The Insurance Library is privileged to honor K. Douglas Briggs, chairman and chief executive officer of Quincy Mutual Group, as the Insurance Professional of the Year.

Doug’s career is a testament to the longevity and stability that characterize the industry where he has spent most of his professional life. A third-generation insurance executive, he has observed that insurance has always “been in my blood.”

He has led a historic and well-capitalized insurer for more than three decades, but what stands out about Doug is his humility and commitment to community and philanthropy. The list of charitable and community organizations he has served and supported is long.

The Library has been one of the many beneficiaries of Doug’s commitment to service, as he has served on our Board of Trustees since 2000 and has provided steady guidance as chair of the Board’s Investment Committee for several years.

The authors of Sixty-Five Years of Tradition and Change, the second volume of the Library’s history, stated well that Doug’s leadership is “characterized by a genial manner linked to an acute understanding of the association’s mission and the appropriate path for its realization.”

In fact, Doug’s receipt of this award is an example of his commitment to community. Preferring not to be the subject of the attention that comes with such a distinguished honor, he nevertheless accepted after being informed of his nomination and giving it thorough consideration “if it helps the Library.”

Especially in challenging times when we are not able to hold our annual event in the traditional manner, it does indeed help the Library immensely by giving us an opportunity to gather as a community for a special reason. We join with those listed here to congratulate Doug for this well-deserved honor.