



**THE INSURANCE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON**
Saval Insurance Education Center



A RECORD YEAR!

On October 16th we celebrated the 14th Annual Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony honoring John Myers of AIM Mutual Insurance. While it was our fourth year at the Boston Park Plaza, it was our first time at the hotel since they'd completed hotel-wide renovations. The face-lift did wonders for this year's social hour -- so much so, we had a hard time ushering everyone in to the ceremony itself!

Board president, Nancy D. Adams welcomed those in attendance and made a number of announcements regarding updates that had been implemented at The Library since we last gathered, including the new members portal, a new library catalog (which we hope to unveil in early 2017) and a slate of new online courses. She also led the group in a moment of silence to remember those who we lost in the industry this year, including Andre Sansoucy, Donald Malecki, Library Trustee, John Gray and Richard Gargiulo. Introductory remarks were concluded with a stirring invocation given by Library Trustee, Kathleen Henry, Esq. of Plymouth Rock Assurance.

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Once lunch concluded, the speeches began. While there were many excellent points made by Gregory Shah and Michael Standing of A.I.M. Mutual, both about John Myers' career and the workers compensation industry as a whole, the most memorable speech was the heartfelt one given by Mr. Myers' son, John A. Myers, IV.

The Insurance Professional of the Year Award is given to individuals who are not merely noteworthy for their commitment to the insurance industry, but also for their commitment to the community as a whole. In his speech, John Myers discussed how important his father's work ethic was, but that he also left work at work. When he came home at the end of the day, he focused on his family and helping his community. He talked about how important little league was to his father, and to emphasize the point, he brought out an "I Can" award, less flashy than the Insurance Professional of the Year Award, but meaningful none the less (much like the parrot head awarded to Frank Mancini by Jack Golembeski at last year's event)!

As many articles and news stories now focus on work life balance and how to combine a strong work ethic with a fulfilling life outside of work, Mr. Myers' speech was a good reminder of why The Library's award focuses not just on the winner's achievements in the insurance industry.

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ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

To Members:

In accordance with Article V of the by-laws, as adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association held November 21, 1985 and in compliance with a date and place designated by the Trustees, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the Insurance Library Association of Boston Building at 156 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:30 AM.

The order of business will be:

Calling of the roll

Reading of the record of the previous meeting

Reports of officers and committees

Unfinished business

New business

Election of Officers and Trustees

Adjournment

If you plan to come for breakfast (8:00 AM) and the meeting (8:30 AM), please return the [reservation form](#) here or email mstefanow@insurancelibrary.org

The [reservation form](#) also has the proxy form attached if you are unable to attend and would like to appoint a proxy you may use the same form.



2015 SILENT AUCTION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those organizations who donated to our silent auction (as well as those who bid). Once again, we broke a record for earnings from the silent auction and it was solely due to your generosity! This year's silent auction donors were:

[Accufile](#)
[AIM Mutual Insurance Companies](#)
[Agency Checklists](#)
[The Andover Companies](#)
[Atlantic Charter Insurance Company](#)
[Boston Park Plaza Hotel](#)
[Coverys](#)
[Eagle Insurance Group](#)
[Eastern Insurance Group](#)
[Eastern States Insurance](#)
[Gallagher WGA](#)
[Guy Carpenter & Company](#)
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2015 Insurance Professional of the Year, John A. Myers, III and President of the Insurance Library Association of Boston Board of Trustees, Nancy D. Adams

Following Michael Standing's speech, Nancy Adams presented this year's award to John A. Myers, III.

Mr. Myers began his speech by thanking The Library Trustees, honored guests, fellow award winners and all of those in attendance for supporting him and the Library's event. He went on to explain a little of The Library's mission and to encourage all those present to continue to support The Library and its endeavors.



Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winners

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SPEAKING OF DONORS...

We are gearing up for this year's annual fund solicitation campaign. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter coming your way soon!

HOLIDAY PARTY



Speaking of items to keep your eye out for, we'll also be sending out a more formal invitation to our Holiday Open House being held at The Insurance Library, 156 State Street, Boston, MA from 4:30PM-6:30PM.

WE WANT YOU!

The Library is looking for a few good instructors. If you have strong communication and presentation skills as well as technical expertise and experience in the insurance industry, and you are interested in teaching please contact our Executive Director, Glenn Cryan at: gcryan@insurancelibrary.org

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Mr. Myers also discussed the workers compensation industry in Massachusetts both from a historic standpoint and some of the current issues it faces. He concluded his speech with more words of gratitude, explaining that, "This business is all about relationships."

This year's event broke records for receipts from both the ceremony and the silent auction. We wholeheartedly believe that much of this is attributable to the relationships that John Myers has built both in the industry and in the community as a whole.

As in past years, a letter of congratulations supported by many in the industry was published in The Standard a week prior to the event. In case you missed it, you can find a [copy here](#).

For more information on Mr. Myers' career and his thoughts on the workers compensation industry in Massachusetts, you can read his interview in the current edition of [Agency Checklists](#).

