NEWS RELEASE

Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky
installs new Board of Directors

Louisville, KY – The Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky (IIAK), the state's leading insurance trade association, installed their Board of Directors during the association's 122nd Annual Convention & Trade Show on November 15, 2018 at The Omni Hotel in Louisville, KY.
Aaron LaRue was installed as Chair, Ray Robertson, CIC as Chair-Elect and Kevin Desmond as Vice Chair.

Aaron LaRue is Vice President of LaRue-Carey Insurance Group in Bardstown, Kentucky. He has served IIAK in a variety of capacities, including Young Agent Chair in 2011 and currently serves as a member of the Events, Foundation, and Industry Partner Committees. In his community, LaRue is a member of the Bardstown/Nelson County Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the St. Thomas Parish Finance/Admin Committee, is an affiliate member of the OKH Board of Realtors, a member of the Foster Heights Elementary Athletic Board and is a volunteer coach for Nelson County Little League baseball. He and his wife, Tanya, have one daughter, Audrey, and one son, Clay.

Ray Robertson, CIC is a Partner of Limestone Agency, LLC in Mt. Sterling where he has worked for 21 years. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Robertson went on to earn his Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation in 1994. He also serves IIAK in a variety of capacities, most recently as a member of the Education, Events and Industry Partner Committees. In his community, Robertson is a member of First Christian Church, President of the Mount Sterling Main Street Board and Chair of Mt. Sterling Planning & Zoning Commission. He and his wife, Stephanie, have one daughter, Ashlyn, and one son, Laken.

Kevin Desmond is President of Desmond Brothers, Inc. in Bellevue, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Newport Catholic High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Xavier University in 1977. He also currently serves as a member of IIAK's Government Affairs Committee and is a former Board Member of the Cincinnati chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Fort Thomas. Kevin has two daughters, Stephanie Wood and Jennifer Markus.

Other board members installed at the event include:
- Michael G. Johnson, CIC – Al Torstrick Insurance Agency, Lexington; Immediate Past Chair
- James D. England, AAI – Peoples Insurance Agency, LLC, Pikeville; Treasurer
- Stephen R. Kinkade, CPCU, AAI – Kinkade-Cornell Insurance Agency, Inc., Leitchfield; National Director
- Allen J. Crawford, CIC, CSRM – Reed Brothers Insurance Services, Inc., Somerset
- Whitney Floyd – Field & Main Insurance, Henderson

- Mark Linkous – Glass & Thompson Insurance, Edmonton
- Barret H. "Skip" McGaw II – Riddle Insurance, Madisonville
- Carolyn Reynolds – Reynolds Insurance Agency, Richmond
- Nicholas Rolf – Gross Insurance Agency, Ft. Thomas
- Chris Wiseman – Van Meter Insurance, Bowling Green
- Laura Yount – Mountain Valley Insurance, London

About IIAK - *The Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky (IIAK) is the largest insurance trade association in the state, with more than 300 insurance agencies, employing more than 3,000 people as its members. Independent agents offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. This diversity enables flexibility, customization, competitive pricing and advocacy for the end consumer. These agents offer all lines of personal and business insurance including – property, casualty, life and health, as well as employee benefit plans and retirement products. IIAK members are Trusted Choice®* agents committed to providing a high level of responsive, ethical, courteous and personalized customer service. *The organization was founded in 1896. For more information, visit www.iiak.org.* Trusted Choice® agents can be found at www.TrustedChoice.com.

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