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### Welcome from the President...



Welcome to IIAN's 108th Annual Convention and Trade Fair! We are glad you could join us to share the learning, networking and fun.

The **Annual Convention Committee**, under the direction of **Lori Ruzicka**, AAI, CIC, CISR has worked hard to continue our longstanding tradition of outstanding educational programs presented by the best instructors in the industry, and a terrific trade fair. Here are some highlights:

Tuesday—Protect your agency by attending the "bonus" seminar—E&O Risk Management: Meeting the Challenge of Change".

Tuesday Evening - Enjoy dinner out with your industry colleagues, and then join me and members of the 1752 club at the President's Hospitality Suite from 8:00 p.m. until midnight - Room 730!

Wednesday - Take advantage of the wide variety of sessions! You can learn about Personal Lines—Business Exposures, Additional Insureds and Cyber Liability at the all-day CISR Hold Seminar. Or learn how to communicate with the five generations that are in your agency and your clients' offices at the Cold Call To Close seminar, and how to Capitalize on Generational Strengths for successful sales negotiations. More high-quality CE: choose from Commercial Lines: To Endorse or Not Endorse or Where's the Liability covering drones, cyber liability and EPL. And last but not least, you can hone your skills in the Applied Systems User Training. And be sure to join us as we recognize the "top performers" at the Education Recognition Luncheon, and elect your new Big "I" leaders at the IIAN Annual Meeting.

Wednesday Evening—Laissez les bon temps rouler at the 65-exhibitor Trade Fair for lots of fun and valuable networking starting at 4:30 p.m.. Visit all the booths to be eligible to win one of five \$100 cash prizes to be awarded at 7:00 p.m.! You must be present to win! Then dance your way to the reception and Awards Dinner to the music of Street Railway Dixieland Band, and enjoy a great Cajun-flavored dinner.

Thursday—another day of great sessions to choose from! In the morning you can learn about Personal Lines Surprises, take in a repeat of Cold Call To Close, or get your online marketing skills up to date with Content Marketing—How to Attract the Modern Insurance Buyer. Don't miss the IIAN President's Luncheon, where you will hear about your new president's vision for the Big "I". The afternoon will conclude with a roundtable of Hot Agency Issues, an on-site Risk-Management Tour, and How To Create a Client Online Community.

**Closing Presentation:** Before you take off for home, be sure to drop by the Windsor ballroom for a short special "Spirit of Nebraska" award presentation to Ashland, Nebraska native and former Microsoft president **Jeff Raikes!** 

It has been an honor to serve as IIAN's President this past year and I deeply appreciate your support and dedication to Nebraska's Big "I".

Phil Winkelmann, President 2014-15

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Thomas F. McGowan, Omaha	1977
Del W. Ryder*, Grand Island	1978
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Jerry G. Frieze, Columbus	1986
D. Arnie Johansen, CPCU,AAI, Lincoln	1987
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Samuel V. Thomas, CIC, N. Platte	
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Recognition of outstanding effort and service is an important function of your association. Each year, the Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska recognizes the contributions of outstanding individuals to the association, the independent agency system, and the citizens of Nebraska.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Presented by the IIAN President for exemplary service given to the Association. For a complete list of all Distinguished Service award winners go to <a href="https://www.iian.org">www.iian.org</a>.

James W. Anderson, Kearney	1965, '73
John Atkinson, Scottsbluff	1970, '74, '82
George G. Barker, Omaha	1955, '57, '76
Joseph Barker, Jr., Omaha	1959, '75
Mark A. Boettcher, Jr., Columbus	. 1954, '70, '73, '87
Ed Boehmer, Omaha	1987
William Brannen, York	1983, '87
William A. Brown, AAI, CIC, Grand Island	1992
John D. Bush, Omaha	1967, '76
John E. Bush, Omaha	2001
Joe Bushey, Omaha	
Craig "Tim" Carlin, Omaha	1981
David R. Chastain, CPCU, CLU, Omaha	2013, 2014
Edward Copple, CPCU, Lincoln	. 1959, '61, '67, '87
George Cowton, Grand Island	1953, '60, '81
Dana M. Dannelly, Dodge	1976
Deborah Drewel, CPCU, Lincoln	1993
Joseph Elliott, Omaha	1986
Fred A. Fletcher, Norfolk	1974, '77, '79
Jerry G. Frieze, Columbus	1977
Paul Friskopp, Shelton	1986
Joseph A. Genoa, Auburn	1984
Brent Gilbert, Blair	1978
Michael Glaser, CPCU, ARM, Omaha	1994, '97
Kathryn Gosch, LUTCF, Springfield	2005
M. Thomas Greco, CPCU, CIC, Papillion	1997, 2000
Jack A. Hill, Omaha	
Sheryl I. Hinton, CISR, Ogallala	
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C. Robert Jeffrey, Omaha	1977
Darryl A. Johansen, CPCU, AAI, Kearney	
Sandra Johnson, CIC, AAI, Lincoln	
James C. Kahrhoff, CPCU, Grand Island	
Kathryn Kochenower, CIC, CRM, AIP, Gering	2009
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John F. Zimmer, III, CPCU, AAI, Lincoln	Walt Weaver, Lincoln	1981
	John F. Zimmer, III, CPCU, AAI, Lincoln	1986, '89

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### **NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Richard E. Stephens, Sr., Grand Island	1948
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Leo J. Beck, Jr., Lincoln	1957-60
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Jesse Benson, Wymore	1963-67
Mark A. Boettcher, Columbus	1967-70
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Thomas F. McGowan, Omaha	1978-87
John F. Zimmer, III, CPCU, AAI, Lincoln	1987-93
Thomas L. Tideman, Hartington	1993-96
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M. Thomas Greco, CPCU, CIC, Papillion	2002-2008
John V. Deardorff, Omaha	2008-2014

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR**

# The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service as an IIAN committee chairman.

Dana M. Dannelly, CIC , Dodge	Farm	1977
Edward Copple, CPCU, Lincoln		
Brent Gilbert, Blair	Young Agents	1979
Joe Bushey, Omaha	Membership	1980
Paul Friskopp, Shelton	Farm	1981
Darryl A. Johansen, CPCU, AAI, Kearney	Education	1982
Edward Copple, CPCU, Lincoln		
Steve Morrow, AAI, Lincoln	Young Agents	1984
James Madron, McCook	Farm	1985
John E. Bush, Omaha	InsurPac	1986
John F. Zimmer, III, CPCU, AAI, Lincoln	Strategic Planning	1987
Connie May, CPIW, Callaway		
Don Killen, Lincoln	Legislative	1989
Phil Harr, CLU, CPCU, McCook	Education	1990
Sue Downey, CPCU, Omaha		
Virlene Schaffer, Lincoln		
Debra Peters, AAI, AAM, Lincoln	Young Agents	1993
Doug Steffensmeier, Beemer		
Stephen Mason, Lincoln	Non-Dues Income	1995
James A. Pattavina, CPCU, CISR, Lincoln		
Sheryl I. Hinton, CISR, Ogallala	Membership	1997
Robert Hoppe, CPCU, AFIS, Columbus	Public Relations	1998
Lori L. Jensen, Omaha	Young Agents	1999

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR**

John E. Bush, Omaha	. Legislative	2000
Susan Broeker, CISR, Beaver City	. Farm	2001
M. Thomas Greco, CPCU, CIC, Papillion	. Automation	2002
Sandra Johnson, CIC, AAI, Lincoln	. Legislative	2003
Irwin Nelson, CIC, Ft. Calhoun	. Legislative	2003
Peggy Anderson, CIC, Hartington	. Automation	2004
Stacey Weiss, Elkhorn	. Young Agents	2005
Sandra Ryks, Papillion	. Ann. Convention	2006
Renee Hennings, CISR, Blair	. Ann. Convention	2006
David Chastain, CPCU, CLU, Omaha	. Strategic Planning	2007
Stephen Mason, Lincoln	. NASC Board	2008
Robert Hoppe, CPCU, AFIS, Columbus	. Legislative	2009
Dee Sykora, AAI, AU, CPIW, Omaha	. Ann. Convention	2010
Mark B. Lisko, Omaha	. NASC Board	2011
M. Thomas Greco, CPCU, CIC, Papillion	. Public Relations	2012
Kathryn Kochenower, CIC, CRM, AIP, Gering	. Professional Dev	2013
Michael J. Glaser, CPCU, ARM	. Board Dev	2014

### **5-STAR COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

This award recognizes an insurance company that has been of exceptional support to IIAN members. Nominees are qualified and chosen by IIAN member agencies, which rate their top carriers in seven categories and chooses the best overall for the year.

Farmers Mutual Insurance of Nebraska	2007
Allied Insurance	2008
Columbia Insurance Group	2009
Auto-Owners Insurance	2010
The IMT Group	2011
EMC Insurance	2012
FirstComp Insurance	2013
lowa Mutual Insurance Company	2014

### YOUNG AGENT OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an agent (45 years or younger having six or fewer years insurance experience), who has demonstrated dedication to his/her profession by involvement in national, state or local association activities, personal efforts to further him/herself as an insurance professional, skills in selling insurance, and involvement in community activities.

1975	Roger C. Nelson	Lincoln
1976	James C. Kahrhoff, CPCU	Gr. Island
1977	Joseph P. Finn, CPCU	York
1978	Danforth Loring, Jr., CPCU	Omaha
1979	Daniel D. Hartman, AAI	Kearney
1980	Scott Nelson	York

### YOUNG AGENT OF THE YEAR

1981	James C. MadronAll	ianco
1982	John E. Bush	
1983	Mark A. McCueGrand I	
1984	Allen J. Niedbalski, CIC	
1985	David Maurstad	
1986	Steve Morrow, AAILii	
1987	Mark Kolterman	
1988	Mark Linder, AAIBroken	
1989	Jay Huston, CICGrand I	
1990	Allen J. Niedbalski, CIC	
1991	Michael Glaser, CPCU, ARMOi	
1992	Debra Peters, AAI, AAMLii	
1993	James E. Spitsen, CIC, ARMLii	
1994	Debra Peters, AAI, AAMLii	
1995	Ritch A. Nelson, LUTCFOı	
1996	Bob Isaacson, AAIHold	
1997	Lori L JensenOı	_
1998	Mark LiskoOı	maha
1999	Peggy L. Anderson, CICL	.aurel
2000	David A. Chally Kea	arney
2001	Renee Hennings, CISROI	maha
2002	Lorrie PainterOı	maha
2003	Jeffrey Noble A	lbion
2004	Lori A. SpallVale	ntine
2005	Kathryn Kochenower, CICG	ering
2006	Sandra RyksPap	illion
2007	Erica Tucker, CISR	Eagle
2008	Sean D. Chastain, CICOr	maha
2009	Crystal Lessert, AIP	
2010	Andrew C. Bassett, CPCU, CICOr	maha
2011	Lori Ruzicka, CISROı	
2012	Gary Wagner, AAI, AIC, CPSROI	
2013	Jamie GustafsonCentra	I City
2014	Nicole L. OstranderLin	ncoln

### **COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR**

Voted on and presented by the IIAN membership, this award is given to an individual currently working in Nebraska who has done the most to promote the Big "I", foster better company-agent relations, produce new business, and/or help agents provide superior service to their clients.

Jack R. Cory, CPCU	. St. Paul Companies	1971
William D. Bisson	. USF & G	1972
Gerald Herron	. Continental Insurance Co	1973
Edwin C. Boehmer	. Cornhusker Casualty Co	1974

### **COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR**

Ronald M. Hartman	Great American	1975
Howard C. Gebhardt	USF&G/Cornhusker Casualty Co	1976
Gene Andrew	Universal/Inland Group	1977
Frank E. Cochran	Hartford Steam Boiler	1978
	Aetna Life &Casualty	
John Deardorff	Aetna Life &Casualty	1980
Thomas Englehardt	American States	1981
Howard C. Gebhardt	Cornhusker Casualty Co	1982
Jack Immell	Cornhusker Casualty Co	1983
Jeffrey H. Allen, CIC	National American	1984
Howard C. Gebhardt	Cornhusker Casualty Co	1985
Steve Linbo, CIC	Cornhusker Casualty Co	1986
Jeff Scanlan, CPCU	Cornhusker Casualty Co	1987
Gary Baumann, CPCU	Farmers Mutual	1988
Wayne Larson, CPCU	USF&G	1989
Karen Fish	Dairyland Insurance	1990
Dave Becker	ITT Hartford	1991
William Everett, CPCU	Aetna Life and Casualty	1992
	Cincinnati Insurance Co	
Jo Ann Ross	General Casualty	1994
Eugene Peterson	United Fire &Casualty	1995
Carol Miller, CIC	Omaha Property& Casualty	1996
Darrin D. Warnock, AU	Ohio Casualty	1997
	Hawkeye Security	
Lee Boelter	North Central Crop Insurance	1999
Roger C. Nelson	North Star Companies	2000
Jim Headlee	Continental Western	2001
Patti Massey	Progressive	2002
	Allied Insurance	
Jeffrey H. Allen, CIC	Columbia Insurance	2004
	Le Mars Insurance	
	United Fire Insurance Group	
Steve Linbo	FirstComp Insurance	2006
Robert A. Bortz, CIC	Farmers Alliance Companies	2007
	Farmers Mutual of Nebraska	
	AAA Nebraska	
	The IMT Group	
Adam Crowe, AIC	North Star Mutual Ins. Co	2011
Julie Richt	Liberty Mutual	2012
Steve Linbo	Markel FirstComp Insurance	2013
Riley E. Tonkin, CPCU, CIC	EMC Insurance Companies	2014

### **SPIRIT OF NEBRASKA**

New in 2005, this award is presented to a living individual who has achieved national prominence and made a major contribution to the health, prosperity, education, and/or well being of the citizens of Nebraska.

Hon. Tom Osborne, U.S. House of Representatives (NE)	2005
Sen. E. Benjamin Nelson, U.S. Senate (NE)	2006
Christina M. Hixson, Trustee, Lied Foundation Trust	2007
Clavton C. Anderson, NASA Astronaut	2009

# 2015 SPIRIT OF NEBRASKA AWARD Jeff Raikes



Jeff Raikes is the co-founder of the Raikes Foundation, which he and his wife, Tricia, established in 2002. Jeff retired from his role as chief executive officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2014, having guided the global organization through more than five years of significant growth. He came to the philanthrop-

ic world from a 27-year career at Microsoft Corporation, where he was a member of the senior leadership team and president of the Microsoft Business Division. He serves on the boards of Cost-co Wholesale, the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the Microsoft Alumni Network. He is a trustee of Stanford University, where he holds a bachelor's degree in engineering-economic systems.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015—3:30 PM WINDSOR II BALLROOM

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### Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Continental Breakfast: 8:00 am Sponsored by Liberty Mutual

### 11:00 am—Big "I" Golf Tournament—Eagle Hills Golf Course

Enjoy golf at the beautiful Eagle Hills Golf Course. Scramble format. Shotgun start.

9:00 am-4:00 pm-Windsor II

E&O Risk Management: Meeting the Challenge of Change Sam Bennett, CIC (6 Ethics )



This seminar, created by IIABA and Swiss Re Corporate Solutions, is the seminar that E&O policyholders can attend to receive a 10% loss control credit. The seminar looks at agency E&O risk management from the agency perspective and addresses the fundamentals of reducing E&O exposure in today's ever-changing agency operations.

### Included is:

- A review of the law of agency and agency-carrier relations,
- Understanding agent duties,
- Reporting an E&O claim,
- Agency defenses and documentation,
- E&O considerations for agency operations,
- E&O issues of certificates of insurance
- Minimizing E&O exposure from excess & surplus lines
- Limiting exposures to data breaches, and
- E&O exposures when using social media

Sponsored by The IMT Group
Tuesday Breaks Sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance Company

12:00 pm-1:00 pm-Lunch -Windsor I

Sponsored by Farmers Mutual of Nebraska

8:00 pm — Midnight— Embassy Suites
IIAN President's Hospitality with the 1752 Club



After a full day on the golf course (or the classroom), drop by Phil Winkelmann's hospitality suite—members of the 1752 Club will be there to tend bar and keep the conversation flowing. Networking and having fun can be the best parts of the convention.

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### Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Continental Breakfast: 7:30 am Sponsored by Patriot National, Inc.

### **Concurrent Sessions**

<u>8:30 — 4:30 pm — William T. Hold Seminar (7 CEUs IA & NE) — Windsor I</u> Sam Bennett, CIC , AFIS, CRIS, CPIA



This seminar is designed to meet the continuing education needs of experienced insurance professionals.

Topic sessions will include:

**Personal Lines and the Business Exposure :** You will analyze significant coverage issues associated with homebased businesses. **Additional Insured Endorsements:** You

will gain an understanding of hold harmless/indemnity agreements and the waiver of subrogation concept. Then you'll discuss the purpose, coverage and limitations or exclusions for additional insured endorsements. **Cyber Liability:** Gain an understanding of the need for Cyber Liability coverage and the issues of this market segment.

(Must attend class in entirety for CE credit.)

Sponsored by QBE NAU

<u>8:30—11:30 am — Commercial Lines—To Endorse or Not (3 PC)— Windsor II</u> Angie Heavener, CIC



After careful review of your clients' exposures you soon realize the need for modified, enhanced or broadened coverage. This course will analyze commercial property policies and their pledge of indemnification for loss of or damage to property – along with the definitions of what is and what is not covered property. Then, the numerous endorsements to tailor the property coverage forms to the needs of the

insured will be covered.

Sponsored by Columbia Insurance Group

8:30—11:30 am — Applied User Training (No CEUs) — Fedora II
Earl Kelley—TAM Consultant

**Office 2013 – Realistic Tips for Agency Users:** Acquire little nuggets of knowledge that you will be able to use regularly in your daily work life.

**Your Inbox is Not Your Customer Filing Cabinet.** Reduce E&O exposures and decrease wasted time by having all documentation in the agency system

### **Concurrent Sessions (continued)**

<u>8:30—11:30 am — Cold Call To Close (No CEUs) — Fedora I</u> Leah Georges, Ph.D.



For the first time in America's modern history, there are five generations interacting in the workplace. This interactive session will shed light on the preferences, strengths and communication styles of these five generations and how to best capitalize on these preferences to successfully interact within the workplace and in the sales field. All attendees will leave with an understanding about how to use these com-

munication preferences to work effectively with a generationally diverse sales team—from initial contact to close!

NOTE: This course will be repeated Thursday, October 15, 8:30 am - 11:30 am

**Sponsored by Continental Western Group** 

Wednesday Breaks Sponsored by Travelers

11:30 am-12:30 pm - Windsor VII-VIII

Education Recognition Luncheon/Annual Meeting

While you're enjoying lunch, Big "I" members will elect officers and directors, and IIAN will honor those who have achieved excellence in education and professional development, including our new Certified Insurance Service Representative designees, and the CSR of the Year.

Sponsored by Markel FirstComp

### **Concurrent Sessions**

<u>12:30—4:30 pm — Where's the Liability; Drones, Cyber & EPL (4 PC)— Windsor II</u> Angie Heavener, CIC

These exposures could include costly lawsuits, government fines, data theft and other criminal activities. Small businesses may face financial ruin, but even larger companies may have a hard time recovering. There could even be loss of personal assets in some circumstances. The problem - many times owners and executives believe they already have the proper protection – under the CGL! The General Liability policy is only one piece of the puzzle. We will look at a number of other potential problems and solutions that your client may face

Sponsored by Iowa Mutual Insurance Company

### Wednesday, October 14, 2015 (continued)

<u>12:30—4:30 pm — Applied User Training (No CEUs) — Fedora II</u> Earl Kelley—TAM Consultant

**Secure Email for Compliance & Peace of Mind.** Securing confidential and personally identifiable information should be a priority for every insurance agency. The goal of this class is to understand how various solutions work and what they are designed to accomplish.

**Activity Notes.** Activity Notes download are the newest download tool available in Applied. The goal of this class is to learn not only what they are, but how this valuable tool can be used in your agency to save keystrokes and enhance your paperless status.

<u>12:30—4:30 pm — Capitalizing On Generational Strengths (No CEUs)</u> Leah Georges, Ph.D. — <u>Fedora I</u>

This interactive workshop will delve into intergenerational communication strategies at a detailed level. Attendees can expect a combination of expert facilitated presentation, conversation with other attendees, and the opportunity to develop a communication action plan for immediate implementation with an office or sales team, with special attention to generational communication strengths

**Sponsored by Rural Community Insurance Services** 

4:30 — 7:00 pm — Industry Night Reception & Trade Fair — Windsor V-VI
Head over to Bourbon Street to join industry friends for great food, fun, and networking at IIAN's industry night reception & trade fair. Visit with our 60+ exhibitors to gain the latest industry information and learn about new products available. Make the rounds and visit every booth for the chance to win one of five cash prizes of \$100 each!

7:00 — 7:30 pm — Reception/Entertainment — Windsor VIII-IX

<u>7:30 — 8:30 pm — Awards Dinner — Windsor VIII-IX</u>



Dance your way to the Reception and Awards Dinner to the music of New Orleans, and enjoy some Cajun specialties! **IIAN President Phil Winkelmann** will honor Association leaders who have contributed to the Big "I" tradition as the premier service organization for independent insurance agents, and **IIABA Vice President Spencer Houldin** will install IIAN's new officers for the coming year.

### Thursday, October 15, 2015

Continental Breakfast: 7:30 am Sponsored by RAS

### **Concurrent Sessions**

8:30—11:30 am — Cold Call To Close (No CEUs) — Fedora I Leah Georges, Ph.D.

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NOTE: This course is a repeat of Wednesday, October 14, 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Sponsored by Accident Fund Insurance Company of America

### <u>8:30—11:30 am — Personal Lines Surprises (3 PC)— Windsor II</u> Angie Heavener, CIC

In order to properly insure the property and liability exposures of insureds you need to understand exactly what those needs are. You start by looking at how the buyer views their risk and how they manage their risks. In addition, you need to understand the policies chosen by looking at the definitions, exploring who is an insured, and discovering what endorsements may be needed to amend, extend or reduce coverages in order to tailor the coverages to fit your insured's needs. We will also address current changes in the homeowner and auto forms. Examples of previously covered and now uncovered claims will be used to emphasize the changes that have made.

### Sponsored by AAA Nebraska

8:30—11:30 am — Content Marketing-How to attract the modern insurance buyer (No CEUs)— Fedora II
Ryan Hanley



There is a battle taking place online every day! It's not a fight for the fate of the world . . just the future of **your** business. **Learn the content marketing tactics which will yield a positive return on investment immediately**. More importantly - learn why they work and how you can implement them in your agency

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### Thursday, October 15, 2015 (continued)

### 11:30 am—12:30 pm — IIAN President's Luncheon — Dapper III

While you're enjoying lunch, incoming IIAN Vice President Mike Jones will share his vision for the coming year, and talk about an exciting new legislative advocacy initiative and how you can be involved.

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### **Concurrent Sessions**

### <u>12:30—3:30 pm — Risk Management Tour (3 PC)— Windsor II</u> Angie Heavener, CIC

Considering today's market, if all you sell is policies it is likely you will not be able to compete with agencies that take the broader risk management approach to their client's needs. Risk Management is a value-added service that agents can and should offer. This program will demonstrate the process of making and carrying out decisions that will minimize the adverse effects of accidental loses. You will visit a business risk, identify hazards from a hands-on approach, and offer solutions from a risk management perspective. Who knew learning could be so much fun!

Sponsored by Nationwide Insurance

### <u>12:30—3:30 pm — Hot Agency Issues; Roundtables (No CEUs) — Fedora I</u> Leah Georges, Ph.D.

This session includes a series of impactful roundtable conversations about expert- and audience-identified current hot topics in insurance. Attendees will have the opportunity to informally move in and out of conversations about a wide variety of relevant subjects. This session also serves as an opportunity to network with other conference attendees.

Sponsored by Progressive

### <u>12:30—3:30 pm — How To Create A Client Online Community (No CEUs)—</u> Ryan Hanley Fedora II

Learn how to use **email marketing and social media** marketing to build fences around your clients **so they never want to leave!** 

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

11:00 am Golf Tournament (shotgun start) Eagle Hills 8:00 am Registration Open/Continental Breakfast Pre-function Area

9:00-4:**00** pm **E&O Risk Management** (6 Ethics CEUs) Windsor II

Sam Bennett, CIC, AFIS, CRIS, CPIA

12:00-1:00 pm Windsor I

8:00-Midnight IIAN President's/1752 Club Hospitality

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

7:30 am Registration Open/Continental Breakfast **Pre-function Area** 

**Concurrent Sessions** 

8:30-11:30 am Wm T. Hold Seminar (7 CEUs IA & NE) Windsor I

Sam Bennett, CIC, AFIS, CRIS, CPIA

Windsor II Commercial Lines—To Endorse or Not Endorse (3 PC)

Angie Heavener, CIC

Cold Call To Close (No CEUs) Fedora I

Leah Georges, Ph.D. **Applied User Training (No CEUs)** 

Fedora II

Earl Kelley

11:30-12:30 pm **Education Recognition Luncheon/Annual Business Mtg** Windsor VII-VIII

**Concurrent Sessions** 

12:30-4:30 pm Wm T. Hold Seminar-Continued (7 CEUs IA & NE) Windsor I

Sam Bennett, CIC, AFIS, CRIS, CPIA

Windsor II Where's the Liability—Drones, Cyber and EPL (4 PC)

Angie Heavener, CIC

Capitalizing on Generational Strengths (No CEUs) Fedora I

Leah Georges, Ph.D.

Applied User Training (No CEUs) Fedora II

Earl Kellev

4:30-7:00 pm **Industry Night Reception and Trade Fair** Windsor V-VI 7:00 -7:30 pm Reception/Entertainment Windsor VII-IX **Dinner/Annual Awards** Windsor VII-IX 7:30 -8:30 pm

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**

### **Concurrent Sessions**

8:30-11:30 am Personal Lines Surprises (3 PC) Windsor II

Angie Heavener, CIC

Cold Call To Close—REPEAT (No CEUs) Fedora I

Leah Georges, Ph.D.

Content Marketing—How to attract the modern insurance buyer (No CEUs) Fedora II

Ryan Hanley

11:30-12:30 pm **IIAN President's Luncheon** Dapper III

12:30-3:30 pm Risk Management Tour (3 PC) Windsor II

Angie Heavener, CIC

Fedora I Hot Agency Issues—Roundtables (No CEUs)

Leah Georges, Ph.D.

How to create a client online community (No CEUs) Fedora II

Ryan Hanley

Windsor II 3:30 pm Spirit of Nebraska Award Presentation

Presented to Jeff Raikes, former CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation