

Northwestern Mutual Appoints Three Executives to New Leadership Roles

MILWAUKEE, December 15, 2015 – Northwestern Mutual today announced the promotion of three executives. Effective January 1, 2016, Rebecca Porter, Sheldon Cuffie and Steve Stribling will be accepting new titles and responsibilities.

Sheldon Cuffie has been promoted to chief information security officer and executive officer. Cuffie joined Northwestern Mutual in 2006. He most recently served as the company's vice president of information risk management, responsible for Northwestern Mutual's cyber-security, risk management and enterprise privacy programs. Prior to Northwestern Mutual, Cuffie served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard for nine years and worked in information systems leadership roles for Kohl's, M&I Bank, Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company, and Abbott Laboratories Global Pharmaceuticals division.

Rebecca Porter has been promoted to vice president – corporate strategy and executive officer. Porter rejoined Northwestern Mutual in 2013, serving as director of planning and resource management for operations and technology. She first joined the company in 1998 as a consultant in budget and expense management, followed by leadership positions in Corporate Planning and Policyowner Services. She continued her relationship with Northwestern Mutual as an external consultant while serving as an assistant professor of financial acumen and business planning for the MBA program at Alverno College.

Steve Stribling has been promoted to vice president – disability income and executive officer. Stribling joined Northwestern Mutual in 1988. He previously served as vice president of life insurance development, leading the company's life insurance product development and implementation efforts. Prior to that, he was responsible for overseeing the group that pays benefits under Northwestern Mutual's disability income products and life insurance waiver of premium benefits, as well as overseeing the company's Special Investigations Unit. He has more than 20 years of product, pricing and claims experience with disability income and long-term care insurance.

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