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Public Adjusters Hit the Books and the Beach at NAPIA's 2011 Annual Meeting

Potomac Falls, Virginia (April 12, 2011) - June might be the start of summer vacation for students, but for the professional public insurance adjusters who attend the 2011 NAPIA Annual Meeting, class is just getting started.

Although the location for the event changes each year (the upcoming convention will be held June 8-11 at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas), the goal for NAPIA members to become better at what they do through continuing education sessions remains the same. A little networking doesn't hurt either.

Public insurance adjusters help policyholders or "insureds" file claims with their insurance companies. According to NAPIA Executive Director David Barrack, the task of ensuring that clients get fully compensated for their loss as quickly as possible so they can restore their home or business requires a great deal of knowledge. And that's where NAPIA comes in.

"Insurance is heavily regulated and staying on top of changes to laws, regulations and practices isn't always easy," says Barrack. "The association offers several events a year that allow PAs to hear about these changes straight from the experts – speakers who make a living studying, defending and interpreting the laws as well as those who practice public adjusting."

At the annual meeting, several attorneys will be speaking on topics such as state government advocacy, windstorm roof damage and local regulatory developments. There will even be some science thrown in when Anurag Jain, a PhD who specializes in structural engineering, speaks about the impact of hurricane damage to buildings.

In addition to valuable knowledge, attendees will receive equally valuable continuing education credit. The event qualifies for five credits towards NAPIA's certification program as well as licensing requirements in most states.

Ray Altieri, first vice president of NAPIA, notes that this conference may be especially valuable for first-time attendees who can benefit from talking to some of the most successful professionals in the field.

"This is your chance to get around some of the top public adjusters in the country who are experienced in handling complex claims that the average adjuster may have not yet had the opportunity to handle," says Altieri. "New attendees can see how these professionals develop successful settlements for their clients. It's a chance to learn from the best in the industry and improve your professionalism."

Registration for the 2011 NAPIA Annual Meeting is available online at <http://www.napia.com/news/online-registration.asp>. Online resort reservations are available at <http://www.atlantis.com/myevent/napia.aspx>.

Founded in 1951, the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters (NAPIA) promotes the highest standards of professional education, conduct and ethics in the field of public insurance

adjusting. NAPIA's 600 members are committed to working in the best interest of their client – the policyholder – and to conducting business with honesty and integrity. To find out more about the association, please visit www.napia.com.

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