

## A Fond Farewell

Dear NAELB,

The most rewarding experience of my 16 year broker career has been serving the NAELB. The professional growth, contacts made, and knowledge gained from volunteering has been invaluable to my success. That's what is special about the NAELB. A new broker with high expectations, but little knowledge can come to a conference and be educated by some of the industry's best. What is the cost of this education? You only have to be a member and willing to learn. The volunteers of the NAELB are like no others I have ever met. I would like to thank every one of them for what they have done for me and what they have given to this great association. Without volunteers the NAELB would not exist.



**Corey Bell**

I was always taught that it was better to give than receive, but if you were going to receive you better be willing to give. This sentiment is true with the NAELB as well. The early years of my career were spent learning from those industry veterans. As with all things, eventually the rookies become veterans. When the NAELB asked me to present at conferences, later to sit on committees, and then to serve on the board I knew I owed it to this association to say yes. The culmination of that service was being installed as President. This was one of the proudest moments of my professional career. It was also one of the proudest personal moments for me as my father also served as President of the NAELB. I have worked every day since to serve the NAELB with distinction.

To me this association is family. I'm writing this letter today to inform my NAELB family that I have been offered a great opportunity and will be leaving the broker market. As I will no longer be a broker, I can no longer serve as President and will be resigning. This has been a very tough decision. I'm not one to leave things unfinished, but sometimes in our business lives we have to evaluate each opportunity and weigh the options. I leave the association in good hands. Joan Modes will assume the responsibilities as president-elect and she is one of the smartest, hardest working people I have ever met. You also have a fantastic board of committed members who have worked harder this year than in any year I can remember. I would like to take this time to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with them. The NAELB means the world to me and it is with a very heavy heart that I offer my resignation. I wish every NAELB member the best of luck and much success in the future.

Sincerely,