

Insurance Times: COMMERCE ELECTS FELS; ISRAEL, ORTON JOIN PROMUTUAL; PUBLIC SERVICE MUTUAL PROMOTES; CONGER HEADS CASUALTY ACTUARIES; NAI ELECTS NICELY
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Commerce Insurance Co.

Directors of The Commerce Insurance Co. and Citation Insurance Co., the Massachusetts insurance subsidiaries of The Commerce Group, Inc., recently elected Gerald Fels as president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer.

Fels will be responsible for managing the overall operations of the Massachusetts subsidiaries, according to Arthur J. Remillard, Jr., Commerce Group chairman of the board, president and CEO.

Fels joined The Commerce Insurance Co. in 1975 as chief financial officer. He is also executive vice president, chief financial officer and a director of The Commerce Group, Inc.

ProMutual

Terri Israel and Karen Orton have been named sales and marketing specialists at the Boston-based medical professional liability insurer, ProMutual Group. Israel will be responsible for marketing in Massachusetts, while Orton's territory will be Connecticut.

CIBGNY

The Council of Insurance Brokers of Greater New York installed new directors and officers at the association's annual dinner. Directors installed were: Stuart Fries, CIC, from Garber Atlas Fries & Associates Inc., Lynbrook; Thelma Goodrich from Goodrich/Johnson Brokerage, New York; George Marchetti Jr., CPCU, from Marchetti and Sabatelli Associates Inc., Brooklyn; William Paris from Paris Insurance, Bronx; Vito Pietzana from Summit Coverages, Ltd., New York; Lucas Snyder from American Marketing Center, New York; Anthony Zaino, CIC, AAI, CPIA, from Anchor Brokerage Company Inc., Huntington Station.

New officers are president, Jeffrey Greenfield from NGL Group, Lynbrook; vice president, Al Caputo, Buckingham Balder Associates, Staten Island; vice president, Al Eskanazy, Morstan General Agency, Lake Success; vice president, Lloyd Sabatelli, Marchetti and Sabatelli Associates, Brooklyn; secretary, Jerrold Rosenblum, Intercity Agency, Bayside.

Burak & Cahill

Albert Burak Insurance of Canton, Mass. has teamed up with Cahill, McCarthy & Associates and Joseph Cahill & Associates of Dedham, Mass. in a strategic alliance to offer one-stop shopping for financial services. The alliance means the new agency, Burak & Cahill, will be able to offer a full range of financial and insurance services.

Public Service Mutual

New York's Public Service Mutual, a member of the Magna Carta Companies, announced several promotions: Greg Costelloe, assistant secretary; Lou Cagley, assistant vice president; Larry Gaddy, assistant vice president; Ram Jagoo, assistant vice president; Theodore Smyk, vice president for claims administration; Dan Tagliaferro, vice president, treasurer; David Lawless, senior vice president and chief administrative officer, and John Hill, senior vice president of home office operations.

Casualty Actuarial Society

Robert F. Conger, principal, Tillinghast-Towers Perrin, Atlanta, was elected president of the Casualty Actuarial Society. Conger joined Tillinghast-Towers Perrin in 1986 as a consultant to property/casualty insurance companies. Previously he worked at the Massachusetts Rating Bureaus.

He succeeds Patrick J. Grannan, principal and consulting actuary, Milliman & Robertson, Inc., Radnor, Penn.

Gail M. Ross, vice president, Am-Re Consultants, Inc., Princeton, N.J., was named president-elect.

Maine Mutual

Presque Isle-based Maine Mutual announced the promotions of Paul Madigan to programmer/analyst and Kyle Green to network administrator. In addition, Stacy Shaw has been promoted to assistant manager of information systems.

NAII

The National Association of Independent Insurers elected Tony Nicely, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) as chairman of the board of governors. Nicely began his career with GEICO in 1961 and became chairman, president and chief executive officer in 1993. p

New England College of Finance

The Boston-based New England College of Finance recently elected the president and chief executive officer of InsurBanc, the federally chartered thrift providing banking services through independent insurance agents, as a member of its executive committee and as chairman of its audit committee.

Herlihy has been a trustee of NECF for the past five years.

Delta Dental of Mass.

Dr. Robert E. Hunter, president of delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts, has been elected to serve on the board of overseers for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which recognizes U.S. companies that have achieved a superior level of quality excellence. The board of overseers advises the director on the conduct of the awards program.