



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS

TO: All NAIC Members
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RE: **2005 ROBERT DINEEN AWARD**

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In 1989, the members of the NAIC initiated the **ROBERT DINEEN AWARD** to honor a state insurance department employee for his or her outstanding contributions to the state regulation of insurance. A former Superintendent of the New York Insurance Department, Robert Dineen was the “founder” of the modern day National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Please find attached the information required for making nominations, the criteria for selection and the selection process. We hope you will carefully consider this information and nominate someone you believe is deserving. There are numerous staff members in insurance departments across the nation who have made enormous contributions to improve state regulation through consumer protection, financial solvency, technology and other important aspects of insurance regulation. Therefore, it is always a difficult process to narrow the nominations to one recipient. Former recipients of the Dineen Award include:

- 2004 – David Parsons, Alabama
- 2004 – Rich Robleto, Florida
- 2003 – Rosanne Mead, Iowa
- 2003 – Fred Nepple, Wisconsin
- 2002 – Betty Patterson, Texas
- 2002 – Randy Blumer, Wisconsin
- 2001 – Stephen J. Johnson, Pennsylvania
- 2000 – Arnold Dutcher, Illinois
- 2000 – Tom Foley, Kansas
- 1999 – Maryellen Waggoner, Colorado
- 1998 – Guenther Ruch, Wisconsin
- 1997 – Larry M. Gorski, Illinois
- 1996 – Kevin T. Cronin, NAIC Government Relations
- 1995 – Norris Clark, California
- 1994 – Cecil Thomas, South Carolina
- 1993 – Vincent Laurenzano, New York
- 1992 – Robert M. Solitro, New Hampshire
- 1991 – Terrance Lennon, New York
- 1990 – James W. Schacht, Illinois
- 1989 – Dick Brock, Kansas
- 1989 – John Montgomery, California

Please submit your nominations in writing to my attention by Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The Special Selection Committee, which consists of the four zone chairpersons, the NAIC President, President-Elect, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, will select the recipient of the 2005 award. The Dineen Award recipient is kept confidential and will be honored at the opening session of the Winter National Meeting in Chicago.