

Ameritas Announces Recent Officer Elections

June 8, 2015//Lincoln, Neb.//JoAnn Martin, Ameritas president and chief executive officer, announces the following officer elections, effective May 1.



Mike Everley was elected vice president – information technology – Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. In addition to his role as Ameritas information security officer and his leadership of the company's information security program, Everley also leads the technology support services unit.

He started working for Ameritas in 2010 with a primary focus on advancing the company's information security program. Everley also led various risk management programs within the information technology department.

In addition to studying computer science at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., Mike holds an associate's degree from Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Neb., and a bachelor's degree in management from Peru

State College, Peru, Neb.



Stephanie Stearley was elected vice president – group customer connections and operations – Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. She is responsible for managing operational metrics for the group division's administration and licensing teams, and developing and implementing departmental operating procedures.

Stearley joined Ameritas in 1992 as a data entry clerk and held various positions within group client services for seven years. She returned to the company in 2001 and has served in managerial roles, most recently as second vice president – group customer connections and operations.

She earned an associate's degree in merchandising from the Art Institute, Denver, Colo., and graduated from Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb., with a B.S. degree in business management.

Stearley holds the FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute), ACS (Associate, Customer Service) and HIA (Health Insurance Associate) professional designations. She is a member of the Leadership Lincoln Class XXX and volunteers for Junior Achievement.



Rick Stiens was elected vice president and actuary – Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. Among his responsibilities, Stiens leads asset liability management and actuarial model-based risk management applications. He also supports the Enterprise Risk Management program to help ensure risks are identified and properly managed.

He joined the company in 1994 and previously served as second vice president and associate actuary.

Stiens graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. degree, university scholar in mathematics from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He minored in business, computer science and philosophy.

He currently holds the professional designations of FSA (Fellow, Society of Actuaries) and MAAA (member, American Academy of Actuaries).

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Terri Wolever recently joined the company as vice president – individual service – Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. She is responsible for providing leadership, vision and overall strategic direction for the individual division’s customer service center and operations support center for all in-force life and disability income insurance policies and annuities.

Wolever brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in insurance operations, call centers, claims and sales.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in management of human resources and a master’s degree in human services with emphasis in counseling, from Bellevue University, Bellevue, Nebraska. She is a member of LIMRA and LOMA.



Paul Zimmerman was elected vice president – individual chief disability income underwriter – Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. His responsibilities include leading the disability underwriting department; collaborating with the disability product and actuarial departments to manage morbidity risk of the product line; and establishing disability underwriting policies, procedures and guidelines.

Zimmerman joined the company in 1997 through 2003, and returned in 2008. He has held various positions in both life and disability insurance underwriting roles.

A graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., he majored in economics with an emphasis in accounting. He holds the professional designations of FALU (Fellow, Academy of Life Underwriting) and FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute).

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