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CICA Honors 2011 Recipients of Prestigious Industry Awards

MINNEAPOLIS, MN—February 14, 2011 —The Captive Insurance Companies Association (CICA) will honor the 2011 recipients of the **CICA Distinguished Service Award** and the **CICA Outstanding Captive Award** at the Opening Session of the CICA 2011 International Conference on Monday, March 13, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona.



Michael R. Mead has been named the recipient of the **CICA 2011 Distinguished Service Award** – the highest award possible in the captive insurance industry. Mr. Mead is President of M.R. Mead & Company, Inc. of Chicago, an independent company specializing in structuring captives and risk financing programs. Mr. Mead’s leadership of the captive insurance industry is legendary. He is currently President of the newly formed Missouri Captive Insurance Association, a former Chair and director of CICA, and a director of both ICCIE (the International Center for Captive Insurance Education) and the Captive Insurance Council of the District of Columbia. He serves as an advisor

to the Arizona Captive Insurance Association and is a former Chair/Director of that organization. Mr. Mead is also well known in the Cayman captive market where he served as President of Crusader International Management.

“One of the criteria for the CICA Distinguished Service Award is assisting in the growth and success of the captive insurance industry,” said CICA President Dennis Harwick. “No individual has served in as many captive industry leadership roles – formal and informal – as Mike Mead. He is truly the senior statesman of this industry.”



The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., has been selected as the **CICA 2011 Outstanding Captive Award** winner. This award recognizes a successful captive insurance company or risk retention group that has shown

creative uses for a captive, prevailed in difficult times, and gained a positive reputation among rating agencies, regulators, and colleagues in the captive industry.

The National Catholic Risk Retention Group (TNCRRG) was formed in 1987 and issued its first policies in 1988 in response to the market crunch that prompted TIME magazine to publish its famous “Sorry, America, Your Insurance Has Been Cancelled” magazine cover. TNCRRG operates in 26 states and the

District of Columbia. It insures a multitude of exposures for the Catholic Church, including almost 12,000 parishes, 540,000 grade school students, 263,000 high school students, 63,000 college students, 155,000 employees, 35,000 fleet vehicles, 30,000 children in day care, 270,000 patients of free medical/dental clinics, 1,600 professional counselors, and 2,200 board members. TNCRRG also conceived of and developed the award winning VIRTUS Program, a safe environment risk control program for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. This program has been highly praised by both secular and religious organizations.

“Mike Mead and The National Catholic RRG represent the best and brightest of the captive insurance industry,” noted Dennis Harwick, president of CICA. “They are creative and original and they find solutions for organizations whose needs are not being met by the conventional insurance market.”

CICA’s 2011 International Conference on March 13-15, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona features two full days of intensive education sessions and a comprehensive tradeshow where captive owners and risk managers can learn about and evaluate business solutions and ideas with service providers and domiciles. Eric Wahl, a recognized artist and speaker, will deliver the keynote address challenging individual and organizations to transcend mediocrity through creativity.

CICA is the only domicile-neutral captive insurance association. Founded in 1972 by risk managers for their collective benefit, CICA works to provide the foremost education, networking and leadership for captive and risk retention group professionals. Through CICA's personal network focused on the common issues that concern captives and risk retention groups, members are constantly exploring new ways to broaden the use of their captives to increase flexibility in program design, stabilize long-term program costs and increase access to both domestic (U.S.) and offshore reinsurance capacity.

For program details and registration fees for the CICA 2011 International Conference, visit www.CICAworld.com.

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