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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held on May 9, 2016

To the Shareholders of

THE GABELLI DIVIDEND & INCOME TRUST

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Fund"), will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., local time, at The Cole Auditorium, The Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 (the "Meeting"), and at any adjournments or postponements thereof for the following purposes:

To elect two (2) Trustees of the Fund, to be elected by the holders of the Fund's common shares and holders of its 5.875% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series B Auction Market Preferred Shares, Series C Auction Market Preferred Shares, 6.00% Series D Cumulative Preferred Shares, and Series E Auction Rate Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class; and

To consider and vote upon such other matters, including adjournments, as may properly come before said Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

These items are discussed in greater detail in the attached Proxy Statement.

The close of business on March 14, 2016, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF YOUR HOLDINGS IN THE FUND. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE PROMPTLY. SHAREHOLDERS MAY AUTHORIZE THEIR PROXY BY TELEPHONE OR THE INTERNET. ALTERNATIVELY, SHAREHOLDERS MAY SUBMIT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS BY SIGNING AND DATING THE PROXY CARD AND RETURNING IT IN THE ACCOMPANYING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.

By Order of the Board of Trustees,

ANDREA R. MANGO

Secretary

March 29, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL

The following general rules for signing proxy cards may be of assistance to you and avoid the time and expense to the Fund involved in validating your vote if you fail to properly sign your proxy card.

1. *Individual Accounts:* Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration on the proxy card.

2. *Joint Accounts:* Either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to the name shown in the registration.

3. *All Other Accounts:* The capacity of the individuals signing the proxy card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

Registration

Valid Signature

Corporate Accounts

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| (1) ABC Corp. | ABC Corp., John Doe, Treasurer |
| (2) ABC Corp. | John Doe, Treasurer |
| (3) ABC Corp.
c/o John Doe, Treasurer | John Doe |
| (4) ABC Corp., Profit Sharing Plan | John Doe, Trustee |

Trust Accounts

- | | |
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| (1) ABC Trust | Jane B. Doe, Trustee |
| (2) Jane B. Doe, Trustee
u/t/d 12/28/78 | Jane B. Doe |

Custodian or Estate Accounts

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|---|-------------------------|
| (1) John B. Smith, Cust.
f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr. UGMA | John B. Smith |
| (2) John B. Smith, Executor
Estate of Jane Smith | John B. Smith, Executor |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TELEPHONE/INTERNET VOTING

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Instructions for authorizing your proxy to vote your shares by telephone or Internet are included with the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and the proxy card.

THE GABELLI DIVIDEND & INCOME TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

May 9, 2016

PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Trustees (the “Board,” the members of which are referred to as “Trustees”) of The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the “Fund”), for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund to be held on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., local time, at The Cole Auditorium, The Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 (the “Meeting”), and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. A Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will first be mailed to shareholders on or about March 29, 2016.

In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, officers of the Fund and officers and regular employees of Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (“Computershare”), the Fund’s transfer agent, and affiliates of Computershare or other representatives of the Fund may also solicit proxies by telephone, Internet, or in person. In addition, the Fund has retained Morrow & Co., LLC to assist in the solicitation of proxies for an estimated fee of \$1,000 plus reimbursement of expenses. The Fund will pay the costs of the proxy solicitation and the expenses incurred in connection with preparing, printing, and mailing the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and/or Proxy Statement and its enclosures. If requested, the Fund will also reimburse brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of its shares.

The Fund’s most recent annual report, including audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, is available upon request, without charge, by writing to the Secretary of the Fund, One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, calling the Fund at 800-422-3554, or via the Internet at www.gabelli.com.

If the proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the shares represented thereby will be voted "FOR" the election of the nominees as Trustees as described in this Proxy Statement, unless instructions to the contrary are marked thereon, and at the discretion of the proxy holders as to the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Meeting. Any shareholder who has submitted a proxy has the right to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise either by attending the Meeting and voting his or her shares in person, or by submitting a letter of revocation or a later dated proxy to the Fund at the above address prior to the date of the Meeting.

A "quorum" is required in order to transact business at the Meeting. A quorum of shareholders is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of one-third of the outstanding shares of the Fund entitled to vote at the Meeting. In the event a quorum is not present at the Meeting, or in the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any of the proposed items are not received, the chairperson of the Meeting may propose one or more adjournments of such Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. If a quorum is present, a shareholder vote may be taken on one or more of the proposals in this Proxy Statement prior to such adjournment if sufficient votes have been received for approval and it is otherwise appropriate. If a quorum is present, the persons named as proxies will vote those proxies which they are entitled to vote "FOR" any proposal in favor of such adjournment and will vote those proxies required to be voted "AGAINST" any proposal against any such adjournment. Absent the establishment of a subsequent record date and the giving of notice to the holders of record thereon, the adjourned meeting must take place not more than 130 days after the record date. At such adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original Meeting. The Fund may postpone or cancel a meeting of shareholders, and if it does the Fund will make a public announcement of such postponement or cancellation prior to the meeting. The postponed meeting may not be held more than 130 days after the initial record date.

The close of business on March 14, 2016, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and all adjournments or postponements thereof.

The Fund has two classes of capital stock outstanding: common shares, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Common Shares”), and preferred shares consisting of (i) 5.875% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (“Series A Preferred”), (ii) Series B Auction Market Preferred Shares (“Series B Preferred”), (iii) Series C Auction Market Preferred Shares (“Series C Preferred”), (iv) 6.00% Series D Cumulative Preferred Shares (“Series D Preferred”), and (v) Series E Auction Rate Preferred Shares (“Series E Preferred”), each having a par value of \$0.001 per share (together, the “Preferred Shares” and together with the Common Shares, the “Shares”). The holders of the Common Shares and Preferred Shares are each entitled to one vote for each full share held. On the record date, there were 82,472,102 Common Shares, 3,048,019 Series A Preferred, 3,600 Series B Preferred, 4,320 Series C Preferred, 2,542,296 Series D Preferred, and 4,860 Series E Preferred, outstanding.

Set forth below is information as to those shareholders known by the Fund to own of record or beneficially 5% or more of a class of the Fund’s outstanding voting securities as of the record date.

<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(s)</u>	<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Amount of Shares and Nature of Ownership</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Morgan Stanley 1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036	Common	6,867,806 (beneficial)	8.3%

As of the record date, there were no persons known to the Fund to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Fund’s outstanding Preferred Shares.

SUMMARY OF VOTING RIGHTS ON PROXY PROPOSALS

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Common Shareholders</u>	<u>Preferred Shareholders</u>
Election of Trustees	Common and Preferred Shareholders, voting together as a single class, vote to elect two Trustees: Mario J. Gabelli, CFA and Michael J. Melarkey	Common and Preferred Shareholders, voting together as a single class, vote to elect two Trustees: Mario J. Gabelli, CFA and Michael J. Melarkey
Other Business	Common and Preferred Shareholders, voting together as a single class	

PROPOSAL: TO ELECT TWO (2) TRUSTEES OF THE FUND

Nominees for the Board of Trustees

The Board consists of nine Trustees, seven of whom are not “interested persons” of the Fund (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Fund divides the Board into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year, the term of office of one class will expire. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA and Michael J. Melarkey have each been nominated by the Board for election to serve for a three year term to expire at the Fund’s 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Each of the Trustees of the Fund has served in that capacity since the October 23, 2003 organizational meeting of the Fund. All of the Trustees of the Fund are also directors or trustees of other investment companies for which Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”) or its affiliates serve as investment adviser. The classes of Trustees are indicated below:

Nominees to Serve Until 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA

Michael J. Melarkey

Trustees Serving Until 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

James P. Conn

Salvatore M. Salibello

Edward T. Tokar

Trustees Serving Until 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Anthony J. Colavita

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.

Anthonie C. van Ekris

Salvatore J. Zizza

Under the Fund's Declaration of Trust, Statements of Preferences, and the 1940 Act, holders of the Fund's outstanding Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect two Trustees, and holders of the Fund's outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, are entitled to elect the remaining Trustees. The holders of the Fund's outstanding Preferred Shares would be entitled to elect the minimum number of additional Trustees that would represent a majority of the Trustees in the event that dividends on the Fund's Preferred Shares become in arrears for two full years and until all arrearages are eliminated. No dividend arrearages exist as of the date of this Proxy Statement. Messrs. Colavita and Conn are currently the Trustees elected solely by the holders of the Fund's Preferred Shares and their terms as Trustees are scheduled to expire at the Fund's 2017 and 2018 Annual Meetings of Shareholders, respectively.

Unless instructions are provided to the contrary, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy "FOR" the election of the nominees named above. Each nominee has indicated that he has consented to serve as a Trustee if elected at the Meeting. If, however, a designated nominee declines or otherwise becomes unavailable for election, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute nominee or nominees. Each nominee is qualified to serve as a Trustee under the Fund's governing documents.

Information about Trustees and Officers

Set forth in the table below are the existing Trustees, including those Trustees who are not considered to be “interested persons,” as defined in the 1940 Act (the “Independent Trustees”), two of whom are nominated for re-election to the Board of the Fund, and officers of the Fund, including information relating to their respective positions held with the Fund, a brief statement of their principal occupations and, in the case of the Trustees, their other directorships during the past five years (excluding other funds managed by the Adviser), if any.

Name, Position(s), Address⁽¹⁾ and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served⁽²⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios to Fund Complex⁽³⁾ Overseen by Trustee
<u>INTERESTED TRUSTEES⁽⁴⁾:</u>				
Mario J. Gabelli, CFA Chairman and Chief Investment Officer Age: 73	Since 2003*	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, Inc.; Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless communications); Director of ICTC Group Inc. (communications); Director of RLJ Acquisition, Inc. (blank check company) (2011-2012)	29

		of Associated Capital Group, Inc.	
Edward T. Tokar		Senior Managing Director of	Director of CH Energy Group 2
Trustee	Since 2003**	Beacon Trust Company (trust services); Chief Executive Officer	(energy services) (2009-2013);
Age: 68		of Allied Capital Management LLC (1977-2004); Vice President of Honeywell International Inc. (1977-2004)	Director, Teton Advisors, Inc. (financial services) (2008-2010)

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES/NOMINEES⁽⁵⁾:

Anthony J. Colavita⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾		President of the law firm of	—	36
Trustee	Since 2003***	Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.		
Age: 80				
James P. Conn⁽⁶⁾		Former Managing Director and	—	22
Trustee	Since 2003**	Chief Investment Officer of		
Age: 78		Financial Security Assurance Holdings, Ltd. (1992-1998)		
Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.		Co-Chairman of the Commission on	Director of First Republic Bank	9
Trustee	Since 2003***	Presidential Debates; Former	(banking)	
Age: 76		President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Gaming Association (1995-2013); Former Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1983-1989)		
Michael J. Melarkey		Owner in Pioneer Crossing Casino	Director of Southwest Gas	7
Trustee	Since 2003*	Group; Of Counsel in the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; previously partner in the law firm of	Corporation (natural gas utility)	
Age: 66				

Avansino, Melarkey, Knobel,
Mulligan & McKensie
(1980-2015)

Salvatore M. Salibello

Trustee

Age: 70

Since
2003**

Senior Partner of Bright Side

Consulting (consulting);
Certified

Public Accountant and
Managing

Partner of the certified public
accounting firm of Salibello &
Broder LLP (1978-2012);

Partner
of BDO Seidman, LLP
(2012-2013)

Director of Kid Brands, Inc. 3

(consumer products)

Anthony C. van Ekris⁽⁷⁾

Trustee

Age: 81

Since
2003***

Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer

of BALMAC International, Inc.

(global import/export company)

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Name, Position(s), Address⁽¹⁾ and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served⁽²⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios to Fund Complex⁽³⁾ Overseen by Trustee
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**INDEPENDENT
TRUSTEES/NOMINEES⁽⁵⁾:**

Salvatore J. Zizza⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ Trustee Age: 70	Since 2003***	President of Zizza & Associates Corp. (private holding company); Chairman of Harbor Diversified, Inc. (pharmaceuticals); Chairman of BAM (semiconductor and aerospace manufacturing); Chairman of Bergen Cove Realty Inc.; Chairman of Metropolitan Paper Recycling Inc. (recycling) (2005-2014)	Director and Vice Chairman of Trans-Lux Corporation (business services); Director and Chairman of Harbor Diversified Inc. (pharmaceuticals); Director, Chairman, and CEO of General Employment Enterprises (staffing services) (2009-2012)	30
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OFFICERS:

Name, Position(s) Address⁽¹⁾ and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served⁽⁹⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Bruce N. Alpert President Age: 64	Since 2003	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1988; Officer of registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2008; Director of Teton Advisors, Inc., 1998-2012; Chairman of Teton Advisors, Inc., 2008-2010; President of Teton Advisors, Inc., 1998-2008
Agnes Mullady		President and Chief Operating Officer of the Fund Division of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2015;

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<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Age: 57</p>	<p>Since 2006</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer of G. distributors, LLC since 2010; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2009; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Officer of all of the registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex</p>
<p>Andrea R. Mango</p> <p>Secretary and Vice President</p> <p>Age: 43</p>	<p>Since 2013</p>	<p>Counsel of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2013; Secretary of all registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Vice President of all closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2014; Corporate Vice President within the Corporate Compliance Department of New York Life Insurance Company, 2011-2013; Vice President and Counsel of Deutsche Bank, 2006-2011</p>
<p>Richard J. Walz</p> <p>Chief Compliance Officer</p> <p>Age: 56</p>	<p>Since 2013</p>	<p>Chief Compliance Officer of all of the registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Chief Compliance Officer of AEGON USA Investment Management, 2011-2013; Chief Compliance Officer of Cutwater Asset Management, 2004-2011</p>
<p>Carter W. Austin</p> <p>Vice President and Ombudsman</p> <p>Age: 49</p>	<p>Since 2003</p>	<p>Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President (since 2015) and Vice President (1996-2015) of Gabelli Funds, LLC</p>
<p>Laurissa M. Martire</p> <p>Vice President and Ombudsman</p> <p>Age: 39</p>	<p>Since 2010</p>	<p>Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Assistant Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2003</p>
<p>David I. Schachter</p> <p>Vice President</p> <p>Age: 62</p>	<p>Since 2011</p>	<p>Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President (since 2015) and Vice President (1999-2015) of G.research, LLC</p>

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The Fund's Board of Trustees is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term.

(3) The "Fund Complex" or the "Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex" includes all the U.S. registered investment companies that are considered part of the same fund complex as the Fund because they have common or affiliated investment advisers.

(4) "Interested person" of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Gabelli is considered to be an "interested person" of the Fund because of his affiliation with the Fund's Adviser. Mr. Tokar is considered to be an "interested person" of the Fund as a result of his son's employment by an affiliate of the Adviser.

(5) Trustees who are not considered to be "interested persons" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act are considered to be "Independent" Trustees. None of the Independent Trustees (with the possible exceptions as described in this proxy statement) nor their family members had any interest in the Adviser or any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser as of December 31, 2015.

(6) Trustees elected solely by holders of the Fund's Preferred Shares.

(7) Mr. Colavita's son, Anthony S. Colavita, serves as a director of the GAMCO Mathers Fund and the Comstock Capital Value Fund, which are part of the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex. Mr. van Ekris is an independent director of Gabelli International Ltd., Gabelli Fund, LDC, GAMA Capital Opportunities Master Ltd., and GAMCO International SICAV, and Mr. Zizza is an independent director of Gabelli International Ltd., all of which may be deemed to be controlled by Mario J. Gabelli and/or affiliates and in that event would be deemed to be under common control with the Adviser.

(8) On September 9, 2015, Mr. Zizza entered into a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to resolve an inquiry relating to an alleged violation regarding the making of false statements or omissions to the accountants of a company concerning a related party transaction. The company in question is not an affiliate of, nor has any connection to, the Fund. Under the terms of the settlement, Mr. Zizza, without admitting or denying the SEC's findings and allegation, paid \$150,000 and agreed to cease and desist committing or causing any future violations of Rule 13b2-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act").

(9) Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies.

* Nominee to serve, if elected, until the Fund's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

** Term continues until the Fund's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

*** Term continues until the Fund's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

The Board believes that each Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of other Trustees lead to the conclusion that each Trustee should serve in such capacity. Among the attributes or skills common to all Trustees are their ability to review critically and to evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Trustees, the Adviser, the sub-administrator, other service providers, counsel and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective and independent business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. Each Trustee's ability to perform his/her duties effectively has been attained in large part through the Trustee's business, consulting or public service positions and through experience from service as a member of the Board and one or more of the other funds in the Fund Complex, public companies, or non-profit entities, or other organizations as set forth above and below. Each Trustee's ability to perform his duties effectively also has been enhanced by education, professional training, and other experience.

Interested Trustees/Nominees

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chief Investment Officer of the Fund. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL"), a New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE")-listed asset manager and financial services company. He is also the Chief Investment Officer of Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., each of which are asset management subsidiaries of GBL. In addition, Mr. Gabelli is Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, a director, and the controlling shareholder of GGCP, Inc. ("GGCP"), a private company that holds a majority interest in GBL, and the Chairman of MJG Associates, Inc., which acts as an investment manager of various investment funds and other accounts. He is also Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Associated Capital Group, Inc., a public company that provides alternative management and institutional research services, and is a majority-owned subsidiary of GGCP. Mr. Gabelli serves as Overseer of the Columbia University Graduate School of Business and as a trustee of Boston College and Roger Williams University. He also serves as a director of the Winston Churchill Foundation, The E.L. Wiegand Foundation, The American-Italian Cancer Foundation, and The Foundation for Italian Arts & Culture. He is Chairman of the Gabelli Foundation, Inc., a Nevada private charitable trust. Mr. Gabelli serves as Co-President of Field Point Park Association, Inc. Mr. Gabelli received his Bachelor's degree from Fordham University, M.B.A. from Columbia Business School, and honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

Edward T. Tokar, CPA. Mr. Tokar has been the Senior Managing Director of Beacon Trust Company, a trust services company, since 2004. He serves as Chairman of the Fund's *ad hoc* Proxy Voting Committee and is on the board of another fund in the Fund Complex. Mr. Tokar formerly served as a director of CH Energy Group, Inc., an energy services company. He was previously the Chief Executive Officer of Allied Capital Management LLC and Vice President of Honeywell International Inc. Mr. Tokar formerly served as a director or trustee of Teton Advisors, Inc., DB Hedge Strategies Fund, Topiary Fund for Benefit Plan Investors (BPI) LLC and Levco Series Trust Mutual Funds. Mr. Tokar has over forty years of investment experience in managing and directing investments in public and private securities involving stocks, bonds, high yield securities, private placements, international investments, and various partnership participations. As the former Vice President of Investments of Honeywell International Inc. and Chief Executive Officer of Allied Capital Management LLC, he was responsible for the investment of employee benefit

fund assets worldwide, where his operations were widely recognized for excellence. He is a Trustee Emeritus of the College of William & Mary, and currently serves on the Board of the William & Mary Mason School of Business Foundation. Mr. Tokar has served on numerous advisory boards and professional organizations throughout his career. Mr. Tokar graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's degree with High Honors, and received his M.B.A. from the College of William & Mary.

Independent Trustees/Nominees

Anthony J. Colavita, Esq. Mr. Colavita is a practicing attorney with over fifty-five years of experience. He is the Chairman of the Fund's Nominating Committee and a member of the Fund's Audit Committee. Mr. Colavita serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. He served as a Commissioner of the New York State Thruway Authority and as a Commissioner of the New York State Bridge Authority, where his duties included reviewing financial documents of these agencies. He served for eleven years as the elected Supervisor of the Town of Eastchester, New York, responsible for ten annual municipal budgets. Mr. Colavita also served as Special Counsel to the New York State Assembly for five years and as a Senior Attorney with the New York State Insurance Department. He is the former Chairman of the New

York State Republican Party, the Westchester County Republican Party, and the Eastchester Republican Town Committee. Mr. Colavita received his Bachelor's degree from Fairfield University and Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

James P. Conn. Mr. Conn is the Lead Independent Trustee of the Fund, and a member of the Fund's *ad hoc* Proxy Voting and *ad hoc* Pricing Committees. He serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. He was a senior business executive of Transamerica Corp., an insurance holding company, for much of his career including service as Chief Investment Officer. Mr. Conn has been a director of several public companies in banking and other industries, and was lead director and/or chair of various committees. He received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Santa Clara University.

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Mr. Fahrenkopf is the Co-Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates, which is responsible for the widely-viewed Presidential debates during the quadrennial election cycle. Additionally, he serves as a board member of the International Republican Institute, which he founded in 1984. Mr. Fahrenkopf is a member of the Fund's Audit and *ad hoc* Pricing Committees, and serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. Mr. Fahrenkopf is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Gaming Association ("AGA"), the trade group for the hotel-casino industry. He served for many years as Chairman of the Pacific Democrat Union and Vice Chairman of the International Democrat Union, a worldwide association of political parties from the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Japan, Australia, and twenty other nations. Prior to becoming the AGA's first chief executive in 1995, Mr. Fahrenkopf was a partner in the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, where he chaired the International Trade Practice Group and specialized in regulatory, legislative, and corporate matters for multinational, foreign, and domestic clients. He also served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee for six years during Ronald Reagan's presidency. Mr. Fahrenkopf is the former Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Culinary Institute of America and remains a member of the board. For more than 30 years, Mr. Fahrenkopf has served on the Board of First Republic Bank and serves as Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Fahrenkopf received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall School of Law, U.C. Berkeley.

Michael J. Melarkey, Esq. Mr. Melarkey, after more than forty years of experience as an attorney specializing in business, estate planning, and gaming regulatory work, recently retired from the active practice of law, and is of counsel to the firm of McDonald Carano and Wilson in Reno, Nevada. He is a member of the Fund's Nominating Committee and one of the multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committees. Mr. Melarkey serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Southwest Gas Corporation and serves on its Nominating, Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees. Mr. Melarkey acts as a trustee and officer for several private charitable organizations including as a trustee of The Bretzlaff Foundation and Edwin L. Wiegand Trust. He is an owner of Pioneer Crossing Casino Group consisting of three Nevada casinos and an officer of a private oil and gas company. Mr. Melarkey received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and Masters of Law in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

Salvatore M. Salibello, CPA. Mr. Salibello is a Senior Partner of Bright Side Consulting and the Former Managing Partner of a certified independent registered public accounting firm with over forty years of experience in public accounting. He is the Chairman of the Fund's Audit Committee and the Fund's designated Audit Committee Financial Expert. He serves on the boards of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex. He is currently a director of Kid Brands, Inc., a NYSE-listed group of companies in infant and juvenile products, and chairs its Audit Committee. Mr. Salibello was formerly a director of an independent community bank and chaired its Audit Committee. Mr. Salibello received his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from St. Francis College and M.B.A. in Finance from Long Island University.

Anthony C. van Ekris. Mr. van Ekris has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BALMAC International, Inc., a global import/export company, for over twenty years. He serves on the boards of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex and is Chairman of the GAMCO International SICAV. Mr. van Ekris has over fifty-five years of experience as Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer of public and private companies involved in international trading or commodity trading, and served in both these capacities for nearly twenty years for a large public jewelry chain. Mr. van Ekris is a former director of an oil and gas operations company. He served on the boards of a number of public companies and for more than ten years on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Greater New York.

Salvatore J. Zizza. Mr. Zizza is the President of Zizza & Associates, a private holding company that invests in various industries. He also serves as Chairman to other companies involved in manufacturing, recycling, real estate, technology, and pharmaceuticals. He is a member of the Fund's Audit, Nominating, *ad hoc* Proxy Voting, and *ad hoc* Pricing Committees, and is a member of both multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committees. Mr. Zizza serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds on whose boards he sits. In addition to serving on the boards of other funds in the Fund Complex, he is currently and has previously been a director of other public companies. He was also the President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer of a large NYSE-listed construction company. Mr. Zizza received his Bachelor's degree and M.B.A. in Finance from St. John's University, which awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Commercial Sciences.

Trustees – Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for general oversight of the Fund rests with the Board. The Board has appointed Mr. Conn as the Lead Independent Trustee. The Lead Independent Trustee presides over executive sessions of the Trustees and also serves between meetings of the Board as a liaison with service providers, officers, counsel, and other Trustees on a wide variety of matters including scheduling agenda items for Board meetings. Designation as such does not impose on the Lead Independent Trustee any obligations or standards greater than or different from other Trustees. The Board has established a Nominating Committee and an Audit Committee to assist the Board in the oversight of the management and affairs of the Fund. The Board also has an *ad hoc* Proxy Voting Committee that exercises beneficial ownership responsibilities on behalf of the Fund in selected situations. From time to time, the Board establishes additional committees or informal working groups, such as an *ad hoc* Pricing Committee related to securities offerings by the Fund, to address specific matters or assigns one of its members to work with trustees or directors of other funds in the Fund Complex on special committees or working groups that address fund complex-wide matters, such as the multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committee relating to the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer for all the funds in the Fund Complex and a separate multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committee relating to the compensation of certain other officers of the closed-end funds in the Fund Complex.

All of the Fund's Trustees other than Messrs. Gabelli and Tokar are Independent Trustees, and the Board believes it is able to provide effective oversight of the Fund's service providers. In addition to providing feedback and direction during Board meetings, the Independent Trustees meet regularly in executive session and chair all committees of the Board.

The Fund's operations entail a variety of risks, including investment, administration, valuation, and a range of compliance matters. Although the Adviser, the sub-administrator, and the officers of the Fund are responsible for managing these risks on a day to day basis within the framework of their established risk management functions, the Board also addresses risk management of the Fund through its meetings and those of the committees and working groups. As part of its general oversight, the Board reviews with the Adviser at Board meetings the levels and types of risks being undertaken by the Fund, and the Audit Committee discusses the Fund's risk management and controls with the independent registered public accounting firm engaged by the Fund. The Board reviews valuation policies and

procedures and the valuations of specific illiquid securities. The Board also receives periodic reports from the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer regarding compliance matters relating to the Fund and its major service providers, including results of the implementation and testing of the Fund's and such providers' compliance programs. The Board's oversight function is facilitated by management reporting processes that are designed to provide visibility to the Board regarding the identification, assessment, and management of critical risks, and the controls and policies and procedures used to mitigate those risks. The Board reviews its role in supervising the Fund's risk management from time to time and may make changes at its discretion at any time.

The Board has determined that its leadership structure is appropriate for the Fund because it enables the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over matters under its purview, allocates responsibility among committees in a manner that fosters effective oversight, and allows the Board to devote appropriate resources to specific issues in a flexible manner as they arise. The Board periodically reviews its leadership structure as well as its overall structure, composition, and functioning, and may make changes at its discretion at any time.

Beneficial Ownership of Shares Held in the Fund and the Family of Investment Companies for each Trustee and Nominee for Election as Trustee

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund beneficially owned by each Trustee and nominee for election as Trustee and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the Fund Complex beneficially owned by each Trustee and nominee for election as Trustee.

<u>Name of Trustee/Nominee</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in the Fund</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in the Family of Investment Companies</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
<u>INTERESTED TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Mario J. Gabelli	E	E
Edward T. Tokar	C	E
<u>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Anthony J. Colavita	C	E
James P. Conn	D	E
Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.	A	E
Michael J. Melarkey	D	E
Salvatore M. Salibello	A	E
Anthonie C. van Ekris	D	E
Salvatore J. Zizza	C	E

* Key to Dollar Ranges

A. None

B. \$1 – \$10,000

C. \$10,001 – \$50,000

D. \$50,001 – \$100,000

E. Over \$100,000

All shares were valued as of
December 31, 2015.

(1) This information has been furnished by each Trustee and nominee for election as Trustee as of December 31, 2015. "Beneficial Ownership" is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the 1934 Act.

(2)

The term “Family of Investment Companies” includes two or more registered funds that share the same investment adviser or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services. Currently, the registered funds that comprise the “Fund Complex” are identical to those that comprise the “Family of Investment Companies.”

Set forth in the table below is the amount of shares beneficially owned by each Trustee, nominee for election as Trustee, and executive officer of the Fund.

<u>Name of Trustee/Nominee/Officer</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percent of Shares Outstanding⁽²⁾</u>
<u>INTERESTED TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Mario J. Gabelli	635,162 ³	*
	8 Series B Preferred	*
Edward T. Tokar	2,000	*
<u>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Anthony J. Colavita	1,500 ⁴	*
James P. Conn	5,000	*
Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.	0	*
Michael J. Melarkey	4,612	*
Salvatore M. Salibello	0	*
Anthonie C. van Ekris	4,200	*
Salvatore J. Zizza	1,000	*
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:</u>		
Bruce N. Alpert	4,000	*
	6,600 Series A Preferred ⁵	*
	100 Series D Preferred ⁶	*
Andrea R. Mango	0	*
Agnes Mullady	0	*
Richard J. Walz	0	*

This information has been furnished by each Trustee, including each nominee for election as Trustee, and (1) executive officer as of December 31, 2015. "Beneficial Ownership" is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the 1934 Act. Reflects ownership of Common Shares unless otherwise noted.

An asterisk indicates that the ownership amount constitutes less than 1% of the total shares outstanding. The (2) ownership of the Trustees, including nominees for election as Trustee, and executive officers as a group constitutes less than 1% of the total Common Shares outstanding and less than 1% of the total Preferred Shares outstanding.

(3)

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Comprised of 130,862 Common Shares owned directly by Mr. Gabelli and 504,300 Common Shares owned by Associated Capital Group, Inc. or its affiliates.

(4) Includes 500 Common Shares owned by Mr. Colavita's spouse for which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

(5) All 6,600 Series A Preferred Shares are owned by Mr. Alpert's spouse for which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

(6) All 100 Series D Preferred Shares are owned by Mr. Alpert's spouse for which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

Set forth in the table below is the amount of interests beneficially owned by each Independent Trustee, nominee for election as an Independent Trustee or his or her immediate family member, as applicable, in a person, other than a registered investment company, that may be deemed to be controlled by the Fund's Adviser and/or affiliates (including Mario J. Gabelli) and in that event would be deemed to be under common control with the Fund's Adviser.

<u>Name of Independent Trustee/Nominee</u>	<u>Name of Owner and Relationships to Trustee/Nominee</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Value of Interests⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percent of Class⁽²⁾</u>
Anthony J. Colavita	Same	The LGL Group, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 4,936 *	
Anthony J. Colavita	Same	The LGL Group, Inc.	Warrants	\$ 67 *	
Anthony J. Colavita	Family	Gabelli Associates Fund	Membership Interests	\$ 893,574 *	
Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.	Same	Gabelli Associates Limited II E	Membership Interests	\$1,125,232	1.68%
Michael J. Melarkey	Same	Gemini Global Partners, L.P.	Limited Partner Interests	\$ 735,280	6.20%
Michael J. Melarkey	Same	LGL Group, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 26,714 *	
Michael J. Melarkey	Same	LGL Group, Inc.	Warrants	\$ 253 *	
Michael J. Melarkey	Same	ICTC Group, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 37,884 *	
Michael J. Melarkey	Same	Morgan Group Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 1,040 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	LICT Corp.	Common Stock	\$ 134,400 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	LGL Group, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 5,920 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	LGL Group, Inc.	Warrants	\$ 80 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	CIBL, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 31,200 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	ICTC Group, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 52 *	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Same	Morgan Group Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	\$ 360 *	
Salvatore J. Zizza	Same	Gabelli Associates Fund	Membership Interests	\$2,140,593 *	
Salvatore J. Zizza	Same	Gabelli Performance Partnership L.P.	Limited Partner Interests	\$ 288,631 *	

(1) This information has been furnished as of December 31, 2015.

(2) An asterisk indicates that the ownership amount constitutes less than 1% of the total interests outstanding.

The Fund pays each Independent Trustee an annual retainer of \$18,000 plus \$2,000 for each Board meeting attended. Each Trustee who is not employed by the Adviser is reimbursed by the Fund for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. All Board committee members receive \$1,000 per meeting attended, the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$3,000, and the Nominating Committee Chairman and the Lead Independent Trustee each receive an annual fee of \$2,000. A Trustee may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings on behalf of multiple funds. The aggregate remuneration (excluding out of pocket expenses) paid by the Fund to such Trustees during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 amounted to \$239,500. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Trustees of the Fund met four times, all of which were regular quarterly Board meetings. Each Trustee then serving in such capacity attended at least 75% of the meetings of Trustees and of any Committee of which he is a member.

The Audit Committee and Audit Committee Report

The role of the Fund's Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight of (i) the quality and integrity of the Fund's financial statement reporting process and the independent audit and reviews thereof; (ii) the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, its internal controls, and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain of its service providers; (iii) the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and (iv) the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence, and performance. The Audit Committee also is required to prepare an audit committee report pursuant to the rules of the SEC for inclusion in the Fund's annual proxy statement. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter (the "Audit Charter") that was most recently reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 24, 2016. The Audit Charter is available in the Closed-End Funds – Corporate Governance Section on the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.

Pursuant to the Audit Charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for conferring with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing annual financial statements, approving the selection of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and overseeing the Fund's internal controls. The Audit Charter also contains provisions relating to the pre-approval by the Audit Committee of audit and non-audit services to be provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PricewaterhouseCoopers"), the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, to the Fund and to the Adviser and certain of its affiliates. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing, and financial matters affecting the Fund. As set forth in the Audit Charter, management is responsible for maintaining appropriate systems for accounting and internal control, and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for planning and carrying out proper audits and reviews. The independent registered public accounting firm is ultimately accountable to the Board of Trustees and to the Audit Committee, as representatives of shareholders. The independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund reports directly to the Audit Committee.

In performing its oversight function, at a meeting held on February 22, 2016, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management of the Fund and PricewaterhouseCoopers the audited financial statements of the Fund as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, and the conduct of the audit of such financial statements.

In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers the accounting principles applied by the Fund and such other matters brought to the attention of the Audit Committee by PricewaterhouseCoopers as required by Auditing Standard No. 16, as amended (AICPAAU-C Section 260), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”). The Audit Committee also received from PricewaterhouseCoopers the written disclosures and statements required by the SEC’s independence rules, delineating relationships between PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Fund, and discussed the impact that any such relationships might have on the objectivity and independence of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the independent registered public accounting firm.

As set forth above, and as more fully set forth in the Audit Charter, the Audit Committee has significant duties and powers in its oversight role with respect to the Fund’s financial reporting procedures, internal control systems, and the independent audit process.

The members of the Audit Committee are not, and do not represent themselves to be, professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not employed by the Fund for accounting, financial management, or internal control purposes. Moreover, the Audit Committee relies on and makes no independent verification of the facts presented to it or representations made by management or the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, the Audit Committee’s oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine

that management has maintained appropriate accounting and/or financial reporting principles and policies, or internal controls and procedures, designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not provide assurance that the audit of the Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB or that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (United States).

Based on its consideration of the audited financial statements and the discussions referred to above with management and PricewaterhouseCoopers, and subject to the limitations on the responsibilities and role of the Audit Committee set forth in the Audit Charter and those discussed above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Fund's Board of Trustees that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Fund's Board of Trustees

Salvatore M. Salibello, (Chairman)

Anthony J. Colavita

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.

Salvatore J. Zizza

February 22, 2016

The Audit Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The Audit Committee is composed of four of the Fund's Independent Trustees, Messrs. Colavita, Fahrenkopf, Salibello, and Zizza. Each member of the Audit Committee has been determined by the Board of Trustees to be financially literate. Mr. Salibello has been designated as the Fund's audit committee financial expert, as defined in Items 407(d)(5)(ii) and (iii) of Regulation S-K (the "Audit Committee Financial Expert").

Nominating Committee

The Board of Trustees has a Nominating Committee composed of three Independent Trustees, Messrs. Colavita (Chairman), Melarkey, and Zizza. Each Nominating Committee Member is an Independent Trustee as determined under guidelines of the NYSE. The Nominating Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending qualified candidates to the Board in the event that a position is vacated or created. In considering candidates submitted by shareholders, the Nominating Committee will take into consideration the needs of the Board, the qualifications of the candidate, and the interests of shareholders.

The Nominating Committee believes that the minimum qualifications for serving as a Trustee of the Fund are that the individual demonstrate, by significant accomplishment in his or her field, an ability to make a meaningful contribution to the Board of Trustees' oversight of the business and affairs of the Fund and have an impeccable record and reputation for honest and ethical conduct in both his or her professional and personal activities. In addition, the Nominating Committee examines a candidate's specific experiences and skills, time availability in light of other commitments, potential conflicts of interest, and independence from management and the Fund. The Fund has adopted specific Trustee qualification requirements that can be found in the Fund's governing documents and are applicable to all individuals who may be nominated, elected, appointed, qualified or seated to serve as Trustees. The qualification requirements include: (i) age limits (at least 21 years of age and such maximum age as the Trustees may in the future determine); (ii) prohibitions regarding any legal disability; (iii) limits on service on other boards; (iv) restrictions on relationships with investment advisers other than the Fund's adviser; and

(v) character and fitness requirements. Additionally, each Independent Trustee must not be an "interested person" of the Fund as defined under Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act and may not be or have certain relationships with a shareholder beneficially owning five percent or more of the Fund's outstanding shares or specified levels of interest in registered investment companies. The Fund's By-Laws also provide that a majority of the Trustees then in office may determine by resolution that a failure to satisfy a particular qualification requirement will not present undue conflicts or impede the ability of the candidate to discharge the duties of a Trustee or the free flow of information among Trustees or between the Fund's adviser and the Board. Reference is made to the Fund's governing documents for more details.

The Nominating Committee also considers the overall composition of the Board, bearing in mind the benefits that may be derived from having members who have a variety of experiences, qualifications, attributes, or skills useful in overseeing a publicly-traded, highly-regulated entity such as the Fund. The Nominating Committee does not have a formal policy regarding the consideration of diversity in identifying trustee candidates. For a discussion of experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills supporting the appropriateness of each Trustee's service on the Fund's Board, see the biographical information of the Trustees above in the section entitled "Information About Trustees and Officers."

The Board of Trustees adopted a Nominating Committee Charter on May 12, 2004, and amended the charter on November 17, 2004. The charter is available in the Closed-End Funds – Corporate Governance Section on the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.

Other Board Related Matters

The Board of Trustees has established the following procedures in order to facilitate communications among the Board and the shareholders of the Fund and other interested parties.

Receipt of Communications

Shareholders and other interested parties may contact the Board or any member of the Board by mail or electronically. To communicate with the Board or any member of the Board, correspondence should be addressed to the Board or the Board member(s) with whom you wish to communicate by either name or title. All such correspondence should be sent to The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust, c/o Gabelli Funds, LLC, One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422. To communicate with the Board electronically, shareholders may go to the corporate website at www.gabelli.com under the heading "Contact Us/Email Addresses/Board of Directors (Gabelli Closed-End Funds)."

Forwarding the Communications

All communications received will be opened by the office of the General Counsel of the Adviser for the sole purpose of determining whether the contents represent a message to one or more Trustees. The office of the General Counsel will forward promptly to the addressee(s) any contents that relate to the Fund and that are not in the nature of advertising, promotion of a product or service, or patently offensive or otherwise objectionable material. In the case of communications to the Board of Trustees or any committee or group of members of the Board, the General Counsel's

office will make sufficient copies of the contents to send to each Trustee who is a member of the group or committee to which the envelope or e-mail is addressed.

The Fund does not expect Trustees or nominees for election as Trustee to attend the Meeting. No Trustee or nominee for election as Trustee attended the Fund's annual meeting of shareholders held on May 11, 2015.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of the Trustees by the Fund and officers, if any, who were compensated by the Fund rather than the Adviser, for the year ended December 31, 2015.

COMPENSATION TABLE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

<u>Name of Person and Position</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation from the Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation from the Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Trustees*</u>
<u>INTERESTED TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Mario J. Gabelli Trustee and Chief Investment Officer	\$ 0	\$ 0 (0)
Edward T. Tokar Trustee	\$ 27,500	\$ 44,500 (2)
<u>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES/NOMINEES:</u>		
Anthony J. Colavita Trustee	\$ 31,000	\$ 410,000 (36)
James P. Conn Trustee	\$ 28,000	\$ 231,750 (22)
Mario d'Urso Trustee (deceased)	\$ 13,000	\$ 40,000 (5)
Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Trustee	\$ 28,000	\$ 114,500 (9)
Michael J. Melarkey Trustee	\$ 27,000	\$ 89,000 (7)
Salvatore M. Salibello Trustee	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,500 (3)
Anthonie C. van Ekris Trustee	\$ 26,000	\$ 195,500 (22)
Salvatore J. Zizza Trustee	\$ 29,000	\$ 317,500 (30)
<u>OFFICER:</u>		
Carter W. Austin Vice President and Ombudsman	\$ 185,000	

Represents the total compensation paid to such persons during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, by *investment companies (including the Fund) or portfolios that are part of the Fund Complex. The number in parentheses represents the number of such investment companies and portfolios.

Required Vote

The election of each of the listed nominees for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the applicable class or classes of shares of the Fund present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting if a quorum is present.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMON AND PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE.