

NIBA announces new President and Directors

The NIBA Board welcomes the appointment of Gary Okely, of JLT Risk Solutions as the Association's new President, effective from 23 February 2023.

Gary, who was previously Vice President, replaces Dianne Phelan, from BJS Insurance Group whose term as President concluded at this year's Annual General Meeting held in Sydney on 23 February 2023. Dianne will remain on the NIBA Board as a Director.

"It is very humbling to be appointed as the President of NIBA. I feel privileged to be able to work with Phil and the NIBA Board to continue the great work done by Di and Eric Harris before her," said Okely.

NIBA also welcomes the appointment of Nick Cook, from Steadfast as the new Vice President. "I'm truly honoured to be appointed as the Vice President of NIBA. I'm looking forward to taking on a greater role working with Gary and the Board to help influence the future of broking," said Cook.

Former President, Dianne Phelan, says she's ready to "hand over the baton". "We've achieved a lot in the past few years, and we need to continue the work that began, not only in my time as President but from Eric Harris before me. Gary has great ideas to help our industry progress and I'm excited at the prospect of supporting him."

NIBA CEO Phil Kewin congratulated Gary and Nick on their appointments, "I've been working closely with both Gary and Nick, along with the rest of the Board and look forward to continuing to deliver on our key commitments to provide the best outcomes for our members.

"On behalf of all NIBA members, I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Di for her significant contribution to NIBA as President, and we remain thankful that she will retain her position on the NIBA Board.

The NIBA Board also welcomes the appointment of Steven Hill from Capital Innovation Insurance Group and Jordyn Gilbert from Lockton-Zenith Health & Community Services who were voted by members to be the Qld Divisional Director and WA Divisional Director, respectively.

Steven replaces Heather Peirano who has stepped down from the NIBA Board after six years. We thank Heather for her valuable contribution and insights during this time.

Jordyn has been appointed as the WA Divisional Director, a role previously held by Ward Dedman who retired from the Board in February 2022.



The NIBA Board also welcomes Lynette Walsh from Aon as an International Director. Lynette replaces Eric Harris who retired from the Board in late 2022. We thank Eric for the significant contribution to the NIBA Board over the past 10 years, including serving as President from 2019 to 2021.

David Hosking from PSC Insurance Group joins in an additional position representing a listed network, in addition to the existing Steadfast and Austbrokers representatives.

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About NIBA

The National Insurance Brokers Association is the peak representative body for the intermediated insurance industry in Australia.

NIBA represents approximately 450 member firms and 15,000 individual brokers including large, multinational insurance brokers, Australian broker networks, and small to medium-sized businesses located in cities, and regional areas right around Australia.

NIBA member firms all hold an Australian financial services licence, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission under the Corporations Act, which enables them to deal in or advise on risk insurance products.

At an international level, NIBA is a member of the Council of Asia Pacific Insurance Brokers Associations (CAPIBA) and the World Federation of Insurance Intermediaries (WFII).

NIBA is committed to supporting its members by representing the interests of brokers and their members to government and regulators and promoting high levels of professionalism.