

TRUSTEES WELCOME NEW MEMBER

At their winter meeting, the Trustees welcomed new member Jonathan “Jon” W. Galassi ’67.

Galassi entered PEA as a prep and graduated with a classical diploma. He was a proctor in Langdell Hall and wrote for *Pendulum*. He was also a member of the Senate, Cum Laude Society, Kirtland Society, Lantern Society, Les Cabotins and the Marching Band. He served as editor for his 25th-reunion yearbook and as a committee member for his 30th reunion.

A publisher, editor, poet and translator, Galassi was named editor-in-chief of Farrar, Straus, and Giroux (FSG) in 1988, and became publisher 11 years later. In 2002, he was named president of the firm, which is known for its international list of literary fiction, nonfiction, poetry and children’s books. FSG has published numerous Nobel Prize, National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize winners.

In 1971, Galassi earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Harvard and was a Marshall Scholar at Cambridge University, where he received his Master of Arts in English in 1973. His career in publishing began that same year at Houghton Mifflin Company. In 1981, Galassi became a senior editor at Random House before joining FSG in 1986.

He has written two volumes of poetry, *Morning Run* (Paris Review Editions, 1988) and *North Street and Other Poems* (HarperCollins, 2000). Galassi’s poems have also appeared in magazines and quarterlies, including *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker* and *Poetry*. He has translated several volumes by Italian poet Eugenio Montale, including *Collected Poems: 1920–1954* (FSG, 1998), which won the Weidenfeld Translation Prize (U.K.) and the Premio Montale (Italy). Galassi served as poetry editor of *The Paris Review* for 10 years. He was the recipient of Ingram Merrill Foundation Fellowships in 1979 and 1983; a Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry in 1989; and an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature in 2000. He is currently working on a translation of Giacomo Leopardi’s *Canti*.

Galassi is honorary chairman of the Academy of American Poets. He serves on the advisory boards of *Fence Magazine*, *Poetry Northwest* and the California Institute of the Arts. He is a former trustee of The Nightingale-Bamford School in New York City, which his daughters Isabel and Beatrice attended.

Jon’s wife, Susan, is curator at The Frick Collection in New York City. His brother, Peter Galassi ’68; P’03, is chief curator for the Department of Photography at The Museum of Modern Art. His niece, Kate Galassi, graduated from PEA in 2003.



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