

# NAPSLO elects Griffith; Harleysville seeks new CEO

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## **NAPSLO**

H. James Griffith of Princeton Risk Managers Inc., of Princeton, N.J., has been elected president of the National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices, Ltd. Griffith was elected to the NAPSLO Board in 1997 and was elected an officer in 2000. He has also served as president of the New Jersey Surplus Lines Association.

## **Harleysville**

Walter R. Bateman, chairman and chief executive officer of Harleysville Group, announced he will retire at the end of this year. Michael Browne, who was just elected chairman, will head a search committee to choose a new CEO, according to the company. Bateman joined Harleysville in 1988 as a senior vice president of field operations. He became president in 1992, CEO in 1994 and chairman in 1998.

## **UnumProvident**

UnumProvident's board of directors has named Thomas R. Watjen as the insurance company's president and chief executive officer. Watjen replaces Harold Chandler, who was fired in March after waves of bad publicity over the company's claims-paying process, and Chandler's inability to turn around a stock price that at one point slid below \$6 a share. Watjen was second in command to Chandler for most of the time since the former Unum Corp. and The Provident Companies merged in June 1999.

## **NAIFA**

Lawrence W. Fowler, an agent for Nationwide Insurance in Norwich, Conn., was elected to serve a two-year term on the board of the National Council of Insurance and Financial Advisors. One of his duties on the board will be acting as liaison with the New England States and NAIFA. □

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"Investing in the Insurance Industry" will also include presentations from insurance executives from Aon Risk Services, Harleysville Group, The Hartford and others.

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