

NAIFA, NY-YIP elect boards; OneBeacon elects Cavoores

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OneBeacon Insurance

John Cavoores has been elected CEO of Boston-based OneBeacon Insurance Group. Chuck Chokel, OneBeacon's chief administrative officer, will be moving to White Mountains Capital as a managing director. OneBeacon Insurance Group is wholly owned by White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd., of Hamilton, Bermuda.

Liberty Mutual

Matthew T. Coyle has joined the Boston-based Liberty Mutual Group as vice president and director of investor relations. In his new position, he will be responsible for managing relationships with corporate bondholders and rating agencies. Coyle was previously at Standard & Poor's.

NAIFA

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors' (NAIFA) representative governing body, the National Council, elected new officers and trustees during NAIFA's 114th annual Convention and Career Conference this month. Randy R. Kilgore, principal of Randy R. Kilgore Co. in Colorado Springs, Colo., was elected president, C. Robert Brown, agent/broker with UCL Financial Group in Memphis, Tenn., is the new president-elect; David E. Smithkey, principal of Security First Benefits Corp. in Flint, Mich., is secretary; and Peter C. Browne, principal of Price, Raffel and Browne/Union Central Insurance and Investments in New York, is treasurer.

New York Life

Sandra J. Kristoff has been appointed senior vice president and chief of staff of New York Life Insurance Co. She had previously served as head of government relations for New York Life International, the company's overseas arm. In her new role, she is responsible for human resources, corporate communications, corporate services, and governmental affairs.

N.Y. Workers Comp Board

William L. Busler of Delmar, New York, has been named general counsel of the New York State Workers Compensation Board. He will lead the board's legal division, supervising attorneys, law judges and associates.

Nicolaysen Agency

Erik A. Nicolaysen, III, president of Nicolaysen Agency in Chappaqua, N.Y., will receive the Hudson Valley Regional Awareness Programs Distinguished Insurance Award. Nicolaysen was honored by the Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance when they named their new building after him. This was done as a result of Nicolaysen responding to more than 12,000 calls as a member of the volunteer ambulance corp.

NY Young Insurance Pros

The New York Young Insurance Professionals, an organization dedicated to the professional and personal growth of newcomers to the insurance industry and an affiliate of Professional Insurance Agents of New York State Inc. has elected 10 directors. The Board includes: Kevin Cook, director of member services for the New York Farm Bureau in Glenmont; Michael Cracco, principal of Completely Covered Insurance Agency in Massapequa; Tracy Morgan, office facilitator for Ralph V. Ellis Inc. in Poughkeepsie; Dennis D'Amico, president of Sprint Insurance Agency Inc. in Staten Island; Joseph Leff, an underwriter for the Magna Carta Companies in New York City; Daniel Zdunski, assistant vice president and branch manager of the Erie Insurance Group in Rochester; Frank Scotto, an underwriter with New York Excess and Surplus in Englishtown, N.J.; Mark Gold, president of Metcom Excess, New York division, in Nyack; Shawn Kain, commercial lines manager for Utica First Insurance Co. in Utica. □