



NYIA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 8 & Thursday, November 9, 2023
The Desmond Hotel | Albany, New York

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Noon–2:00** **Board Meeting**
- 2:00–2:30** **Registration**
- 2:30–3:30** **Practical Perspective: Demystifying Cyber Security**
Panelists:
Stephen Cross, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Merchants Insurance Group
Christy McFadden, Chief Information Security Officer, Utica National Insurance Group
Jeffrey Rice, President / CEO, Wayne Cooperative Insurance Company
Moderator: Charles Makey, President, Merchants Insurance Group
- 3:30–4:30** **Changing Compliance: Initial Insights on Amended DFS Regulation**
Panelists:
Christopher Salone, Consulting Manager, FoxPointe Solutions, a Division of the Bonadio Group
Alexander Sand, Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
James Shea, Founder and Senior Cybersecurity Consultant, Cyber Defense Institute
Moderator: Cassandra Anderson, Vice President, New York Insurance Association
- 4:30–6:00** **Networking Reception**
- 6:00–8:00** **Board Dinner**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:45–9:00 a.m.** **Registration**
- 8:30–8:45** **Chair’s Welcome**
Charles Makey, President, Merchants Insurance Group
- 8:45–9:00** **President’s Message**
Ellen Melchionni, President, New York Insurance Association

- 9:00–9:30** **Members’ Meeting**
- 9:30–10:30** **State of Play: New York Market Insights**
Panelists:
Eric Dinallo, Partner and Robert Fettman, Counsel
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
Moderator: Ellen Melchionni, President, New York Insurance Association
- 10:30–10:45** **Break**
- 10:45–11:00** **The Next Generation of Insurance: New York Insurance Scholars**
John Pappas, senior at St. John’s University
Tommy Patrissi, senior at Temple University
- 11:00–11:30** **Regulatory Address**
Avani Shah, Deputy Superintendent of Insurance
New York State Department of Financial Services
- 11:30–Noon** **Legislative Address**
Senator Neil Breslin, Insurance Committee Chair
New York State Senate
- Noon–1:00 p.m.** **Networking Lunch**