



CAP CEO James L. Weidner Elected Chair of the Physician Insurers Association of America

LOS ANGELES, May 18, 2010 -- The Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP) today announced that Chief Executive Officer James L. Weidner has been elected chair of the Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), a leading trade association representing domestic and international medical professional liability insurance companies owned and/or operated by physicians, hospitals, dentists, and other health care providers. The election took place during the organization's annual meeting held recently in Chicago.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of James L. Weidner as PIAA chair for the upcoming year," says Lawrence E. Smarr, president of the PIAA. "His experience and depth of knowledge in insurance and patient safety will be extremely valuable as we continue to work in support of our member companies."

Mr. Weidner has been on the PIAA board since 2002, most recently serving as the association's vice chair. In his new role as chair, he will have general oversight of the business of the association and supervision of the other officers of the board, as well as the president of the association.

"Jim has demonstrated a true commitment to improving the practice of medicine through his work at the Cooperative of American Physicians," Smarr continued. "He embodies the ideals that make the PIAA companies stand out so clearly in the field of medical professional liability insurers—and we look forward to the insight and guidance he will bring to the association in his new leadership role."

Said Mr. Weidner, "I am honored to assume the role of PIAA chair and, as always, am solidly committed to helping carry out PIAA's mission to assist its members worldwide through education, patient safety initiatives, research, and government relations."