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## **PIAA Elects New Officers at May Conference**

Rockville, MD – May 19, 2010 – The Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), a trade association that represents physician and other healthcare provider-owned and/or -operated medical professional liability insurance companies, elected a new slate of officers during its 33rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

The Association's Board elected James L. Weidner, chief executive officer of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP), to serve as chair. Weidner joined CAP in 1995, and the number of California physicians served by the organization has tripled under his leadership.

“We are pleased to announce the appointment of James L. Weidner as PIAA Chair for the upcoming year,” stated Lawrence E. Smarr, president, Physician Insurers Association of America. “His experience and depth of knowledge in insurance and patient safety will be extremely valuable as we continue to work in support of our member companies.

“Jim has demonstrated a true commitment to improving the practice of medicine through his work at the Cooperative of American Physicians,” Smarr continued. “He embodies the ideals that make the PIAA companies stand out so clearly in the field of medical professional liability insurers—and we look forward to the insight and guidance he will bring to the Association in his new leadership role.”

Weidner has been a member of the PIAA Board of Directors since 2002 and most recently completed a two-year term as vice chair. His current PIAA appointments include serving as chair of the Data Sharing Advisory Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee, Finance and Investment Committee, Membership and Bylaws Committee, and Rating Agency Relations Committee. He is also the Board Liaison to the CEO/COO Section and the Technology, Human Resources, and Finance Section.

In 2009 Weidner was selected to receive the Spirit of Life® Award—City of Hope's most prestigious philanthropic honor—for notable contributions to his community and profession. He was also appointed to the Commission of the Californias in 2001 by California Governor Gray Davis.

“After serving seven years on the PIAA board of directors, I am honored to assume the role of chair, and carry on my commitment to helping physician-owned organizations achieve ongoing success,” said Weidner.

“I am fortunate to share the floor with some of the industry’s brightest and most creative thinkers, and look forward to continuing to collaborate with my peers, to promote the practice of cost-effective, high-quality and safe medicine,” Weidner concluded.

Weidner replaces James F. Carland, III, MD, president, chief executive officer, and chairman, Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA). Dr. Carland remains on the Board as a director.

“During his tenure as chairman, Dr. Carland has been a tireless champion of both the PIAA and its members,” stated Smarr. “We are pleased that he will continue to serve the Association as a member of the Board.”

Other officers elected during the Annual Meeting were Theodore J. Clarke, MD, chairman and chief executive officer, COPIC Insurance Company as vice chair, and Gloria H. Everett, chief executive officer and president, MedAmerica Mutual RRG as secretary.

Victor T. Adamo, Esq., CPCU, president, ProAssurance Corporation, Paul C. McNabb, II, MD, chairman, State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company, and William L. Medd, MD, chairman, Medical Mutual Insurance Company of Maine were re-elected to serve three-year terms on the PIAA Board of Directors.

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