

NAIW GEORGLA COUNCIL

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*NAIW—Bridge to
Your Horizon . . .*

Message from GA Council Director by Linda Brown CIC, CPIW, DAE

Fellow members,

Time does fly; it's hard to believe that six months have passed since my installation as your GA Council Director and I'm still having fun.

It's almost time for the Regional Conference - March 25th - 27th in Destin FL and it's not too late to register. The deadline without late penalty is February 25th and the Hotel deadline is February 24th. Information is on Region III website - www.region3naw.org. I know the GA Council will be well represented.

The Conference presents many opportunities for education and networking with members of the region and a lot of FUN.

During the business session, there will be a discussion and vote on the proposed By-Law changes. Please review the changes with your members in order for your delegate to be

prepared to discuss and vote as your members wish. The next Regional Vice President-Elect; Delegate and Alternate to the International Nominating Committee will be elected.

Best of luck to our GREAT CWC contestant, **Connie Herrin AIC, ARM, CIC, CPIW**. There is no doubt Connie will represent GA well in the CWC Speak-off.

Have you filled out your Bridge Builders Challenge yet? I strongly encourage each and every member to complete this form and turn it in to National - FAX 918-294-3711.

GA can lead the pack in the National President's Challenge.

Tracy and I are looking forward to our association visits within the next 5 months. I enjoyed my first association visit with the Gainesville Association on February 10th and it was my privilege to present DAE certificate to one of their

members, Tricia E Terrill, CPIW. If you have not already scheduled your visit, please contact me. If there is anything I can do to help any of you along your NAIW journey, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In fellowship, Linda



Spotlight— News From Around The State

Linda Brown reports with News From Around The State...

Refer to the attachment for updates on activities and accomplishments from our local associations in Savannah, Atlanta and Gainesville.

Send your updates to Linda so we can feature your association in future News From Around The State reports!

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

**GA COUNCIL OF NAIW
PLANNING MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010**

Membership Update by Lara Nelson AAI, CISR

In my current role as Georgia's, NAIW Membership Chair, I would like to promote one of the recent educational opportunities sponsored by several Georgia Associations, in which I had the privilege of attending. And, once again, harp on the fact that Education is one of the most beneficial tools available to all members.

Advanced Communication Skills is a six hour course that focuses on how to write and present an informative and interesting speech, how to deliver a speech effectively and use of

appropriate tools and skills to make a dynamic presentation. There were 10 participants in the class from all over the State. We had an amazing instructor who was very thorough with the preparation and presentation of information as well as interactive participation from the entire group. Courses such as these are developed to help an individual in the insurance industry better themselves and enable them to go farther in their career. I would encourage all members to put forth an effort and invest time in them-

selves by participating in the many educational opportunities offered throughout the year. And, there are always webinars available should you select to participate in the comfort of your home. Visit www.naiw.org for an updated monthly schedule. Or, if you should have any questions please feel free to contact me. Again, I would like to stress the benefits from participation in these educational offerings are phenomenal and life changing.



The first is a new, interactive mapping tool which lets you see flood history from all across the Nation, and provides you a view right down to the county level with data regarding past floods and their causes. It's a terrific way to show that floods can and do affect nearly every place in the United States based on information from NOAA/NWS. Visit the following URL for more details: http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/interactive_flood_history_map.jsp

The second is a locator which will tell you, by zip code, of when your flood map was last updated, when it will become effective, etc. It's available at: http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/map_update_schedule.jsp

You can view and share flood tips and useful information from the following web sites:

- NOAA Flood Awareness Week - <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/>
- Ready Campaign Flood Preparedness - <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html>
- Business Continuity Planning - <http://www.ready.gov/business/plan/planning.html>
- FEMA Private Sector Weekly Flood Tips - www.fema.gov/privatesector

Legislation Update by Connie Rose

PIA Federal Legislative Summit- Important issues Congress is considering will affect:

Federal Regulation of Insurance: Let Congress know that the states should continue to be the primary regulators of the business of insurance under a modernized system. ([Read PIA's Position Paper on Modern State Regulation of Insurance.](#))

Antitrust Legislation: Tell Congress that current antitrust laws prevent anti-competitive activities and provide for innovation and competition in the market. ([Read PIA's Position Paper on](#)

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Health Care Reform: Congress may attempt to pass health care reform this week! As they finish work on the bill, they need to keep PIA's Principles for Health Care Reform in mind. ([Read PIA's Position Paper on Principles for Health Care Reform.](#))

National Flood Insurance Program: This program lapsed earlier this month and we can't let that happen again. Inform Congress that a longer extension, in addition to comprehensive reforms, needs to be made to the NFIP. ([Read PIA's Position Paper on the National](#)

Education Update by Melissa G. Peak CISR, CPIW, DAE

Next Confidence While Communicating Course

Dates: April 1, 2010-May 6, 2010 (Thursdays only)

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Capitol Special Risks, Inc.
1899 Powers Ferry Road, Ste 100
Atlanta, GA 30339

Association: Insurance Professionals of NW GA

Instructor: Jan Murray, PIAM, CPIW, DAE

Contact to Register: Melissa Peak
Phone: 770-485-4307. Email registration forms to mpeak@amsafety.com or fax to 678-385-9120

Students must order their books directly from www.naiw.org

This class will consist of double sessions, so it is imperative that the student attend each class in order to successfully complete the course.

Safety Update -

National Flood Awareness Week

At 2:00 pm ET Wednesday, March 17, DHS and FEMA hosted a Private Sector call to discuss Flood Awareness. The purpose of this call (in support of the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) National Flood Awareness Week, March 15 - 19, 2010](#)) was to ensure our teammates in the private sector are fully equipped to help themselves and their communities to prepare and mitigate. The transcripts (with responses to outstanding questions), opening statement and fact sheets from that call are attached. If you have any follow-up question on this topic, please do not hesitate to contact us at FEMA-PrivateSector@dhs.gov.

The primary speaker for this call was Mr. David Javier, FEMA Mitigation Director-ate.

Please remember and share that there are exciting new tools to help you and your organization better prepare for floods.