

THE INDEPENDENT VOICE

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Local Association Discussion Groups Added to Big I NJ Community

Connecting with your local association just got that much easier! All Big I NJ local associations now have a private discussion group on the Big I NJ Community site to enhance networking opportunities between meetings and events. Join your local online [here](#).

NEW Webinar: New Jersey Home Improvement & Home Elevation Contractors Compliance Training

Join Goldleaf Surety Services on February 19th or a 30-minute webinar to learn more about the New Compliance Bond Requirement for NJ Home Improvement & Elevation Contractors. Goldleaf's New Business Intake Manager, Kendyl Meseck, and Commercial Bond Manager, Kristi Enevoldsen, will explain what this new bond requirement looks like, what information is required for underwriting, and what the bond process will look like. Kendyl and Kristi will also be available to answer any questions regarding this bond or bonding in general. [Register >>](#)

Jump into this conversation on the [Online Community](#).

Promoting Women's Empowerment and Fostering Role Models In Business

Empowering women leads to increased investment in communities, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Women generate a staggering \$1.9 trillion in revenue in developed countries, highlighting the economic potential that can be unlocked by fostering women's empowerment and creating an environment that encourages their success. [More >>](#)

Sign up for the [2025 EmpowerHER Women in Insurance Summit](#) this March 13 today!

And, be sure to encourage your female employees to attend!

Where Homeowners Rates are Rising - And Who is Raising Them Most

According to S&P GMI, the calculated weighted national average effect rate increase for homeowners insurance was 10.4% last year through late December. In 2023, the comparable figure was 12.7%, putting the two-year average increase at roughly 24 percent. [More >>](#)

From Polls to Policy: Understanding the Post-Election Legislative Agenda

From campaign promises to policy priorities, Molly Abbound, Big I director of political affairs, Charles Symington, Big I president & CEO, and Nathan Riedel, Big I SVP of federal government affairs, discuss the 2024 election results and how they will impact the Big I legislative agenda. [More >>](#)

Legislation to Eliminate FIO Introduced in House

Rep. Troy Downing (R-Montana) introduced H.R. 642, the "Federal Insurance Office Elimination Act" into the House stating "Regulation of the insurance industry rests with the states, not big government." The Big I endorsed H.R. 643. [More >>](#)

How Commission Reconciliation AI Tools are Changing the Game for Insurance Agents

Commission reconciliation tools not only save time and reduce errors but also foster transparency, motivate producers, and ensure accuracy in payments. By integrating platforms like Xcelerator, Fintary and Eventual Treasury into your operations, you can create a more productive, engaged, and successful agency. [More >>](#)

Member Obituary

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Warren G. Beyer. Warren began his insurance career at the age of 17 and, after returning from his U.S. Army service, worked his way up to an underwriter position at Crum & Forster Insurance in Philadelphia. He started The Warren G. Beyer Agency in 1966 and acquired the Conover Agency in Wall Township in 1980, thus becoming Conover Beyer Associates. Big I NJ extends our heartfelt condolences to Warren's family and the entire team at Conover Beyer.

[Read the Full Obituary >>](#)

TRENDING IN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY

- Mortgage Companies Selling Insurance
- Markets: Auto Haulers
- NJ Home Improvement and Home Elevation Contractors

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Upcoming Events

March 13 - EmpowerHER Women in Insurance Summit

March 20 - IIANNJ Networking & Bowling Event

April 10 - YAC Masters Event

May 12 - IIANNJ Golf Outing

July 23 - Big I Southern New Jersey Golf Outing

July 28 - Trusted Choice Charity Golf Outing

August 18 - YAC Golf Outing

October 26-28 - NJ Agents Conference

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