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## **Fifield of Clark Insurance named president of MEREDA**

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Shown (from left) are: Josh Fifield, Shannon Richards, Craig Young, Mark Stasium, and Shelly Clark

Portland, ME Josh Fifield, a senior account executive in the business insurance department of Clark Insurance is the new president of the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA), a statewide organization of commercial real estate owners, developers and related service providers. As a senior account executive at Clark Insurance, a 100% Employee Owned insurance agency headquartered in Portland, Fifield has over 16-years of experience as an advocate and trusted insurance advisor. He developed an exceptional skill set starting his insurance career as an Underwriter for Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company.

As an employee owner, he is responsible for the continued and successful growth of Clark Insurance by providing its customers with comprehensive business insurance solutions and related safety and risk management services. His focus is on the unique needs of New England's real estate and development focused businesses, providing agency-wide services such as 24-hour claims assistance, competitive plans, exceptional customer service, and safety & risk consulting services.

In MEREDA, Fifield started volunteering as a committee member on the marketing & membership committee in early 2014. In 2017, Fifield was recognized as one of two Volunteers of the Year. He has remained actively engaged as the co-chair of MEREDA's marketing & membership committee and more recently as MEREDA's vice president of the board of directors.

Fifield succeeds Gary Vogel, attorney at Drummond Woodsum who has led MEREDA for the past two years. "Gary's steady leadership during these unprecedented times has shown how well MEREDA was able to quickly pivot in order to continue our statewide advocacy efforts and create informative and responsive virtual events including the MEREDA INDEX and COVID-19's immediate impact to Maine's development industry," said Fifield. "I welcome the opportunity to help guide MEREDA through these challenging times, all the while continuing to maintain its unparalleled pursuit of advocating on behalf of its members."

MEREDA also named its 2020 / 2022 slate of officers which include president Josh Fifield of Clark Insurance, vice presidents Shannon Richards of Hay Runner and Craig Young of The Boulos Company, treasurer Mark Stasium of Camden National Bank, and secretary Shelly Clark, who also serves full time as MEREDA's vice president of operations.

Founded in 1985, MEREDA promotes responsible development and ownership of real estate in Maine through legislative advocacy, educational programs and professional networking opportunities.

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