

Insurance Times: Gencorp adds agencies; VIAA elects Fox president; Rinehimer heads First Trenton

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Gencorp

The Gencorp Insurance Network, based in East Greenwich, R.I., has added six agencies to its affiliate network. In Massachusetts, new affiliates are Guard Insurance Agency, Watertown; John R. Mulcahy Insurance, Rockland; DiVirgilio Insurance Agency, Lynn; John H. Fernekoes Insurance, Reading; and Moniz Insurance, New Bedford. In addition, Simpson & Young of Pascoag, R.I. has also joined.

Travelers/First Trenton

Ed Rinehimer has been appointed chief executive officer of First Trenton Indemnity Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Travelers Property Casualty in Marlton, N.J..

Phyllis Forsyth has been named president.

Rinehimer takes on his new position in addition to his duties as chairman of First Trenton and Travelers' other wholly owned single-state subsidiaries, including Premier Insurance Co. of Massachusetts.

Forsyth has been promoted from vice president and general counsel of First Trenton.

Les Damron, former president and CEO of First Trinity, retired on June 1.

VIAA

Neal Fox, of the Poulos Insurance Organization, has been elected president of the Vermont Insurance Agents Association. Fox has been active in the Professional Insurance Agents for years, including having served as PIA National Director. He was elected to the board of the Independent Insurance Agents of Vermont, helping to pave the way for the merger of the two state groups and the creation of VIAA.

VIAA's elected officers are Alan K. Kinney, Jr., Kinney Insurance Agency, vice president; Scott F. Boardman, of Hickok & Boardman, secretary/treasurer; and Glenn C. Mink, of Stowe Insurance Agency, state national director. Elected directors are Paul E. Kendall, of Lawrence & Wheeler; Lori A. Waller, of Hackett, Valine & MacDonald; Hod A. Palmer, of Taylor-Palmer; Ronald G. Bixby of Ludlow Insurance; Michael Lantagne of Royer-Camp; Doug C. Hawley of Foote's Insurance; and Charlene M. Reynolds, of Reynolds & Hayes.

The Protector Group

As part of its continued growth strategy, the Worcester, Mass.-based agency, The Protector group, has added two employees. Suzanne Adams has joined as an account executive who will be selling employee benefits.

Karen Moore has joined as personal lines manager, overseeing personal lines operation and managing new business processes, as well as staff training and development.

I/ANH

Victoria Dickinson has accepted the position of member service representative for the Independent Insurance Agents of New Hampshire. She will be responsible for the day-to-day sale and service of errors and omissions coverage, the workers compensation program and the group's homeowners program.

Fred C. Church

Herman P. Laturneau has been named president and chief operating officer of the Lowell, Mass.-based Fred C. Church Insurance. He has been with the firm for 17 years, having started as chief financial officer.

GAB Robins

At the loss adjustment and third party administrator, GAB Robins North American Inc., William Hogan has been named assistant vice president and general manager for New York and New England, while Karen Valden is the new branch manager for Connecticut.