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PRECHTL HONORED BY NEW YORK INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., June 10, 2015—The New York Insurance Association, Inc. (NYIA) honored Mark Prechtl with the Chair’s Distinguished Service Award at the association’s annual conference May 28 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Prechtl is executive vice president and chief executive officer of Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company.

“Mark embodies the fundamental purpose of insurance—helping people,” Bernard Turi, NYIA chair and Utica National Insurance Group senior vice president, general counsel, general auditor and chief risk officer said. “He has spent the past 30 years making a difference for his customers and colleagues. He epitomizes the meaning of altruism and the passion he has for helping others is contagious.”

In his current role with Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company, Prechtl is the primary representative to industry and trade organizations, community and charitable organizations, government regulators and rating organizations. He joined the company in 1988 as a claim adjuster. In 1992 he was promoted to claim manager and in 1997 to his current position. He started his career in 1985 as a commercial underwriter with an independent insurance agency.

Prechtl serves on the NYIA Board of Directors, representing his company since 2009. He has served on a variety of committees during his more than 25 years of involvement with the association, currently as a member of the Education and Conference Planning Committee, Membership Committee and Public Relations Committee. He also volunteers his time with the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County. Prechtl is a graduate of LeMoyne College with a degree in business marketing.

He resides in Bemus Point, N.Y. with his wife Renee and three children Jillian, Jaclyn and Jennifer.

Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company is based in Jamestown, N.Y. and has been serving New York customers since 1877. The company writes personal and commercial insurance, including homeowners, business owners, farmowners and inland marine coverage. Chautauqua Patrons is rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best.

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