It is with great pleasure that The Insurance Library Association of Boston will honor John A. Myers, Chairman of Associated Industries of Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Companies (A.I.M. Mutual), on October 16, 2015 as this year’s Insurance Professional of the Year. Mr. Myers has worked in the insurance industry for 45 years, nineteen of which were spent as Chief Executive officer at A.I.M. Mutual. To his credit, A.I.M. Mutual has become known as one of the more forward-thinking and innovative insurers in the workers compensation marketplace.

We think it is very telling that one of the highlights of Mr. Myers’ career is establishing A.I.M. Mutual as an industry leader in the region, known for its contributions to workers compensation insurance legislation and workplace initiatives on behalf of employers and injured workers. One of the nominations we received also noted this concern for employers and injured workers, saying: “Under John’s Leadership [at the Massachusetts Workers Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau] the Massachusetts workers compensation system has seen significant improvement in the way employers view the workers compensation market and the way injured employees receive medical treatment. The once volatile system is a model for other jurisdictions to follow.”

A criterion for the award is that the person be “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. We believe that you will agree with us that John A. Myers has embodied these requirements and by doing so, he becomes the 14th individual to achieve the elite status of Insurance Professional of the Year. Together we congratulate Mr. Myers on his accomplishment.