It is with great pleasure that The Insurance Library Association of Boston joins with those represented here to congratulate J. Bruce Cochrane, CIC as the 2018 Insurance Professional of the Year.

As Bruce said in a recent Agency Checklists Interview, he has both insurance and an insurance agency in his blood. While it may be true that he was “born” into insurance, beginning his career in the family agency, his hard work and forward thinking is what brought him to where he is now, President (and founder) of Renaissance Alliance, an agency aggregation venture which consists of more than 90 agencies writing more than $600 Million in premium.

Throughout his career, Bruce has devoted much time and energy to industry organizations including The Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents, Massachusetts Workers Compensation Fraud Bureau, and the Workers’ Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts. In fact, he is the only person to have served as chairman of the Workers Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau five times.

Bruce has consistently been a leader in the industry, employing niche marketing before many others in New England, pioneering worker’s compensation self-insurance groups, and participating in the drafting of the Massachusetts Workers’ Compensation Reform Act of 1991, which served as a nationwide model and creating an agency cluster in 1999. It is these leadership skills and his devotion to the insurance industry which make him an obvious choice for Insurance Professional of the Year.

We are honored to present the 2018 Insurance Professional of the Year Award to J. Bruce Cochrane, CIC on October 5, 2018.