

Frankenmuth Insurance Welcomes New Members to Agency Council

Frankenmuth Insurance is pleased to welcome two new Agency Council members, Ken Jansen and Joe LaBarbera.

Jansen is President of Lake Michigan Insurance Agency, with locations in the Michigan cities of Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon. He has been in the industry for 31 years and his agency has roots going back to 1921.

LaBarbera is President of Mid-State Insurance and Investment in Mequon, Wis. He became licensed during college and started Mid-State Insurance and Investment 35 years ago in his parents' basement. Since then, the agency has grown to become a full-service, multi-line agency that represents nearly 100 insurance companies and over 3,000 policyholders.

In addition, we want to thank two departing Agency Council members, Gary Burton of Robertson Ryan & Associates, Inc., and Todd VanDyk of Olivier – VanDyk Insurance Agency, for their time and dedication to the Agency Council over the years.

Members of the Frankenmuth Insurance Agency Council meet twice annually to discuss issues of mutual and strategic interest, providing valuable insight that helps strengthen the company's partnerships with all agencies. The Agency Council is made up of 11 agency partners representing each region where Frankenmuth Insurance conducts business, including, in addition to Jansen and LaBarbera:

- Gretchen Hopp Doyle, Chairperson, BakerHopp Insurance Group (Mich.)
- Jason Griffith, Legacy Risk Solutions (Ga.)
- Victor Jowers, Upchurch & Jowers Insurance Agency (S.C.)
- Mike Kuhl, Kuhl Insurance Agency (Ill.)
- Jeff Lind, Clark Insurance (Maine)
- Scott McVicker, Savage McVicker Insurance, Inc. (Ohio)
- Brent Neal, Frank E. Neal & Co., a division of Brown & Brown of Tennessee (Tenn.)
- Todd Piersol, Brown & Brown of Detroit (Mich.)
- Vickie Wolcott, M.J. Schuetz Insurance Services (Ind.)

The Council strives to represent the needs and concerns of all our agency partners. We encourage you to reach out to members for feedback or questions. [Click here for a complete Agency Council roster with contact information.](#)

We are grateful to our Agency Council members and look forward to this continued partnership that helps strengthen relationships with all our agency partners.