Dirk Kempthorne was appointed chairman of the Global Federation of Insurance Associations (GFIA) in 2014. He has been the president and CEO of the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) since 2010.

Born in San Diego, California, Kempthorne graduated from the University of Idaho in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in political science. He was elected mayor of Boise, Idaho in 1985, serving seven years before being elected to the US Senate in 1992, where he served one term. He then served as governor of Idaho for two terms from 1999 to 2006.

In 2006 Kempthorne returned to Washington, D.C. to serve under President George W. Bush as secretary of the interior, managing 20% of US lands and an annual budget of $18bn.

He has also led numerous trade missions and delegations to key trading nations such as Japan, China, Korea and Costa Rica.

Kempthorne has served as chairman of both the National Governors’ Association and the Western Governors’ Association, and president of the Council of State Governments, all in the US.