ANDREW BORIS  
GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY  
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Andrew Boris is General Counsel and Secretary at American Agricultural Insurance Company (AAIC). Prior to joining the company in 2014, Andrew practiced law in Chicago, Illinois, focusing on a broad range of complex insurance and reinsurance issues on a national and international basis. As part of his practice, Andrew also counseled insurance and reinsurance companies and coordinated company-wide internal investigations addressing wide-ranging enterprise liability issues. He is a regular speaker on insurance coverage and reinsurance topics at national conferences. He has authored a book chapter and articles for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, National Underwriter, Global Reinsurance, Journal of Reinsurance, Journal of Insurance, and RISE (CPCU Reinsurance Committee newsletter).

Andrew earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Boston College. He also graduated with honors from the DePaul University College of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and Order of the Coif.

JUSTIN BRENDEN  
CHIEF RESERVING ACTUARY  
THIRD POINT REINSURANCE LTD.

Justin Brenden is the Chief Reserving Actuary of Third Point Re and is based on Bermuda. He has been with Third Point Re since 2012, the year the company was formed. In addition to his responsibility for Third Point Re’s reserves, he is involved in the pricing, risk, and financial reporting functions.

Prior to joining Third Point Re, Justin served as an Actuarial Manager for Ernst & Young LLP in their New York, NY office from 2005 to 2012. During his time at Ernst & Young, he specialized in loss reserving for reinsurance and insurance companies, with a focus on the Bermuda reinsurance market.

Justin earned an undergraduate degree with a triple major in actuarial science, risk management, and finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. He holds the credentials of Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (US), Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (UK), and Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter.
MARSHA A. COHEN, CPCU, ARE
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Marsha A. Cohen is Senior Vice President, Director of Education at the Reinsurance Association of America (RAA). RAA, headquartered in Washington D.C., is a non-profit trade association of reinsurers and reinsurance intermediaries. Ms. Cohen is head of operations of the RAA's Reinsurance Education Institute. Before assuming her current position, Ms. Cohen was Senior Vice President and Director of State Relations at the RAA. Prior to joining the RAA, Ms. Cohen was Assistant Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Royal Reinsurance American Holdings, and its subsidiaries. Cohen began her career in reinsurance at the New England Reinsurance Corporation.

Ms. Cohen is active in industry and professional affairs. In October 2006, she was named by Business Insurance as one of the "Women to Watch". In 2005, the Association of Professional Insurance Women (APIW) named Ms. Cohen "Insurance Woman of the Year." In 2000, she was honored as one of Business Insurance Leading 100 Women and was presented with the Association of Professional Insurance Women's (APIW) "Women of the Future Award." She is a committee member of the Reinsurance Interest of the CPCU Society; Treasurer of the D.C. Insurance Federation and a member of the Board of the American Hebrew Academy. Ms. Cohen is also former Board Member and Past Chair of the Insurance Education Council (IEC) to the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL); Past-President of The International Alliance of Women (TIAW); Past President of the Association of Professional Insurance Women (APIW) and a member of Boston University’s Metropolitan College Advisory Board. In addition, she was an adjunct professor of management at Baruch College, City University of New York.

Ms. Cohen has been a speaker for industry organizations including: Katie School of Insurance and Financial Services, Illinois State University, Drake University, Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society (IRES), CPCU Society, National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), Intermediaries & Reinsurance Underwriters Association (IRUA, Inc), Contracts Wording Discussion Group, Association of Professional Insurance Women (APIW), National Association of Mutual Insurance Commissioners (NAMIC), The International Alliance of Women (TIAW) and the New York Insurance Association.

Ms. Cohen received her Masters degree from Boston University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany. She has attained the designations of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate in Reinsurance (ARe).
ANNE COPE, PhD, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
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Dr. Anne Cope joined IBHS in 2009 just a few months before the groundbreaking for the construction of the IBHS Research Center in Richburg, South Carolina. As the Chief Engineer, she leads the development of research programs to improve the performance of structures in hurricanes, wildﬁres, severe thunderstorms, and hailstorms as well as the team of engineers, scientists, and skilled craftsmen who conduct research on full-scale homes and commercial buildings. She is responsible for the team’s implementation of research ﬁndings into building codes and standards.

Prior to joining IBHS, Dr. Cope was a project manager and structural engineer with Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., designing projects for NASA, Department of Defense, and commercial launch operations. Dr. Cope’s research encompasses topics ranging from the full-scale simulation of wind effects on buildings to detailed studies of the vulnerabilities of buildings to natural hazards and the development of damage prediction models. She is also a proud veteran of the United States Army. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from Clemson University, and her doctorate from the University of Florida. She is a registered professional engineer in Florida and South Carolina.

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FRANKLIN NUTTER
PRESIDENT
REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Frank Nutter has been president of the Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) since 1991. He held the same position with the RAA from 1981-1984.

In the interim, he was president of the Alliance of American Insurers and the Property Loss Research Bureau, which have now merged to be part of the PCI (Property Casualty Insurance Association of America).

Mr. Nutter currently serves on the Board of the International Hurricane Research Center; the Advisory Board of the Center for Health and the Global Environment, an adjunct to the Harvard University Medical School; the Council of the American Meteorological Society; and the Board of the University Center for Atmospheric Research, a consortium of universities managing the National Center for Atmospheric Research sponsored by the National Science Foundation. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the OECD’s International Network for the Financial Management of Large-Scale Disasters and has served on the Board of the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences.

Mr. Nutter has a Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Nutter was an ofﬁcer in the U.S. Navy and is a Vietnam veteran. He is listed in Who’s Who in America.
KATIE PARTINGTON HOWARTH
GROUP HEAD OF Ceded REINSURANCE
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Katie Partington Howarth has nearly 20 years of experience in the reinsurance industry, spanning underwriting, broking and analytics. She currently serves as group head of ceded reinsurance at Argo Group. In this role, she is responsible for the strategy and execution of all of Argo’s reinsurance and retrocession placements on a worldwide basis. She would describe her and her team’s goal as helping Argo’s business to trade forward in the event of volatility in order to deliver on their promises to clients.

Katie was previously head of underwriting risk at Argo Group’s reinsurance operation, Ariel Re, having served in a succession of senior underwriting roles since the company’s formation in 2005. At Ariel Re, Katie led several initiatives that were integral to the company’s success, helping it grow from a start up to the mature company it is today. She joined Ariel Re from Benfield, where she spent four years as a risk analyst and broker specializing in Property and worker's compensation treaty business.

PAUL SIMONS
HEAD OF BERMUDA REINSURANCE
AXA XL

Paul Simons to Senior Vice President and Managing Director, International Property & Specialty and Senior Vice President, Head of U.S. Property Treaty

Mr. Simons is responsible for the underwriting and strategic direction of all U.S. and Caribbean Property business. He has held progressively senior underwriting roles since joining XL via Mid Ocean Reinsurance Company in 1993. He has also been active in many local education initiatives, including serving as immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies.

DAVID STEWART
VICE PRESIDENT
TRANSRE

David Stewart joined TransRe in 1997 as a Special Casualty underwriter for professional liability lines including medical malpractice, D&O, miscellaneous E&O, and environmental accounts on both a treaty and facultative basis. He currently works in the Global Risk Management Department where his duties include reporting related to man-made extreme events, aggregate accumulations and tolerances, and emerging risks.

Prior to 1997, Mr. Stewart spent seven years in the casualty treaty underwriting division at Munich Reinsurance America. His extensive re/insurance career has placed him in a variety of positions with re/insurers including underwriting, broking, business manager, and client auditor. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance from the University of Florida and completed the MBA program with a concentration in Accounting; Mr. Stewart has also completed a Masters in Science in Insurance Management from Boston University and has earned the CPCU (Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter), AAI (Accredited Adviser in Insurance), ARe (Associate in Reinsurance), and RPLU (Registered Professional Liability Underwriter) designations within the industry.

DAVID STEWART (continued)
Mr. Stewart has been an Assistant Adjunct Professor at St. John's University teaching college level, continuing education, and designation preparation courses for many years. He has acted as editorial reviewer for the American Institute of CPCU/insurance Institute of America publication, Reinsurance Principles and Practices, serves as a member of the RPLU Professional Development Committee and authored a chapter (Liability Insurance and Reinsurance Underwriting Considerations) for the Insurance Information Institute appearing in Reinsurance: Fundamentals and New Challenges (2004). He has presented on a variety of topics to re/insurance, banking, and regulatory organizations around the world.

LAURA TAYLOR
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Ms. Taylor is President and Head of Portfolio Management at Nephila Capital Ltd. She currently oversees technology, however during her tenure she has been involved in all aspects of Nephila’s business, with a focus on strategic initiatives and partnerships, structuring, finance and operations.

Prior to joining Nephila in 2004 as Chief Operations Officer, Ms. Taylor worked with KPMG’s Alternative Investment and Banking Practice. Her clients included hedge funds, broker dealers, financial institutions, investment managers and venture capital companies. Prior to moving to Bermuda Ms. Taylor obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Victoria in 1997 and the Chartered Accountant designation in June 2000. In November 2000 she obtained the Certified Public Accountant designation and in 2005 she obtained the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

STEVE WEISBART
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Steven N. Weisbart is senior vice president and chief economist for the Insurance Information Institute. Dr. Weisbart oversees the Institute's program of economic research and analysis, preparing studies in support of the organization's communications mission, speaking to media and conducting briefings for member companies, industry organizations and public policymakers. A specialist in annuities, pensions, and life, disability and long-term care insurance, Dr. Weisbart frequently also makes presentations on property/casualty issues to industry audiences as well as legislative forums.

Since joining the I.I. in 2005, Dr. Weisbart has authored several significant research papers and articles on a variety of insurance issues, including the threat of an avian flu pandemic and the effect of the aging U.S. population on the property/casualty insurance industry.

Before joining the I.I., Dr. Weisbart served as vice president at Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) in New York, where he was responsible for reports and informational publications for customers and others on insurance, pensions and related financial topics. Prior to joining TIAA-CREF he was associate professor of Insurance in the Department of Risk Management and Insurance in the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. Dr. Weisbart is a member of the American Risk and Insurance Association, the American Economic Association, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

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Dr. Weisbart has authored and co-authored four books as well as papers that have appeared in numerous publications, including the Journal of Risk and Insurance, the Journal of Financial Service Professionals (where he was previously an Associate Editor), the CPCU Journal, The Geneva Reports, and Best's Review. Currently he serves on the editorial board of the Risk Management and Insurance Review. He has been quoted in leading publications such as the Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg Businessweek and has been interviewed on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and Fox Business Network.

Dr. Weisbart has taught as an adjunct professor at the School of Risk Management, Insurance, and Actuarial Science in the Tobin College of Business at St. John's University.

PETA WHITE
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Ms. Peta White serves as Managing Director and Head of North American Property Reinsurance at Markel Global Reinsurance Company. Ms. White serves as Managing Director of Markel Global Reinsurance at Markel Corp. Ms. White has more than 10 years of property catastrophe reinsurance experience. Ms. White served as Senior Vice President of Property Reinsurance at Max Bermuda Ltd. Ms. White served as Senior Vice President and International Treaty Underwriter of Property and Casualty Reinsurance Division of Alterra Capital Holdings Limited (alternative name Max Capital Group Ltd.) since January 10, 2006. She served as Vice President and Underwriter, International Department, at Ace Tempest Reinsurance Ltd. She served at CAT Limited in Bermuda. She is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

SUZANNE WILLIAMS-CHARLES
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Suzanne Williams-Charles is the Director of Policy and Regulation and Corporate Secretary of the Association of Bermuda Insurers and Reinsurers. William-Charles joined ABIR with nearly 22 years of industry leadership. As Director, Williams-Charles leads ABIR’s Bermuda office, specifically managing ABIR’s policy development work related to Bermuda’s efforts to ensure that the jurisdiction continues to be recognized as a leading reputable financial center. She also serves as ABIR corporate secretary involving her in every aspect of the Association’s work including corporate organization, government and industry relations and financial management. Williams-Charles is also responsible for leading ABIR’s public outreach agenda.
SUZANNE WILLIAMS-CHARLES (continued)

Prior to joining ABIR, she served as Head of Reinsurance Compliance at Hiscox Re in Bermuda. Williams-Charles has over a decade of regulatory experience in increasing roles of responsibility at the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA), culminating in her role as Deputy Director of Insurance Supervision. In this role, she directed both group and solo entity level supervision, undertaking risk-based supervision of all commercial regulated entities in the insurance sector. While at the BMA, she also served in leadership roles in areas of Licensing & Authorizations and Restoration, Run-off Review & Monitoring. Williams-Charles also represented the BMA at working groups of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).

Prior to her regulatory career, Williams-Charles served with KPMG in senior audit and audit manager positions. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration degree from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, is a certified public accountant and has achieved several insurance industry designations.