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COMMISSIONER PRAEGER ELECTED TO NATIONAL POST

Kansas Commissioner to serve as President-Elect of the NAIC

TOPEKA, KS - Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is the newly elected President-Elect of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Her peers elected her during the NAIC Winter National Meeting in San Antonio, TX, December 10.

“I am honored to be elected to serve in this leadership role by my colleagues from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. We will all continue to work together in our roles as state regulators to oversee the insurance industry in our respective states and protect the rights of those we all serve: the insurance consumer,” said Commissioner Praeger.

In addition to serving on the NAIC’s Executive Committee, Praeger currently holds several positions with the NAIC. She is Chair of the Long-Term Care (B) Working Group and the Information Systems (H) Task Force, Vice Chair of the Life and Health Actuarial Task Force, and serves on the Life Insurance and Annuities (A) and the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committees, as well as the NAIC/Consumer Liaison Committee and the NAIC/Industry Liaison Committee.

Praeger previously served three terms in the Kansas Senate and one term in the Kansas House of Representatives. She also has served as mayor of Lawrence, Kan. and was a member of the Lawrence City Commission. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

The NAIC was established in 1871 to promote collaboration among the state regulators. An example of the success of commissioners working together is the implementation of the Interstate Product Regulation Commission. This Commission, which now has 28 states as members, creates a single point of filing for life, annuity, disability and long term care insurance. “This is an illustration of how the NAIC continues to improve the regulatory environment for consumers and companies,” explained Commissioner Praeger.

The Kansas Insurance Department licenses nearly 1,700 insurance companies and 70,000 agents in Kansas every year.

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Also elected at the NAIC winter meeting were Alabama Insurance Commissioner Walter Bell, President, New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny, Vice President and West Virginia Insurance Commissioner Jane Cline, Secretary–Treasurer.

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is a voluntary organization of the chief insurance regulatory officials of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories. The association 's overriding objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry by offering financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. Formed in 1871, it is the oldest association of state officials.

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