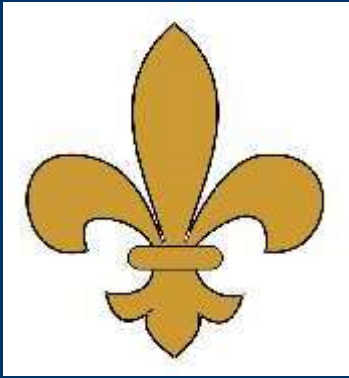


The Good Times Continue to Roll at the NAIW Convention in New Orleans



**Friday
May 29, 2009**

The second day of the NAIW (International) 68th Annual Convention began with a Grab-n-Go Breakfast with the exhibitors in the tradeshow hall. During the Grab-n-Go Breakfast convention attendees also had an opportunity to chat with all of the candidates who are running for international office for the 2009-2010 term.

The excitement of the attendees carried into the Second General Session as the CWC Speak-Off Competition got underway. Confidence While Communicating is the NAIW (International) public speaking course designed to develop and enhance the communication skills of participants. It is considered NAIW's most prestigious and popular development program. Graduates of this course are eligible to participate in speak-off competitions.

During the CWC Speak-Off Competition, nine regional contestants competed in front of the more than 500 attendees who were present. Each contestant presented a three minute prepared speech on an industry topic and a one minute impromptu speech on a topic chosen by International Vice President, Margaret Wildi.

After careful deliberation by the panel of CWC judges, Jennifer Scarberry, AAI,

Awards Luncheon Winners

Immediately following the general session, several award recipients were honored at the Awards Luncheon. The following people were recognized at the annual luncheon.

POC Scholarship

Elizabeth Bellairs - Region III

Young Professional Scholarship

Michael Rice - Region V

Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, Inc.

ACSR/NAIW Scholarships

Kelly Nann - Region I

Renee Fazeli - Region VIII

Heather Kirkbride - Region I

Rookie of the Year

Robyn Railsback - Region V

Confidence While Communicating

Jennifer Scarberry - Region III

Claims Professional of the Year

Florence Nagy - Region IV

Insurance Professional of the Year

Taffy Troup - Region IV

Risk Management Professional of the Year

Lynn Runyan - Region VII

ACSR, CISR, CPIW, DAE, from Region III was named the winner of the 2009 International Confidence While Communicating Speak-Off.

Congratulations Jennifer!

After the CWC Speak-Off concluded, International President Jenelle Duffy and International President-Elect, Linda Wilson, gathered on stage to announce and recognize the NAIW (International) Corporate Partners. The following Corporate Partners were on-hand to say a few words and accept a plaque of appreciation from NAIW for their continued support of the association and the industry as a whole.

PLATINUM CORPORATE PARTNERS

Crawford & Company

Tom Crawford
Chairman of the Board

Cumberland Insurance Group

Linda May
Vice President Research & Development

Safeco Insurance

Bill Norman
Vice President, Agency Relations

Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.-

Identity Theft Shield
James Blakemore
Senior Independent Association

Paul Davis Restoration, Inc.

Kathy Marshall
Assistant Vice President

LEVEL ONE CORPORATE PARTNERS

Premium Financing Specialists

Lorraine Carrillo
Account Manager

IRMI, Inc.

Paul Murray
Vice President of Sales and Marketing

Fireman's Fund Insurance Group and

Allianz Life Insurance Company
Sheila Williams

Professional Underwriter of the Year

Tamre Hileman - Region IV

AAMGA & NAIW (International) President's Award

E. Faye Evans - Region III

Arlene G. DeSemone Life/Health Essay Award

Diane Ziemann - Region IV

Insurance Women of Ocean County Scholarship

Ruth Phillips - Region III

Convention At-a-Glance

NAIW (International) members have been networking, attending workshop sessions and having an absolute wonderful time in the Big Easy this week! Enjoy the photo highlights from Thursday's and Friday's activities below. *Please click on the photos to see a larger image.*



Regional Vice President

Sterling Autobody

Holly Klaus

Market Analyst for the National Sales and Marketing Team

eProof

Amy Stevens

Marketing Director

LEVEL TWO CORPORATE PARTNERS

State Auto Insurance Companies Terra
Boroff

Director of Small Business Operations

Region V member, Janice Lovett, AU, AIS, CPIW, MBA, DAE, announced the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Sid Young who spoke to convention attendees about Jenelle's theme - *Small Changes, Extraordinary Results*. After Dr. Sid Young's powerful and uplifting speech, the session turned to the business of elections.

Results of the election for International Officers were announced today. The new International Officers will be installed tomorrow at the Third General Session of the convention.

Current International President-Elect Linda Wilson, AAI, CPIW, AIS has been elected as the 2009-2010 NAIW (International) President. Wilson is an Independent Insurance Consultant and is a member of NAIW Cumberland & Salem Counties.

Current International Vice President, Margaret Wildi, AAM, AIM, CPIW, CPCU, DAE, has been elected as the 2009-2010 NAIW (International) President-Elect. Wildi is employed by Grange Insurance Companies as an Assistant Vice President and Manager of Work/Life Services. She is a member of Insurance Professionals of Columbus Ohio and she holds a dual membership in Northern Kentucky Association of Insurance Professionals and Scioto Valley Association of Insurance Professionals.



Current International Secretary, Joi Wilson, CRIS, CPIW, DAE, has been elected as the 2009-2010 NAIW (International) Vice President. Wilson is employed by Star Risk Services, Inc. as a Vice President and Executive Account Manager and is a member of NAIW – Dallas, Inc.

Penny Haworth-Rich, AU, CPIW, has been elected as the 2009-2010 NAIW (International) Secretary. Haworth-Rich is employed by Continental Western Group as a STAR Team Manager and is a member of Boise Insurance Professionals.

NAIW (International) is comprised of insurance and risk management professionals. NAIW (International) is the leader in diversification within the industry. NAIW members consist of CEOs of agencies and companies; claims professionals; underwriters, actuaries; risk managers; customer service representatives; experts in life and health and property and casualty; human resource managers; technical gurus; CPAs, attorneys and financial advisors. These members belong to approximately 350 local associations across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

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Convention Activities Scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2009

- Installation of 2009-2010 Officers
- International President Jenelle Duffy's Farwell
- Keynote Speaker - Tom Crawford, Crawford & Company
- Convention in Review
- Closing Night Event

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