

Professional Insurance Agents

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PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE AGENTS (PIA) WASHINGTON/ALASKA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT, OFFICERS & GIVES ANNUAL AWARDS

The Professional Insurance Agents of Washington/Alaska (PIA) recently held their 40th Annual Conference and Trade Show. Association members elected Heidi Duncan-Yonker as its new president and elected a new board of directors.

The PIA Washington/Alaska Board of Directors:

President—Heidi Duncan-Yonker, Duncan & Associates Insurance Brokers, Olympia

President Elect—Rich Biggs, Biggs Insurance Agency, Vancouver

Vice Pres—Mark Balcos, Balcos Insurance, Seattle

Treasurer—David Babbitt, Babbitt Insurance Group, Enumclaw

Secretary—Barbara Kaiser, Sunset Insurance Agency, Olympia

PIA Western Alliance Representative—Jack McCalmant, Big Bend Insurance, Davenport

National Director—Scott Campbell, Insurance Services Group, Edmonds

And our directors:

Linda Fox, Ashford McAloon, Roberts Insurance, Lakewood

Michael Fredrickson, Whitman Insurance Agency, Pullman

Michael Schrader, Spectrum Insurance Agency, Vancouver

Past President—Dick Fournier, Fournier Insurance Group, Montesano

PIA Washington/Alaska Agent of the Year

Jerry Kiser President of Potter, Leonard & Cahan in Lynnwood, Washington is the PIA Washington/Alaska Agent of the Year. Jerry was president of the association in 2001-2002.

The PIA Washington/Alaska Agent of the Year Award recognizes a special individual whose accomplishments exemplify Integrity, dedication to customers and toward bettering our industry and commitment to the members and goals of the PIA.

Company Person of the Year

Lynda Colucci of AIG was named the 2006 PIA Washington/Alaska Company Person of the Year.

PIA and its members benefit from the contributions of time, money and expertise that come from our insurance company partners. In recognition of those contributions, the PIA honors one individual whose active involvement with PIA helps drive their company to support our efforts with our members.

CSR of the Year

Sharnel Hawkins, CIC, CPCU, AIS, Bratrud Middleton Insurance, Tacoma, Washington is the PIA Washington/Alaska CSR of the Year.

Each year this award goes to a highly motivated insurance professional who strives to perform at a level superior.

AAMGA Award

John Griffin is the president of Griffin Underwriting was given the PIA Washington/Alaska American Association of Managing General Agencies (AAMGA) Award.

The AAMGA allows the PIA to recognize an individual who has made a special contribution to the association, and who upholds the best traditions of character and integrity in our industry.

Chairperson of the Year

The PIA Washington/Alaska has several committees that assist in the operation of the association. The Chairperson of the Year award was given to Conference Chair Rich Biggs, the Biggs Insurance Agency, Vancouver, Washington.

PIA Washington/Alaska is also part of the PIA Western Alliance, the fastest growing trade association in the nation. The association is also affiliated with PIA National. It is celebrating a 75th anniversary in 2006.