpreted to establish a Roth Conversion IRA subject to Article I.
Purpose of form – *Form 5305-RA* is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408A. However, only Articles I through VIII have been reviewed by the IRS. A Roth Individual Retirement Account (“Roth IRA”) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual (“Depositor”) and the Custodian. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the Depositor or his or her beneficiaries. Do not file *Form 5305-RA* with the IRS. Instead, keep it for your records. Unlike contributions to traditional individual retirement arrangements, contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible from the Depositor’s gross income; and distributions after five years that are made when the Depositor is 59½ years of age or older or on account of death, disability or the purchase of a home by a first-time home buyer (limited to $10,000) are not includible in gross income. For more information on Roth IRAs, including the required disclosures the Custodian must give the Depositor, see *Publication 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, and *Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*.

**DEFINITIONS**

*Custodian* – The Custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as Custodian.

*Depositor* – The Depositor is the person who establishes the custodial account.

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

**Article I.** – The Depositor may be subject to a 6% tax on excess contributions if (1) contributions to other individual retirement arrangements of the Depositor have been made for the same tax year, (2) the Depositor’s AGI exceeds the applicable limits in Article II for the tax year, or (3) the Depositor’s and spouse’s compensation is less than the amount contributed by or on behalf of them for the tax year.

**Article V.** – This article describes how distributions will be made from the Roth IRA after the Depositor’s death. Elections made pursuant to this article should be reviewed periodically to ensure they correspond to the Depositor’s intent. Under paragraph 3 of Article V, the Depositor’s spouse is treated as the owner of the Roth IRA upon the death of the Depositor, rather than as the beneficiary. If the spouse is to be treated as the beneficiary, and not the owner, an overriding provision should be added to Article IX.

**Article IX.** – Article IX and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the Depositor and Custodian to complete the Agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the Custodian, Custodian’s fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the Depositor, etc.