



CAP CEO James Weidner Elected Vice Chair of PIAA

LOS ANGELES, CA., June 18, 2008 -- The Cooperative of American Physicians (CAP) announces that CEO James L. Weidner (Jim) has been elected vice chair of the Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), a trade association of more than 50 professional liability (medical malpractice) insurance companies owned and operated by doctors and dentists. The election took place during the organization's annual meeting held recently in Philadelphia.

Mr. Weidner has been on the PIAA board since 1992, most recently serving as treasurer. According to PIAA president Laurence Smarr, Jim was elected vice chair "because of his dedication, professionalism and, above all, his leadership abilities. I have been constantly impressed by his strength of character both personally and professionally. He's an inspiration." He added, "His leadership of CAP is an excellent example of these qualities. The A+ Rating that CAP's Mutual Protection Trust has earned from A.M. Best for three straight years, is proof of the depth of his dedication and ability."

Mr. Weidner joined CAP in 1995, bringing with him extensive insurance industry experience. During his tenure, CAP has expanded its services, and its membership has grown by 70 percent to more than 10,000 members today. However, he is reluctant to take all of the credit, "Although I am proud to have been a part of CAP's extraordinary success, whenever I look at the people I work with it's easy to see just how vital their contributions are," he says. "I have never before had the experience of being surrounded by so many intelligent people."

A graduate of St. Joseph's College in Indiana, and an alumnus of the Stanford Executive Program, Mr. Weidner also serves on the Insurance Council for City of Hope.