

New directors join UAC board

The Underwriting Agencies Council has five new directors.

Retiring directors Heath Amber (Millennium), Emily Walker (Axis) and Linda King (Sterling) were returned at UAC's annual general meeting in Sydney today and Simon Lightbody (Steadfast Agencies) and Rhys Mills (Solution) were elected as new directors.

Mr Amber, Ms Walker, Ms King and Mr Lightbody will serve two-year terms and Mr Mills will serve for one year.

Chairman Lyndon Turner told the AGM UAC had many highlights throughout 2016, including:

- Hosting 28 educational seminars in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth in Australia and in Christchurch and Auckland, New Zealand.
- Conducting the very successful intensive two-day Emerging Leaders course in February.
- Sponsoring the cocktail event at Lloyd's Asia-Pacific Coverholders' Convention in Sydney.
- Sponsoring the underwriting agency of the year award at the annual ANZIIF-*Asia Insurance Review* industry awards.
- Being the major exhibitor at the NIBA Convention, with 45 members taking pods and several others having their own stands in the exhibition hall.
- Five expos across Australia, in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, and two in New Zealand, in Auckland and Christchurch.
- Developing affiliate partnerships with the Managing General Agents' Association in the UK and the American Association of Managing General Agents in the US.
- Employing an executive assistant to assist UAC General Manager William Legge.
- Advocating on members' behalf, working closely with ASIC, APRA, ICA and NIBA.
- Welcoming QBE as a new strategic underwriting partner.
- Further enhancing the more interactive website with e-commerce capabilities.
- Continuing to implement the 2020 Strategic Plan.

Mr Turner said UAC's future was bright as it continued to grow stronger. "UAC's mandate is to be THE resource for our members and to enable our members to be THE resource for brokers. As your representative body, we will do everything we can to achieve that mandate," he told members.

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About UAC: UAC is the peak body for Australian and New Zealand underwriting agencies. It serves its members' interests by providing professional development and educational events; regular expos to showcase members' specialist products to brokers; marketing campaigns to promote the agency sector; and representation to government and industry bodies. UAC has more than 100 voting members across Australia and New Zealand and almost 40 business service members who assist members to develop their businesses. UAC was formed in 1998.