

Insurance Times: One Beacon names new leaders; Van Berkel heads National Grange Mutual; NY Department promotes Rampe, Samers; Arbella Service taps Shelton; MacLeay to leave National Life
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OneBeacon

The newly renamed OneBeacon Insurance Group in Boston, formerly CGU Insurance, has announced its leadership team.

Ray Barrette has been elected managing director and chief executive officer, replacing Robert Gowdy, who is retiring. Jack Byrne becomes OneBeacon's chairman. Barrette and Byrne, until recently president and chairman of White Mountains Insurance Group respectively, led the purchase of the company from CGNU. The sale was completed June 1.

Also elected managing directors were several CGU executives: Rich Banas, Vince Brazauskas, Larry Haefner, Dick Jordan, Roger Singer and John Weber. John Cavoore, Morgan Davis and James Ritchie, formerly managing directors at White Mountains Insurance Group and its subsidiaries, have assumed similar roles at OneBeacon. Jack Doyle, Charles Fitzpatrick, Jan Kwasniak, David Ladd and David Miller are leaving the company.

OneBeacon/Northern New England

Anthony Payne has been recruited as vice president of marketing for OneBeacon Insurance/Northern New England, formerly CU York Insurance Co., announced regional company president Michael McSally.

Payne will have responsibility for supporting OneBeacon's marketing and communications efforts in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He comes to OneBeacon from Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Co.

National Grange Mutual

Thomas M. Van Berkel has been elected president, chief executive officer and chief operating officer of National Grange Mutual Insurance Co. in Keene, N.H.

Chairman of the Board and CEO Philip D. Koerner made the announcement and said he would retire from daily involvement with NGM at the end of the year but will continue as chairman of the board.

Van Berkel, most recently president of insurance operations, joined NGM in 1990 as vice president of marketing. He has more than 20 years of experience in the industry and serves on the board of various initiatives of the Independent Insurance Agents of America, including FutureOne and the Commission to Enhance Agency Value. He is past chairman of the Company Council of Executive Officers of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

Arbella Service Co.

The Arbella Insurance Group of Quincy, Mass. has appointed William S. Shelton as president and chief operating officer of the Arbella Service Co. Shelton joined Arbella in 1999 as chief information officer.

Concord Group

Concord Group Insurance Cos. announced that John E. Goodwin has been promoted to Maine branch manager, James B. Young to New Hampshire claims manager, and Michael W. Percy to bodily injury claims supervisor in New Hampshire. Goodwin will continue his duties as senior Maine marketing representative along with his new management responsibilities. The Concord Group, based on Concord, N.H., writes in four New England states.

National Life

Thomas H. MacLeay, whose 25-year career at National Life in Montpelier, Vt., has included key positions in the investment, corporate planning and financial management areas before he was elected the company's president and chief operating officer five years ago, has announced that he will step down from full-time duties in order to pursue more entrepreneurial opportunities.

At the request of the National Life board of directors, MacLeay will continue as a director for some period of time following his departure, but he will conclude his full time duties with the company on July 1.

National Life Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Pat Welch has been asked him to assume the title and responsibilities of president as well as chairman and CEO when MacLeay leaves his full-time duties in July. There are no current plans to fill MacLeay's position, Welch said, though there are likely to be some organizational changes

within the National Life Group going forward.

Golden, O'Neill and Gebhardt

New Haven, Conn.-based Golden, O'Neill and Gebhardt recently announced the addition of Davette C. Sherman to its staff. Sherman comes to the agency with 14 years of personal lines insurance experience.

Allied American

Roy Grafton has been promoted to vice president and claims manager for commercial lines at Allied American Insurance Agency in Natick, Mass. Grafton is responsible for Allied's claims department, claims service and customer relations with clients and carriers.

allMass Group

Joyce O'Neill was recently promoted to chief executive officer and vice president of allMass Group Inc., the statewide network of independent agencies based in Brockton, Mass. She was the group's executive director, a position she has held since its founding in 1989.

In addition, Barbara Araujo has joined allMass as a customer service representative.

AMS

Euan C. Menzies has been promoted to chief executive officer of AMS Holding Group, Inc. in Bedford, N.H., the property and casualty software and information services company. Menzies is president and chief operating officer of AMS Holding Group and has been the acting CEO since February. He is also CEO of Allenbrook, one of the four businesses that comprise AMS Holding Group.

NY Insurance Department

New York Superintendent of Insurance Gregory V. Serio has named Kevin M. Rampe as first deputy superintendent and Audrey M. Samers as deputy superintendent and general counsel.

Samers was appointed first deputy general counsel in 2000 and has been involved in the department's litigation and regulatory matters, including demutualizations of Metropolitan Life, Phoenix Home Life, Prudential and John Hancock. She has also overseen privacy and e-commerce initiatives.

Rampe joined the department in 1999 as deputy superintendent and became general counsel in 2000. He has been involved in Gramm-Leach-Bliley, privacy, e-commerce and administrative initiatives. In his new position, he will serve as chief operating officer of the department.

Fusura

Fusura, the web-based personal lines agency formed by American International Group, Prudential and Kemper, announced the appointment of Mark A. Parsells as president and chief executive officer. Parsells joins Fusura from Citigroup, where he led Citibank Online.

Fusura's acting president, Rick Bender, will be returning to AIG to assume executive responsibilities.

Fusura is creating a personal risk management portal that will be offered to consumer through select financial institutions and web-based properties. Then site, expected to launch late this year, will initially offer automobile insurance, with other products to be added.

AAMGA

Robert Giles is the 2001-2002 president-elect of the American Association of Managing General Agents. He's the president and CEO of R.W. Scobie Inc./Midwest General Agency.

Mass. Blue Cross

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts recently promoted Laura Peabody to vice president and general counsel, responsible for all legal matter relating to corporate operations. Peabody joined the insurer in 1997. Blue Cross also announced that Ron Romano has been promoted to vice president of consumer affairs. Romano has been with the company for 20 years, 10 years of which have been as ombudsman. p

New York Life

Corey B. Multer has been named vice president of the individual annuities at New York Life Insurance Co. Multer is responsible for marketing annuities through the company's career agency field force, creating and promoting agent compensation plans, and supporting the individual annuity department's business planning.

Allmerica Financial

Jess Nadelman has been elected vice president of marketing for Allmerica Financial Services, the retirement and financial planning division of the Allmerica Financial companies in Worcester, Mass. Prior to joining Allmerica, Nadelman was with AXA/The Equitable.

MTW Corp.

MTW Corp. of Mission Woods, Kansas, has opened the headquarters of the company's expanding Insurance Systems Group in Hartford, Conn., and named Richard H. DuBois to manage it as executive vice president.