

IIAN ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2016

IIAN OFFICERS & DIRECTORS ELECTED

The following members were elected on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, during the Annual Member meeting in Kearney.

OFFICERS:



PRESIDENT: Krae E. Dutoit – Gary Thompson Agency, Inc.
– Grand Island

IIAN Offices Held: Vice President 2016, Secretary-Treasurer 2015

IIAN Board Service: 2012 – Present

IIAN Committee Service: Member Engagement Task Force (Chairman), Finance (Past Chairman), Nominating, Young Agents, Leadership Development Task Force (Past Chairman)

Krae is an owner and partner with the Gary Thompson Agency. Prior to joining the agency, he was an underwriter for Principal Financial Group. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Hastings College majoring in Business Administration. He is currently working towards the CIC professional designation. Krae has served as a Connector/Ambassador with the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, as well as being active with the Young Professionals Organization. Krae and his wife, Kinsey, have four children: Kason, Kwin, Kyler and Kashton.



VICE PRESIDENT: James G. Zimmer, Jr. - Zimmer Insurance Group
– Lincoln

IIAN Offices Held: Secretary-Treasurer 2016

IIAN Board Service: 2012 – Present

IIAN Committee Service: Annual Convention, Finance, Dues Task Force

Greg is a principal of Zimmer Insurance Group, and has been a producer for the agency for the past 30 years. Before joining Zimmer Insurance Group, he attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Greg has had experience with and been active on several Boards over the years, from leadership to “at large” positions, including serving as a director and past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Lincoln. He also served as a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard for over 25 years, and retired as a Master Sergeant. Greg enjoys sailing, and is past Commodore of Lincoln Sailing Club.

Greg says, “I would like to “give back” what I can to the association that has supported our agency and myself over the last 30- plus years.”



SECRETARY/TREASURER: Sandra E. Ryks, UNICO Group, Inc. – LaVista

IIAN Board Service: 2013 - Present

IIAN Foundation Board Service: 2006-2015

IIAN Committee Service: Agency/Professional Development, Young Agents (Past Chairman, Annual Convention (Past Co-Chairman),

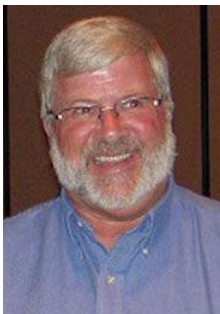
Legislative, Legislative Advisory Council Ambassador, Dues Task Force

IIAN Awards: Young Agent of the Year 2006, Chairman of the Year 2006

Sandra has been a producer and account executive with UNICO Group in Papillion since 2004. She was Territory Sales Manager for AAA Nebraska, from 2000 – 2004, and Territory Sales Manager with Progressive Insurance from 1991 – 2000. Sandra received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Marketing from the University of Nebraska – Omaha in 1987. She served on the IIA of Omaha Board from 2011 - 2015, serving as President in 2014. Sandra is a board member for the Bellevue Swim Club, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. She and her husband, Tom, have a daughter, Alexandra.

Sandra says: “I have been involved with the association since I started working as an independent agent in 2004, and find it very rewarding. Being on the (IIAN) board has really opened my eyes to what it takes to make IIAN a great organization, and advocate for the independent agent, and I would like to help continue this legacy.”

IIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Three Positions



Todd Anderson, Todd Anderson Insurance Agency - York

IIAN Board Service: 2013 - Present

IIAN Committee Service: Legislative, Crop Insurance Task Force (Chairman), Legislative Advisory Council Ambassador.), Dues Task Force

National Committee Service: IIABA Crop Insurance Task Force, 2011-Present

IIAN Awards: Distinguished Service 2015

Todd established Todd Anderson Insurance Agency in 2016, specializing in crop insurance solutions. He began his insurance career with Hartford Crop Insurance in 1993. Starting in 1997, he worked for Aon Risk Services as Ag Risk Manager, then moved to Cornerstone Insurance Group, where he was Crop Insurance Manager from 2000-2016. Todd has represented IIAN members at IIABA Legislative Conferences from 2012-2016, meeting with Risk Management Agency staff regarding crop insurance issues. He has been involved in Sertoma, and was awarded “Sertoman of the Year” in 2003. He is also a past president of Habitat for Humanity. Todd and his wife, Barbara, have four daughters – Samantha, Melissa, Lindsay, and Emily, along with three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Todd says: “(I want) to help the independent agents in Nebraska find answers to questions pertaining to how to maintain and grow their agencies. Whether that is on education issues, legislative issues or staffing issues, I think IIAN can play an important role in answering those questions.

IIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Three Open Positions (con't.)



Vincent Christensen, Christensen Insurance Agency – St. Paul

IIAN Committee Service: Legislative – InsurPac State Chairman,

Legislative Advisory Council Ambassador

IIAN Awards: Young Agent of the Year 2015,

Innovative Leadership Program Graduate 2015

IIABA Awards: InsurPac Young Agent of the Year 2015

Vincent has been an agent for Christensen Insurance for five years, and became co-owner this year. He has represented IIAN members at IIABA Legislative Conferences in 2015 and 2016, and completed IIAN's "Innovative Leadership" program in 2016. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 2011. Vincent's community activities include serving as St. Paul's Chamber president in 2016 and board member in 2015. He is also a board member at St. Paul United Methodist Church, president for the Central Nebraska Ducks Unlimited Chapter, and a member of St. Paul Economic Development and Team Mates. **Vincent says:** "I feel that it is important for anyone, regardless of the industry they work in, to serve and advocate for their industry. I want to help promote our Independent Insurance Agency system and the agents delivering our message."



Cole Williams, AIP, Insurance Associates, Inc. - Norfolk

IIAN Committee Service: Legislative Advisory Council Ambassador

IIAN Awards: Elite Force Sales Program "Top of Class" 2010,

Innovative Leadership Program Graduate 2015

Cole has been an insurance agent with Insurance Associates since 2009. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Wayne State College in 2008. Cole completed IIAN's Elite Force Sales Training program in 2010, earning the national Association in Insurance Production (AIP) designation. In 2014, he was named "Top 10 Growth Agent" by Midwest Family Mutual, and *Insurance Business*

America named him tops in new policy growth.

Cole is active in his community as founding President of Kiwanis "Emerging Leaders", and volunteers for the Great American Comedy Festival, and "For The Girls" local breast cancer fundraiser.

Cole says: "After seven years of being an independent agent for a small agency in Norfolk, the opportunity to volunteer for an (IIAN) board position is an honor. I'm proud to be an independent agent and I look forward to giving back to an industry that's given me the opportunity to grow professionally and provide for my family."