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NAHU Installs New Board for 2006-2007

(Arlington, VA) -- The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) installed its 2006-2007 Executive Board at its 76th Annual Convention on June 28 in San Francisco, CA.

David Fear, director of strategic distribution at CIMS, was installed as president. After joining NAHU in 1984, Mr. Fear held numerous leadership positions including local chapter board, state legislative chair and president. At the national level, he has been a member of NAHU's Legislative Council, regional vice president, secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president-elect.

"I'm thrilled to be heading this organization at a time when our members are becoming more critical to employers and consumers," said Fear. "We help consumers obtain and use one of the most critical and personal services they own. Now more than ever, consumers need our expertise in choosing the right plan. What we do simply can't be done by a website, a distant bureaucrat or government manual. Our focus over the next year will be not only to demonstrate this value but to enhance it."

The 2006-07 NAHU Board of Trustees:

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