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**THE INLAND MARINE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION [IMUA]
ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF CANADIAN REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Sam Slade, Gen Re|Toronto Branch To Serve As Committee Chair

New York, NY, March 15, 2017 – The Inland Marine Underwriters Association (IMUA) announced the formation of its first international Regional Advisory Committee. Located in Toronto, Canada, the committee will be chaired by Sam Slade CIP, FCIP, CRM, Vice President Gen Re|Toronto Branch.

In making the announcement Kevin O'Brien, IMUA President & CEO, said, "We are extremely pleased to announce our tenth Regional Advisory Committee and our first international one. Toronto is a hub for the Canadian insurance P&C industry with many interested underwriters and brokers that fit the IMUA business model. That is to provide education and a forum for issues which are of common concern to companies doing inland marine insurance business and associate members involved with the industry. I also look forward to working closely with Sam, our newest Committee Chair, in the days ahead."

O'Brien noted the new committee will initially be formed with eight members and potentially increasing to 10 members by 2018 depending on need and interest level. Officers of the newly formed committee are:

- Sam Slade, Gen Re - Chairman
- Mauricio Zani, Burns & Wilcox
- Gord Rider, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty

Commenting on the new Regional Advisory Committee, Sam Slade noted, "We look forward to working closely with the IMUA staff and other Regional Advisory Committees to deliver quality education and to share market perspectives with our members, as well as tap into their database of potential speakers, topics and resources. Initially, we are planning on offering both seminars and co-marketing events."

To learn more about the Toronto Regional Advisory Committee, contact: Sam Slade CIP, FCIP, CRM, Vice President Gen Re|Toronto Branch, 1 First Canadian Plaza, Suite 5705, Toronto, ON, M5X 1E4. Telephone 416-360-2017. E-mail sslade@genre.com.

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