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President's Report

As a board and an industry, we are facing opportunities as well as numerous growing concerns in the various insurance fields.

How do we take on the large corporations that are insistent on adding verbiage to the certificate of insurance, which then places the agent and the agency in non-compliance with the law?

How do we take on the extra costs insurance companies are pushing back onto the agency? How do we keep the convention viable and the insurance com-



Cheri Krieter, CIC, CISR, CPIW

panies commitment and support?

How do we continue to provide continuing education that will meet all requirements?

These are a few items have been brought before the board.

We have met with Senator Scott. Senator Scott has a strong understanding of the difficulties the agent is facing and is working on a bill to help fight the certificate battle. A legislative committee has been formed, with Max Carre volunteering to chair along with Zachary Clark and Bryan Stevens. We are also

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PIA National Director's Report

The biggest news for our Association is the Executive Committee's decision to name Mike Becker as our new EVP replacing our interim EVP, Ron Von Haden, who is returning full time to his home and job in Wisconsin where he is EVP.

Mike has been

the VP of Federal Affairs having also served as PIA's lobbyist after joining us in 2007. It has been my good fortune to work closely with Mike and watch him transition into a strong leader. Mike is young. He has energy. He has the respect of his peers. It is an exciting time for

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As I begin this December AWIA Director's report, I would like to start it off by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is a special time of the year that allows us to enjoy time with our family and friends. If you are traveling this year for the holidays, may the weather be good and your travel safe.

I attended the IIABA Directors meeting in September. Things at the association appear to be running smoothly. Tom Minkler is now fully engulfed as our new Chairman. This is exciting since I have gotten to know Tom over the last few years as he has risen up the chain and I

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really think that Tom has a vision that will strengthen our association while preparing us for the future so that our association continues to be one of the premier associations. The IIABA has a lot of stroke in Washington and through our dedicated people such as Bob Rusbuldt. We will continue to have the influence in issues that matter to all of us in the Insurance Industry. While talking about influence in Washington, I always wish to remind all of our members that we have two PACs that are looking out for our interest, INSURPAC & PIA-PAC. Simply it takes money to run PACs; therefore, I encourage you all to give generously to the PAC's so that they can continue looking out for our interests. If we do not watch out for ourselves. nobody else will.

Items of interest that we discussed at the meeting were the continued rollout of CAP. This

project appears to be coming on line as expected. Another item discussed in the MSI board meeting was the changes that are forthcoming on the IA Magazine. There is a huge effort to update the format of the magazine as well as make it available in a digital format as well as retaining the current print format, the samples that I saw are exciting and there will be more to come in January. The finances of IIABA we discussed, things are going well and we are in good financial shape thanks to the people who are in charge of running our organization in an efficient manner. Merry Christmas!

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PIA.

You may have met Ron at the convention this past June. Like our dear Susan Worthington, Ron's dad owned an insurance agency. Ron, like Susan, became an owner and then, later, decided to go to the Association side when Wisconsin's EVP retired. While acting as interim director, he was able to pick up a special deal on Liberty Mutual's E&O program for agents as well grow membership. I admit my bias with Ron who was my mentor when first on the Board.

PIA has healthcare ads available via <u>www.piabrandingprogra</u> <u>m.com</u> and are for both print and radio. Please check out the website to see how your membership can help you.

In addition to this issue, PIA is ac-

tively working to help agents deal with the ever increasing concerns of natural catastrophes especially floods.

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And don't forget to contact PIA prior to signing that new or existing company contract. Pat Borowski does a fantastic job of reviewing the areas that we sometimes miss.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. See you at the

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BREAKING NEWS

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asking for volunteers when the legislative committees might be meeting in or near your location. We have signed a contract with a new Lobbyist, Mary Lynne Shickich.

Board members, P&C Agents, and Life and Health agents met with the insurance commissioner regarding possible agency fees and other concerns. The agency fees have been closed down as information was brought forward about carriers cutting commissions and

cutting contingencies. How do we find answers, make the decisions, and move in a positive direction? We do it by standing and working together. We also do it by working with and utilizing, the Independent Insurance Agent and Brokers of America (Big I) and Professional Insurance Agents (PIA). We cannot be there for the all of the concerns with the Federal government. We have to rely on our Political Action Committees. These committees are only as strong as our support. If you have

not contributed already, I strongly encourage you to support both of the Political Action Committees, the Big I (InsurPac) and PIA, (PIAPAC).

Our next opportunity to come and work together will be at our Annual Shrimp Bash. Please take the time and plan to attend the Shrimp Bash, February 17, 2014, in Cheyenne.

I hope to see you there.



Executive Vice President's Report

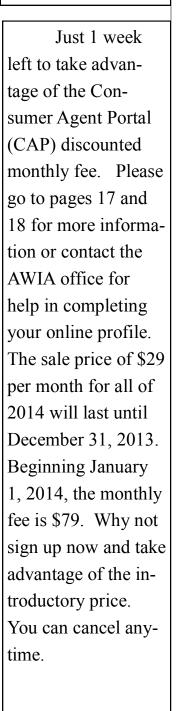
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Another year has flown by. We have a lot going on at AWIA and I hope you will take a few minutes to read the newsletter and check out the benefits of being a member.

The Consumer Agent Portal (CAP) has been live for several months. We have 4 agencies that have completed their profiles. I encourage all of you to go to www.projectcapmarketing. com and complete your agency profile. As the use grows your agency will be more and more visible on the web. Those agencies who sign up and complete their profiles by the end of 2013 will be offered unlimited referrals through 2014 for \$29 a month. If you wait until January 1, 2014 the fee goes to \$79. You can cancel anytime. So, why not complete your profile, take advantage of the introductory fee and see how it works for you?

Our annual Shrimp Bash is planned for February 17, 2014. We already have a big response from our legislators. There is a registration form in the newsletter or you can go to www.awia.com and click on the Education and Events calendar to sign up online. Please join us. Convention plans are also underway. We will be meeting at the Best Western Ramkota in Casper on June 18 and 19 . Watch for registration information after 1/1/14.

Our CISR schedule will also be posted after 1/1/14. Jim Smith has agreed to teach our IC1 and IC2 classes this year. Jim has been an education consultant for the National Alliance for a number of years and also serves as an expert witness . He has some great examples to share.

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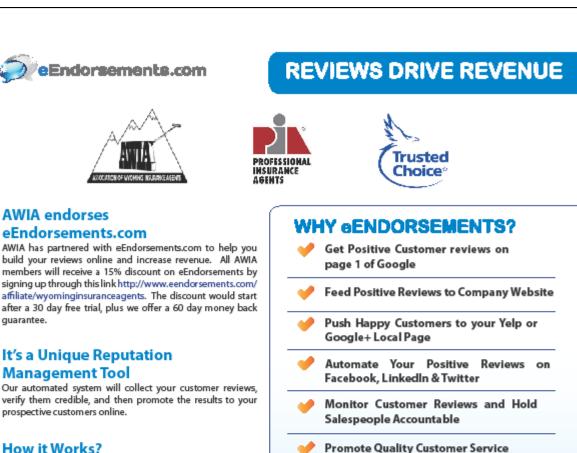
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The Local Agents Serving Main Street AmericaSM Story

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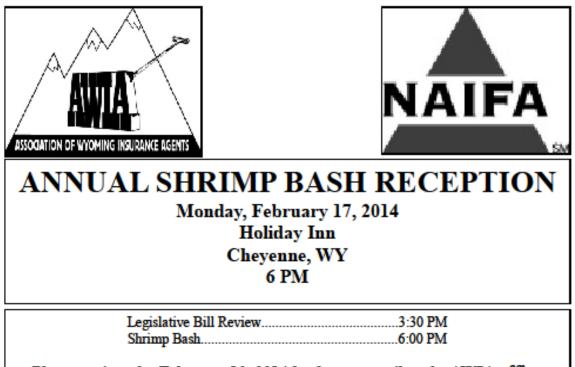
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