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## **International Insurance Association Names New Officers**



April 17, 2012 – **Dirk Heim** was elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Captive Insurance Companies Association (CICA) during the CICA’s International Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Dirk has been involved in insurance finance and accounting for 30 years. For the past 12 years he has been a Vice President for Sierra Land Group, Inc., a privately held owner and operator of hotels and other businesses based in Glendale, California. Mr. Heim oversees all insurance and risk management functions, including the Company’s Cayman Islands captive insurance company. He is Director and Treasurer of the captive, Meridian Insurance Company, Ltd.

In addition to Heim, the CICA Board of Directors elected **Tomas Wittbjer**, Global Head of Insurance for IKANO SA (an affiliate of IKEA) from Luxembourg as Vice-Chair, and **Jason Flaxbeard**, Senior Managing Partner of Beecher Carlson Insurance Services in Denver, CO, as Secretary/Treasurer. Robert H. “Skip” Myers, Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, also joined the CICA Board of Directors.

CICA is an international association for the captive insurance industry and was founded in 1972 by professional risk managers. CICA represents hundreds of captive insurance companies, risk retention groups, and related organizations from more than 30 jurisdictions throughout the world.

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