



# Region IV JULY 2008 Newsletter



"A New Direction with a  
Passport to Success"

## **IMPORTANT DATES & INFO:**

*Networking Weekend August 22-24  
South Bend IN – form attached*

*IN Council Meeting September 5-6*

*Family vacation October 5-12*

*MI Council Meeting October 17-18*

*KY Council Meeting October 24-25*

*OH Council Meeting November 7-8*

*Region IV Conference  
March 27- 30, 2009  
Troy Michigan*

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This year I will not be passing a hat at your annual council meetings to collect funds for NAIW International President Jenelle's literacy program. I will be selling t-shirts for \$12. They have our **NAIW logo on them and say Region IV I'M OK**, which is Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky. Your 2008-09 Council Directors each have one to show you, plus information will be on our website. **Pink for ladies**, gray for our male members.

My National Convention highlights:

**Region IV Rocked**, Miriam Rich was the CWC winner, Jennifer Baker won the first Professional Underwriter Award, and Debra Craig won the Rookie Award. Friday evening I attended the Young Professionals/VIP Reception. Our under 40 group of members are very vibrant and have a lot to offer NAIW. We need to listen to them and act on their advice and suggestions.

During the awards luncheon at National and the rest of the week there, I was on cloud nine, because we had won three major awards. But now I am not only on cloud nine, I am also very humbled by the generosity of our members in helping others in a time of need.

Patsy Matthews, Insurance Women of West Central OH, made the challenge of \$100 per association to help our members affected by flooding. Several of you exceeded the \$100 challenge with a \$200 donation. Ft Wayne went a little further matching member's donations up to \$250; their total was \$660. I'm just mentioning the associations that did something different. Most of you met the challenge head on and I personally want to thank each association who met the challenge of \$100 and members who sent their personal donations. The collection of donations even went outside of Region IV as Past International President Faye and Husband Fate sent in a personal donation. Debbie Craig will be advising me with updates as to how much money was received; to date I know \$3,130 has been received/committed.

As Debbie Craig put it: Friends are God's way of taking care of us.

## **Regional Vice Presidents**

### **Region I** Vice President

Connie Adams, CPCU,AU,CPIW,DAE

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### **Council Directors:**

**IN** – Debbie Craig, IACSR,CISR,CPIW

**KY** – Peggy Eubanks

ARA,ACS,AIAA,CPIW

**MI** – Cindy Prud'homme

**OH** – Betsy Adams, AU,CPIW,DAE

### **Conference Secretaries:**

Patsy Matthews, AIC,AP,CPIW - OH

Angie Schmitt, CPIW - OH

### **Conference Parliamentarian**

Pat Johnson, CPCU,CPIW - OH

### **Conference Committee Chairman**

Meeting Coordinator – Norma Nammensma, CPIW,DAE - MI

Awards – Jennifer Baker, CPCU,CPIW – OH

Bylaws – Jeanne Hlas, AIC,AIS,API,CPIW - OH

Celebration of Life Ceremony

Shari Middaugh, ACSR,CPIW –OH

Credentials – Deb Oldfield, API,CPIW,DAE – MI

CWC – Dottie Fuller – OH

First Timers – Linda Gerke, API,CPIW – MI

Flag Ceremony – Miriam Rich – IN

Historian 2008-09 – Louise Mott-Sage, ACSR,CPIW,DAE

2009-10 – Peggy Eubanks, ARA,ACS,AIAA,CPIW

Nominating – Penny Duer, API,CPCU,CPIW -OH

Minutes Approval – Debbie Craig - IN

Pages – asked but not committed - Tonya

Protocol – Deborah Wade, CTM,CPIW - KY &

Terry Swinford, CPCU,CPIW - KY

Recommendations – Sheila Eskue, CIC,AAI,CPIW - KY

Tellers – Jackie Lindquist, CPIW - IN

Timekeepers – asked but not committed -Teri

Young Professionals – Jennifer Baker, CPCU,CPIW – OH

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Elizabeth Cox – Insurance Women of Toledo

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Jackie Bauman on the birth of her son Camden, to Janet Holstine who will be inducted into the Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame on September 17, to Shauna Lieberman on the purchase of her new home, to Debbie Craig for winning the 2008 IN Outstanding CSR of the Year award, to Latoya Hubbard who received the Distinguished School of Business Alumnus Award at the Clayton State Alumni Association 16<sup>th</sup> annual dinner, Jeannine Westlock on obtaining her Employee Healthcare Benefit Associate designation (EHBA), and to all our Region IV members who won their association Insurance Professional of the Year award. I also read that Jean Gregory won the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Insurance Women's Employer of the Year Award and if I were to present one I would also give it to her for her support for Linda Britton to attend our Conference in March.

**SYMPATHY TO:** Anita Jones on the loss of her husband, Anne Gajewski on the loss of her father and Peggy Eubanks on the loss of her husband.

**TIPS: Did you know?** NAIW (International) does not permit electronic mail voting. We are a Colorado Corporation formed in Denver in 1940 under Colorado Non-Profit Corporations Laws. This means that NAIW (International) and all affiliates must adhere to the laws governing Corporations in the State of Colorado and currently Colorado does not permit voting by electronic means for 501-c-corporations.

### **Conference News:**

Look to the left side of this sheet. WOW! What can I say to the members who so quickly volunteered to serve Region IV as a Conference Committee Chairman, but thank you?

We still need committee members as follows:

MI for Bylaws, MI for awards, 2 from each state for CWC, MI minute's approval, MI, IN, & KY pages, MI, IN, & OH recommendations, IN Timekeepers, KY Tellers. This will be on a first come first assignment basis so rush me your name.

We will be having a Young Professionals something. If you have suggestions or ideas, please let Jennifer Banker and me know.

**[Don't forget to attend your monthly meeting!](#)**