



# NEWS FROM SIIA MEMBERS

*SIIA boasts a very active and dynamic membership. Here are some of the latest developments from member companies and individuals powering the self-insurance industry.*

### ***Captive Resources Announces Executive Leadership Team Updates***

Captive Resources, LLC, announced a series of executive leadership updates designed to further strengthen the organization's long-term growth, alignment, and sustainability.

As part of these updates, Mike Foley has been named Vice Chairman. Foley previously served as Co-Chief Executive Officer and President and will continue to play an active role in shaping Captive Resources' strategic direction and supporting the company's senior leadership as it enters its next phase of growth.

John Pontin has been appointed President. Pontin previously served as Chief Growth Officer, where he led the expansion of Captive Resources' Property & Casualty and Health Solutions businesses, strengthened broker partnerships, and helped advance the firm's growth strategy across multiple markets.

Captive Resources also announced two additions to its Executive Committee (ExCo). Steven Gransbury, President of Health Solutions, and Mark Knipfer, Chief Strategy Officer, have joined the ExCo, reflecting the firm's continued focus on leadership depth, strategic clarity, and enterprise-wide collaboration.

The Captive Resources' ExCo now consists of:

- Nicholas Hentges, Chief Executive Officer
- Mike Foley, Vice Chairman
- John Pontin, President
- Donna Dreuth, Group Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
- JP Boulus, Chief Executive Officer, Property & Casualty
- Steven Gransbury, President, Health Solutions
- Mark Knipfer, Chief Strategy Officer

"These leadership changes reflect our continued focus on the long-term growth and sustainability of Captive Resources," said CEO Nick Hentges. "As our organization evolves, it's critical that our leadership structure evolves with it — ensuring we are positioned to serve our clients, brokers, and partners at the highest level for years to come."

"I'm excited to continue working alongside this leadership team as we further invest in our people, strengthen our client relationships, and support the continued growth of both our Property & Casualty and Health Solutions businesses," commented Pontin on his transition to President.

### ***Berkley A&H Celebrates Milestones***

Berkley Accident and Health, a Berkley company, announced two landmark achievements: celebrating its 20th anniversary and surpassing \$1 billion in annualized premiums. These milestones underscore the business's industry leadership, outstanding growth, and service to its policyholders, according to a company statement.

"Reaching our 20-year anniversary is a testament to the dedication of our employees, the trust of our customers, and the strength of our broker relationships," said Brad N. Nieland, President and CEO of Berkley Accident and Health. "Crossing the \$1 billion premium threshold reflects the value that our solutions bring to organizations seeking clarity, control, and long-term financial confidence. We're honored to have earned our policyholders' trust and built a reputation for integrity over the past two decades."

### ***Daniel Laroue Elevated to CEO at VBA***

VBA, a leading provider of healthcare administration software and technology solutions, today announced a leadership transition designed to support the company's continued growth, innovation, and long-term scalability. Daniel Laroue has been appointed Chief Executive Officer.

According to a company statement, the transition reflects VBA's strategic focus on expanding its product capabilities, advancing its platform, and delivering greater value to customers as demand for flexible, modern solutions continues to grow.

Since joining the company as President and COO, Laroue has worked closely with the leadership team to accelerate product initiatives, support operational execution, and drive measurable growth across the business. As CEO, he will continue to lead the company's efforts to expand its platform, invest in innovation, and help customers navigate an increasingly complex and dynamic healthcare landscape.

"I am very excited about the opportunity ahead for VBA, and our focus remains on building scalable solutions, innovating rapidly, and being a trusted long-term partner for our customers," said Laroue. "We are committed to supporting our customers as their needs continue to evolve."

Mike Clayton, who has served as CEO of VBA for 13 years, will retire from the role and continue supporting the business as a Senior Advisor. He will work closely with Laroue and the leadership team on key initiatives that support VBA's customers and long-term strategy.

"I am incredibly proud of what this team has built over the past 13 years and am very confident in the company's future," said Mike Clayton. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Daniel over the last several months. He's the right person to lead the company through the next stage, and this transition reflects the organization's strength and leadership. I'm looking forward to supporting Daniel and the leadership team in this next chapter. The best of VBA is yet to come!"

#### ***Assured Benefits Administrators Strengthens Sales Team with New Hire***

Paul Joey Stone has been hired by Assured Benefits Administrators as its new vice president of sales. Stone joins the firm with more than 25 years of experience in the insurance and employee benefits industry. In his new role, he will focus on enhancing business growth for employee benefit consultants and developing strategic partnerships to expand alternative funding solutions.

Stone most recently served as regional vice president at Clear Point Health, where he specialized in medical stop-loss captives and alternative funding strategies. Prior to that, he spent over 7 years as a human capital management consultant and executive manager at OneDigital.

Commenting on his new role, Stone said: "I help benefit consultants reduce healthcare costs while improving transparency, sustainability and member experience through alternative funding strategies and cutting-edge point solutions. My work is disciplined, data-driven, and grounded in accountability, delivering solutions that stand up to fiduciary scrutiny and produce measurable results."

Throughout his career, Stone has held several leadership positions, including serving as president of Third Era Benefits and as vice president at First National Brokerage Corporation. He also served as vice president at the Medical Society of Virginia Insurance Agency and was a principal at Strategic Employee Benefit Services.

### ***Boon-Chapman President Featured in Authority Magazine***

Kari L. Niblack, President of Boon-Chapman, was recently featured in Authority Magazine's series focused on improving the U.S. healthcare system.

Niblack shares thoughtful insights on the structural and operational changes needed to create a more efficient, transparent, and patient-centered healthcare landscape. Drawing on her leadership experience in the self-funded healthcare space, she discusses opportunities to strengthen collaboration, modernize administrative processes, and improve outcomes while responsibly managing costs.

Her perspective reflects Boon-Chapman's long-standing commitment to innovation, service, and practical solutions that support employers, brokers, and members navigating an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

### ***Jesse Roberts Promoted at M3 Insurance***

M3 is proud to announce the promotion of Jesse Roberts to Director of Business Development. In this expanded leadership role, Jesse will continue to serve as a key advisor to businesses throughout Wisconsin—bringing strategic guidance, risk insights, and a client first mindset to the organizations he supports.

### ***Carbon Stop Loss Solutions Expands Medical Excess Team***

Carbon Stop Loss Solutions (Carbon) announced the addition of a seasoned Medical Excess team to its growing Managed Care vertical. This thoughtful expansion reflects Carbon's enduring commitment to client continuity, trusted relationships and the consistent delivery of high-quality valued services.

Brent Hoehne brings more than 25 years of U.S. Health experience and will be joined by Senior Underwriters Alex Schaffer and Connor Kalb. They will continue to be supported by both Chris Schmidt and Kim Ming Phun, both FSAs integral to the pricing process. Carbon is an established market leader in the Managed Care sector, offering in-house actuarial, claims, and cost-containment services.

"Our business is built on relationships and trust," states Dan Bolgar, President of Carbon. "We are delighted to welcome this talented group to our tight-knit organization. Their experience and client-focused philosophy align perfectly with what we stand for. We hope our collective offering of deep industry knowledge, actuarial expertise, and in-house cost containment services will continue to provide invaluable support to clients."

### ***Michael Brown to Head Risk Control Unit at Captive Resources***

Captive Resources, LLC has announced the appointment of Michael Brown as senior vice president, risk control and unit leader.

Brown has more than eight years of experience within the firm. He most recently served as vice president of risk control services, a role he held since March 2019. He first joined the organization as assistant vice president of risk control services in November 2017.




*Michael Brown  
Captive Resources*


In his new capacity, Brown leads risk control initiatives for the captive consultancy. Captive Resources provides oversight and development for member-owned group captive insurance companies, currently advising medical stop-loss group and 48 casualty captives with over US\$5.2 billion in annual premium. ■

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