

Insurance Times: Personal Lines: NASPLO elects Cortezi; Anders leads IIABA; changes at Swett & Crawford, Aon

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NAPSLO

The National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices recently elected Nicholas D. Cortezi of All Risks, Ltd. in Timonium Md., as president for 2002-2003 at its annual meeting in Boston.

Other NAPSLO officers elected include:

Vice President - H. James Griffith, Princeton Risk Managers, Inc., Princeton, N.J.

Secretary - Richard L. Polizzi, ASLI, Western Security Surplus Insurance Brokers Inc., Pasadena, Calif.

Treasurer - L.M. (Mac) Wesson, Jr., U.S. Risk Insurance Group, Dallas, Tex.

Nominated for a new three year term on the board are: James S. Carey, CPCU, Admiral Insurance Co.; Tim P. Makowski, Benchmark Management Group; and John F. Wood III, CIC, CIW, Specialty Risk Associates, Inc.

Renominated for new three-year terms on the board are: Bob R. McFall, McFall General Agency, Inc.; and Mary Ellen Rozzell, Continental/Marmorstein & Malone.

IIABA

W. Cloyce Anders was inaugurated as the new president of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA) and Bob Fulwider was elected to the association's Executive Committee recently.

Anders, president of VFIS of North Carolina in Raleigh; C.H. Stith, Inc. in New Bern, N.C.; and Bayboro, N.C.-based Pamlico Insurance Services, becomes IIABA's 98th president. Outgoing president Thomas B. Ahart (CPCU, AAI), president of Ahart, Frinzi & Smith in Phillipsburg, N.J., becomes immediate past president.

Fulwider is principal and executive vice president of the Ray Wuestenberg Agency, Inc., of West Liberty, Iowa, and principal and executive vice president of the Fulwider Agency, Inc., of West Branch, Iowa. He also is president of Bob Fulwider and Associates, a life and health agency.

Also assuming new posts of president-elect and vice president, respectively, were Louise "Bebe" Canter, senior vice president of Patterson/Smith Associates in Falls Church, Va., and Thomas A. Grau, a sales executive with Payne Financial Group in Billings, Mont. Canter will become the association's first female president in 2003.

New York Life

New York Life Insurance Co. elected John A. Cullen senior vice president, controller and chief accounting officer in charge of the company's corporate financial department. As the controller at New York Life, Cullen is responsible for establishing the accounting policies and practices for the company, maintaining fiscal records, collecting and consolidating financial results from the business units, and preparing financial reports.

Swett & Crawford

Aon Corp. announced several senior management changes within Swett & Crawford Group Inc.,

David Hartoch will retire as chairman and chief executive officer of Swett & Crawford Group, Inc., effective as of January 1, 2003.

Upon Hartoch's retirement, Thomas Comer will be appointed Swett & Crawford Group Inc.'s president and chief executive officer and Frank Beranek will be appointed as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Comer's career spans more than 30 years in financial management with several brokerage firms, including more than 10 years with Aon. Beranek's experience includes more than 30 years with Aon.

Aon

Giuliani Group LLC and Aon Corp. have formed a strategic alliance to provide crisis management services to major corporations around the world. Giuliani Group is a management consulting firm, founded by former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

The alliance will draw upon the expertise of former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and his colleagues including former NYC Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, former NYC Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen and former director of the NYC Office of Emergency Management Richard Sheirer.