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**THE INLAND MARINE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION [IMUA]
ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

James R. Pierce, Chairman, JLT Specialty Insurance Services to Deliver Keynote Address

New York, NY, January 31, 2017 – The Inland Marine Underwriters Association (IMUA) announced its 2017 Annual Meeting will be held May 21-24, 2016 in Braselton, GA, at the Chateau Elan. IMUA also released its 87th Annual Meeting Conference Agenda.

Leading off this year’s IMUA educational agenda will be James R. Pierce, Chairman, JLT Specialty Insurance Services who will deliver the keynote address. Mr. Pierce will give attendees an insider’s outlook at the property and casualty insurance industry from a broker perspective.

In making the announcement of its Annual Meeting, IMUA President and CEO, Kevin O’Brien, said, “Our Education Committee has once again done an outstanding job in putting together a wide array of topics that are extremely relevant to today’s inland marine environment. And, they have secured knowledgeable professionals to address each topic.”

The topics for the IMUA 86th Annual Meeting include:

- Mid-Rise Wood Construction – Cross Laminate Timber
- Transporting Temperature Sensitive Commodities
- Infrastructure – Atlanta’s MARTA Expansion
- Weather Trends – Flooding and Inland Marine Exposures
- Emerging Trends

Mr. O’Brien further noted that back by popular demand will be IMUA’s “Parallel Track” programming. This program is geared toward newer, less experienced inland marine underwriting and claims personnel.

IMUA’s “Parallel Track” is a series of seminars and workshops patterned after the association’s Introduction to Inland Marine Course and will run parallel to the more in-depth educational sessions offered during the Annual

Meeting. "Over the past several years, we have had such favorable response to this program, which is geared to those new to, or less experienced in, commercial inland marine insurance, we once again have included it as part of our agenda. All those attending our 'Parallel Track' sessions will also have access to our general sessions, as well as the keynote address," said Mr. O'Brien.

The Parallel Track subjects to be covered are:

- Introduction to Inland Marine
- The Basics of Builders Risk
- Understanding Contractors Equipment
- Transportation Insurance

IMUA Chairperson, Bill Rosa, commenting on this year's Annual Meeting agenda noted, "I am proud to continue our pledge of assisting our membership in furthering their professional development. And, this year's Annual Meeting is no exception. Offering something for both experienced inland marine underwriters and those new to our industry, our Education Committee has created an exceptional program based on several key issues facing our industry. They have also considered our on-going commitment to reach out to all professional agents and brokers who may or may not be familiar with the many facets of inland marine insurance. We encourage our members and friends in the producer community to take advantage of this exciting educational and networking opportunity."

For more information visit IMUA's website www.imua.org for more details on the final schedule of educational seminars and workshops which are nearing completion.

For more information visit www.imua.org or contact Lillian Colson at IMUA, 212-233-0550.

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