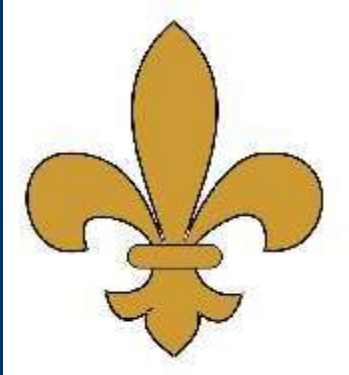


NAIW (International) 68th Annual Convention Kicks Off in New Orleans



**Thursday
May 28, 2009**

The NAIW (International) 68th Annual Convention kicked off on Thursday, May 28, 2009 with more than 450 NAIW (International) members and industry professionals in attendance. The convention is being held at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans. Throughout the convention attendees will have the opportunity to participate in nearly 20 different educational workshops and seminars, a sold-out trade show and three general business sessions.

The Mardi Gras Indians from New Orleans were special guest performers at the Opening General Session. After escorting the NAIW (International) Executive Committee members into the session, the performers took the stage to perform a ritualized dance.

During the business session, NAIW (International) President, Jenelle Duffy recognized and welcomed the 94 First Timers, as well as the 8 Past National and International Presidents who were in attendance.

Past International President and Nominating Committee Chairman, Gloria Bruno, CIC, ARM, CRM, AAM, CPIW, DAE shared the Nominating Committee's report with the audience. The following slate of candidates were recommended for international office for the 2009-2010 term:

Pre-Convention Activities Are a Hit Among Attendees

Several NAIW (International) members and convention attendees came to New Orleans early to participate in the NAIW Community Service Project, Big Easy City and Recovery Tour and Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, May 27th. Enjoy the photo highlights from Wednesday's activities below! *Please click on the photos to see a larger image.*



International President-Elect:

Margaret Wildi, AAM, AIM, CPIW, CPCU, DAE

International Vice President:

Joi Wilson, CRIS, CPIW, DAE

International Secretary:

Penny Haworth-Rich, AU, CPIW

The election of officers will be held during the second business session on Friday, May 29, 2009.

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 Friday, May 29, 2009

- Grab and Go Breakfast with Exhibitors
- CWC Speak-Off Competition
- Keynote Speaker - Dr. Sid Young
- Corporate Partner recognition
- Elections
- Awards Luncheon
- VIP and Young Professionals reception

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