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**UNMASKING THE 2014 INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL OF
THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY**



Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winners, Richard Brewer, John Golembeski, Michael Sabbagh, Francis Bellotti, Hope Aldrich, John Connors and Daniel Johnston at the 2013 Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony

This year the Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony will coincide with Halloween.

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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The focus of this year's Annual Fund Campaign is to help us maintain complete and current subscriptions to insurance and related publications as well as to preserve our historical collection.

If you have not given already, we ask that you consider increasing the amount you gave in previous years. As a reminder, The Library does not receive public funds; we are dependent upon those in the insurance community and related fields to support us through their memberships and donations.

It is only through the magnanimous support of the organizations and individuals who donate that we have existed as long as we have, 125 years and counting.

On that note, we'd like to thank those individuals and organizations who have already responded to our Annual Fund solicitation. We are so grateful for your steadfast support of our institution. Your financial contributions enable us to maintain the level of service and the quality collection on which so many depend. Thank you for your generosity!

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INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

It's no trick, mark your calendars now for **October 31, 2014**, when we'll be celebrating more than just All-Hallows'-Eve, as we honor a hallowed member of the Insurance Industry.

The Insurance Professional of the Year is selected by a committee comprised of a cross-section of the industry. We value your input greatly as it helps the committee in their decision process. Please send in your nominations for the 2014 Insurance Professional of the Year as soon as possible.

As a reminder, the individual selected to be Professional of the Year shall be someone who: has earned the respect and affection of the insurance community and is recognized as hardworking, public-spirited, and trustworthy.

The award is meant to honor outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves through service to their industry and the community at large. If you know of a worthy candidate who fits these criteria, we'd love to hear about them.

For a full list of the past winners, you can visit our website, [here](#). Please forward any nominations for a 2014 winner that you might have to shart@insurancelibrary.org by **April 1, 2014**.

OTHER AWARD WINNERS

While The Insurance Professional of the Year Award is probably our most famous honor, The Insurance Library also gives two outstanding students from our education programs an award every year at The Library's annual members meeting. This year was especially poignant as it was the first year that the Barbara Thornton Award had been given since Ms. Thornton passed away in March of 2013. It was announced at the meeting that in lieu of flowers, Ms. Thornton's family had asked that funds be donated to support the perpetuation of this award.

Ross Markowitz of AEW Capital Management was this year's winner of the Barbara W. Thornton Award.

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AWARDS, Continued

For more information on the Barbara W. Thorton Award, please visit our [website](#).

The other award given annually is the Frank W. Humphrey Golden Anniversary Award, for more information on this award, visit our [website](#). For the second year in a row, the winner was a student from William Gallagher Associates. Joe Sciacca presented this year's award to Christine Doherty as several of her co-workers looked on. We congratulate both winners on their achievement!



Joseph Sciacca and 2013 Frank W. Humphrey Award Winner, Christine Doherty

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

Both The Insurance Library Association of Boston and The Standard Publishing Company have been Boston stalwarts of the local insurance industry for over a century. As early as 1889, The Standard published some articles on The Library's role as an educator. Daniel Handy provided the following two quotes in his history of The Library:

"Who can tell if this Insurance Library Association of Boston may not be the nucleus of a Fire Insurance Institute - an insurance university - where the principles and practices of fire underwriting, even to their intricacies, will be taught, and young men prepared for service in the business, as they are prepared in other technical schools for more efficient work in life?" (Chanucey M. Ransom, editor and Publisher of The Standard, January 19, 1889.)

"The Library is an educator, and as education is the foundation of underwriting, it is bound, in the very nature of things, to live and grow" (Ibid, December 14, 1889).

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WE WANT YOU!

We mentioned it in the last newsletter, but thought we might mention it again lest you think it too late to respond, The Library continues to recruit insurance instructors.



As a reminder, in Massachusetts, instructors are eligible for Massachusetts continuing education credits for the classes they teach. If you have expertise in a particular topic or are interested in one of the courses on our [website](#) and would like to teach a course for continuing education, we'd love to hear from you.

As The Library continues to expand into the Online Classroom format, the requirement that instructors be physically located in the New England area is no longer applicable. If you'd like to offer a seminar, but aren't local, please don't let that stop you from reaching out.

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

STANDARD, *Continued*

The Standard still produces an excellent weekly magazine, and, if you checked out the January 31, 2014 edition, you might have noticed that they're still discussing The Insurance Library's role in education. In the article entitled *Insurance Library Plans Community Outreach*, our Executive Director, Glenn Cryan, discusses some recent initiatives which have taken place at The Library to help train new workers. The article highlights the grant funded by Arbella Insurance Foundation and Eastern Bank which has enabled this outreach. You can currently find the full article on The Standard's website [here](#)

OLD HOME WEEK

The list of annual fund donors reminds us of all the friends The Library has-- another great reminder? Our reception on November 19th!

We were so pleased that so many of you long-time supporters could attend the reception honoring Jean Lucey.



*Glenn Cryan, Paul Amoruso and
John Brosnan*



Josiah Hatch and Jean Lucey

It was also a great way for our new Executive Director, Glenn Cryan to meet a number of you.

Several former Librarians attended, including Sandy Ropper, Phyllis Smithers and Jean Osborne. I think we can say without threat of dissension that a great time was had by all!

A special thank you goes out to H.R. Hatch Insurance Agency and Nancy Z. Bender Insurance Agency as well as an anonymous donor who generously donated the food and beverages for the event

We would also be re-miss if we did not mention the people who couldn't attend but who very generously made donations in Jean's honor to the Jean E. Lucey Fund. This fund was established for the purchase of new materials, preservation of old materials and the continuing education of librarians - all of which are very dear to Jean's heart. We join with Jean in thanking you for all of your kindnesses over the years.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we'll highlight some purchases made possible by this fund and include a list of donors!

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