

**Report of Delegate to National Convention
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It was an exciting NAIW (International) Convention in Las Vegas! Margaret did an excellent job, as we knew she would, of presiding over this meeting.

Ohio won the national Confidence While Communicating contest! Risk Architect, Penny Duer from Buckeye Insurance Women. She was terrific, the competition was fierce! Congratulations, Penny!!!

Also, 4 Councils were recognized for meeting Margaret's goals of \$250 in donations to the Legacy Foundation, holding an NAIW class as a state meeting and obtaining \$500 in Convention sponsorship. I'm very proud to tell you that **Ohio** was one of the four! Ohio Council received a free registration to our regional conference next year.

We did vote on a complete name change and/or adding a dba to the name, as discussed at regional conference. In the end, the decision to add a dba was approved, but it is slightly different than what was discussed at regional conference due to a motion from the floor. The new dba is, "International Association of Insurance Professionals." A question came up as to if associations need to change their associations name to follow suit. According to Margaret, since we did not change the overall corporate name, it's up to each association whether they prefer to change their own name.

The other item that required a vote was for International Secretary which was won by Roz Horton of Region III.

Other awards: Region IV did very well! In addition to Penny;

The Michigan Council brought home the Claims Professional of the Year: Melanie M. Elias won

Nancy Fournier was awarded the Risk Management Professional of the Year.

Rhonda McHenry from the Professional Insurance Women of Stark County was acknowledged for retiring this month from Erie.

Congratulations to all!!