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From the Desk of NCAIP President

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It's amazing how a trip to convention "re-energizes" me! Seeing friends from across Region II and making new friends; taking classes - sharing thoughts and ideas; listening with 'awe' to our speak-off contestants; enter acting with 'first timers'; and enjoying the exhibitors/vendors.

The 'wild & wonderful women' of West Virginia did it again! It was a great conference with good company, good food and lots of laughs. The venue was outstanding; some members enjoyed the casino, some enjoyed shopping and others kicked back for a little 'R&R' with members they had not seen in a while. I truly regret everyone could not attend!

North Carolina members were very fortunate in

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LOCAL ASSOCIATION UPDATES

SPRING HAS SPRUNG – What's up buttercup?

RAIP – Raleigh Association of Insurance Professionals

Raleigh is getting geared up for the new fiscal year by electing new officers for 2014-15 as follows:

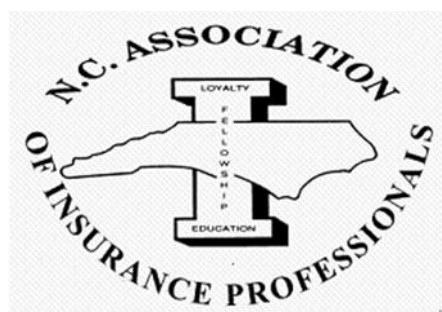
Beth Blackwell – President
Janet Davis – President Elect
Debbie Pass-Soles - Vice President
Katy Willett – Secretary
Wanda Manning - Treasurer
Jeanne Hess – Immediate Past President

Officers will be installed at our Annual Associates Night Banquet in June. Have you heard? RAIP Katy Willett won the Region II CWC Speak-off which means she is San Diego bound in June! Speaking of summer RAIP is doing the Beach Basket Fundraiser which is lots of really great items & gift cards just right for summer! Drawing is May 13th. Tickets on sale, 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Contact Jeanne Hess to purchase tickets.

Submitted by: Jeanne Hess

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WILMINGTON INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

The Wilmington Insurance Professionals are getting

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receiving several awards! Katy Willett from the Raleigh Association of Insurance Professionals will represent Region II in the CWC speak-off at the IAIP convention in San Diego this June. Katy was great and I'm sure she will continue to make NC proud in June. Susie Gardner from the Greensboro Insurance Professionals won the Region II Underwriting Professional of the Year award and Bonnie Lea, also from Greensboro won the Region II Insurance Professional of the Year -- way to go! You ladies ROCK!

Region II members also elected our first two-year term Regional Vice President (RVP) -- Brenda Lawhorn. Brenda has been a great RVP this term and I feel confident she will only get BETTER! We also elected Donna Whited to the Region II Fund Custodian position and Rita Kidd to the Fund Administration position. If you remember Region II recently formed a fund to assist states hosting Region II conferences. The Fund was able to assist Maryland with their upcoming Regional in March, 2015. We hope to eventually be able to assist hosting states two years out, rather than one. For those familiar with hosting conventions you know the cost and work involved and all assistance is greatly appreciated!

Most associations are beginning to wind up their year; it's time for incoming Presidents to begin thinking about their theme; their team; projects and what they hope to accomplish. As Council Director, I want to challenge each member to ***begin today anew!*** Today and forward let's be the most positive individuals and associations we can be! We know we want and need to grow but let's stop 'harping' on the numbers, but instead think 'out of the box', let's have structure but have FUN! We are PROFESSIONALS, and as such let's perform as professionals with our focus on the 'positive. Let's really work together to make our association the very **BEST** it can be and in turn we each will be the best we can be!

Again congratulations to our NC award winners; congratulations to Charlotte's President Lauren Navarro on her beautiful new daughter; and congratulations to Amy Perkins with the Randolph Association on the up-coming birth of 'Baby Bennett'!

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- Geraldine Plott

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCAIP Mid-Year Board Meeting

IIANC, CARY, NC
SATURDAY MAY 10TH, 2014
9:30AM - UNTIL

IAIP 73rd Annual National Convention

SAN DIEGO, CA
JUNE 5 - 7, 2014

TOP 5 REASONS TO LIKE NCAIP'S FACEBOOK PAGE (AND TELL YOUR INDUSTRY FRIENDS TO DO THE SAME)

- 1) It's updated every week, sometimes several times a week, unlike the website which can only be updated monthly.
- 2) It's THE place to go to see what other associations are doing in NC, across Region 2 and **beyond**.
- 3) It's more than about IAIP – there are regularly posted industry news, motivational quotes, helpful hints, and much more.
- 4) It's a great place for NCAIP to post pictures since there are no limits to space for pictures.
- 5) All the cool kids are doing it.

ready for our annual banquet and silent auction to be held on April 10th, 2014. CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Insurance Professional of the Year for WIP – Phyllis Wright of Azalea Insurance Agency. Partial proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Cape Fear Community College's June Mumford Scholarship Fund. Our guest speaker will be Dee Yates of the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina. Our special guest will be NCAIP president, Geraldine Plott. A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors, silent auction donors & to members for all their hard work. In June, we will do our installation of officers for the 2014-15 year as follows:
Parliamentarian – Kimberly Seaman
Treasurer – Amanda Smith
Secretary – Phyllis Wright
President – Brenda Webster
WIP will take a break during the summer months of July & August and plan to hit the road running again in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Webster CIC, AAI, CISR, CIIP, DAE
Wilmington Insurance Professionals - President

GREENSBORO INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

GIP has a lot going on in the next few months: electing officers in April, the annual banquet and golf tournament for Kids Path in May, then in June to install the new officers. Also in the planning stages of offering CLP classes during meetings.

Submitted by: Todd Jones, Greensboro Insurance Professionals, President