

Insurance Times: Jackson becomes NLC president, CEO; Safeco, Fireman's Fund name CEOs; Funk joins CU York in NH; InsureHiTech opens in Mass.; Groves elected at Providence
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NLC Insurance

When he retired on Feb.1, Robert Ramsdell, president and chief executive officer of New London County Mutual Insurance Co. in Norwich, Conn., handed over his position to Judy S. Jackson. Ramsdell will continue as chairman of the board of directors of NLC Insurance Cos.

Jackson joined NLC in 1987. For the last two years she has been senior vice president and chief operating officer, responsible for all underwriting, marketing, claims, data processing and human resources activities.

Fireman's Fund

Jeff Post has been named president and chief executive officer of Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., the principal U.S. property and casualty subsidiary of Allianz AG. Post has been the Fireman's Fund chief financial officer since 1996, and succeeds Joe Stinnette, who had announced plans to retire last spring. Post joined the company in 1994 as senior vice president and chief actuary. Previously he had 13 years experience in the actuarial and financial fields with increasing positions of responsibility at Allstate, Zurich and then St. Paul.

Safeco

Safeco named Mike McGavick as its new president and chief executive officer. McGavick also was appointed to Safeco's board of directors.

McGavick has been president and chief operating officer of CNA Financial Corp.'s largest operating department since late 1997. The department, with \$3.5 billion in annual revenues, provides the majority of CNA's commercial insurance products. It also is responsible for managing and strengthening CNA's relationship with its independent agent distribution system.

Before joining CNA in 1995, McGavick served as director of the American Insurance Association's Superfund Improvement Project.

Also, the company announced that William G. "Gary" Reed, Jr. has been elected chairman of its board of directors. Reed, was named lead director in May 2000. A Safeco director since 1974, Reed has been serving as acting chairman and acting CEO since the first of the year.

Boh Dickey, president, chief operating officer and member of the Safeco board of directors, has decided to resign. Dickey has held a series of executive positions since he joined the company in 1982, and was a candidate for the CEO position.

USI Administrators

Third-party administrator, USI Administrators, has named Thomas D. Delaney as executive vice president for the northeast region. The main office for this region is in Melville, N.Y. Delaney is the former vice president of sales for Vytra Health Plans.

Liberty Mutual

Douglas M. Nelson has been named president of LMG Property by the Liberty Mutual Group board of directors. Nelson will be responsible for the group's commercial property coverage and engineering services provided to businesses under the

Liberty Mutual and Wausau brand names.

Nelson succeeds Roy Mahlstedt and will report to Scott R. Goodby, chief operating officer of Liberty Mutual's specialty risk operations. Nelson joined Liberty Mutual in 1997 after seven years at Zurich Insurance Group.

USI New England

Jennifer Larson has joined USI New England's Rhode Island operation (formerly Shippee-Warburton) in North Kingstown as an account executive. She will focus on home, auto and other personal lines coverages.

CU York

Jeffrey D. Funk is the new vice president and branch manager in Bedford, N.H. for CU York Insurance, announced Michael J. McSally, president. Funk has worked in an independent agency and for USF&G and Crum & Forster. The Bedford office serves the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Providence Mutual

The Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has elected Dale F. Groves vice president of underwriting, announced President Sandra G. Parrillo. Groves is responsible for all aspects of underwriting and departmental operations. Prior to joining The Providence, Groves was with a regional New England carrier as manager of underwriting.

Atlantic Mutual

The Atlantic Mutual Cos. in New York announced that David P. Mitchell has been named senior vice president of the company's information systems division.

New York Life

Mark A. Gomez has been named vice president of the office of the general counsel for New York Life Insurance Co. on New York. He serves in the company's corporate compliance department.

Lori S. Whittaker has been promoted to Gomez's former position of associate general counsel for the broker-dealer unit.

InsureHiTech

Caren Braun has been appointed vice president of sales for the InsureHiTech New England regional office. She will direct all marketing and customer relations activities from the firm's new office in Cambridge, Mass. She comes to InsureHiTech with a background in commercial insurance with Willis in Boston and Aon in Chicago.

MassMutual

MassMutual Financial Group's community relations executive in Hartford has been presented with a distinguished leadership award by the National Eagle Leadership Institute, a nationwide executive development organization for African-American and Hispanic-Latino professionals. Ronald A. Copes, vice president of community relations, was selected to receive the 2000 Eagle Award from among more than 100 business leaders throughout the U.S.

Distinguished Programs Insurance Brokerage

Carla Vel and Judy Sigel have been named co-chief executive officers and co-presidents of Distinguished Programs Insurance Brokerage and Distinguished Programs Risk Management in New York. Sigel and Vel will report to Andrew Potash, who is relinquishing his role as president and CEO to focus on strategic planning, acquisitions and the running of the company's reinsurer, Saranac Insurance Co.. Distinguished Programs develops group property and casualty programs for small business.

