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FROM OUR
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January 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Library's Board of Trustees and staff, I am pleased to present our **2024 Donor & Sponsor Report**, in which we recognize annual fund donors, IPYA sponsors and donors, scavenger hunt sponsors, webinar sponsors, and other supporters all in one place.

It is with great appreciation and gratitude for the support provided by each person and organization listed on the following pages that we present this comprehensive report regarding support for fundraising, programs, and events that took place in 2024, including our 2024 annual fund drive, and our signature event, the Insurance Professional of the Year Award Gala honoring Royce M. Cross, which took place on October 4. All of the financial support identified in this report helps the Library fulfill its mission and work to attain its vision.

Last year we also initiated a new form of recognition for those providing the highest levels of total financial support to the Library. Named in honor of one of the Library's founders, the Henry E. Hess Benefactor Society recognizes those whose total financial support of the Library in the most recent fiscal year—including annual fund donations, IPYA or scavenger hunt sponsorships, webinar sponsorships and other education program fees, membership dues, and other financial support—equals or exceeds \$25,000.

I am delighted to announce that this year the members of the Benefactor Society once again include our two inaugural members, **The Andover Companies** and **Safety Insurance Group**, who are joined by new Benefactor Society member **Vermont Mutual Insurance Group**. We are deeply grateful for all of their extraordinarily generous and wide-ranging support of the Library and their enthusiastic participation in Library programs and events.

If you would like information about the Library's education programs (including collaborations or custom, in-house courses), upcoming events, research services, or membership benefits—or if there is anything I can do to enhance your experience with the Library—please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Pezza Jr.
Executive Director



**LOOKING
AHEAD AT
2025**

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THESE 2025 EVENTS**

Annual Fund Drive

Late January through June

Nominations for 2025 Nancy Z. Bender Award

February through mid-March

Registration for May 7 Scavenger Hunt

February 3 through March 25

**Registration for Summer Program for Member
Organization Interns & Early Career Professionals**

February through mid-May

Scavenger Hunt Team Captain Meeting

March 26 via Zoom

2025 Biennial Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, May 7 (Rain Date Wednesday, May 14)

**Nominations for 2025 Insurance Professional
of the Year Award**

May through Mid-June

**Summer Program for Member Interns & Early Career
Professionals**

June-July

**Summer Program Ice Cream Social
and Professional Headshot Session**

July (dates to be announced)

2025 Insurance Professional of the Year Award Gala

Friday, September 26, 2025

Holiday Open House

December 10, 2025

4:30-6:30 p.m.

MORE THAN JUST A LIBRARY

WHAT WE ARE

The Insurance Library Association of Boston is a nonprofit organization founded in 1887. It is the country's first and only remaining independent library dedicated solely to the subject of insurance.

The Library has a unique collection of print and digital insurance resources, including treatises, periodicals, hard-to-find policy forms, a rare collection of A.M. Best Reports going back to 1900, and many insurance artifacts and memorabilia.

OUR MISSION

The Library's mission is to provide members of the insurance, financial security, risk management, and legal communities, and the public, with high-quality **educational programming**, opportunities for **engagement and networking**, and unique **research** resources and services.

OUR VISION

The Library's vision is to be recognized as the **preeminent nonprofit provider** of such educational programs and other services, **build** upon our **unique position as a hub** for networking and engagement, and continue to **expand our reach nationally**.



EDUCATION

The Library is a leading provider of education programs, including:

- Monthly **webinars** approved for producer (and in some cases adjuster) continuing education credit in all six New England states, which are also well-suited for those wishing to expand their insurance knowledge without seeking CE credit.
- **Webinar sponsorship** opportunities that provide insurers, brokers, risk managers, and others with a cost-effective way to offer CE classes to employees or producers, while taking advantage of a unique marketing and branding opportunity.
- Virtual and in-person **custom education** classes and courses.
- Program collaborations with insurance, risk management, or legal organizations such as **Social Law Library**, **Massachusetts RIMS**, and organizations such as **A. M. Best**, **Conning**, **Deloitte**, **Marsh**, and **Spencer Educational Foundation**.
- Programs concerning **DEI** (diversity, equity, and inclusion) and **sustainability** topics, including in 2024 our partnership with **InnSure** and **Insure Equality** in presenting the **ESGi Scholars Program**.
- A **Summer Intern Program**, which provides educational programs concerning insurance and career success for interns and early career professionals from member organizations.

ENGAGEMENT

The Library is a hub for networking and engagement events for the insurance, financial security, risk management, and legal communities, and the public. In 2024, such events included:

- Our **Summer Intern Program**, which in addition to education programs noted earlier offered networking opportunities and special events such as an ice cream social and a professional headshot session for 120 registered program participants.
- Virtual **Lunch & Learn** and book-related **Launch & Learn** talks.
- Presentations at insurance industry conferences and events, and a pre-conference reception at the Library in conjunction with the **Society of Insurance Research** conference.
- **Social events**, including the Library's annual holiday open house, co-hosted in 2024 by the **Boston CPCU Society Chapter**.
- A record-setting **Insurance Professional of the Year Award Gala & Silent Auction** at the InterContinental Boston, where almost 600 people from New England and across the country registered to celebrate the 2024 recipient, Royce M. Cross, Chairman of Cross Insurance. In addition to record attendance, our generous supporters helped set new records for event revenue and silent auction proceeds. And this was the first gala with an appearance by Blades (the Boston Bruins mascot), and with proclamations presented by a Boston city councilor and a Massachusetts state senator.



RESEARCH

Our unique collection of insurance materials is available to members (who may borrow most materials and may arrange for remote access to our EBSCO database and in-Library access to A.M. Best digital resources) and the public wishing to do research.

Our resources include:

- **Thousands of books and periodicals**, including monographs, treatises, government reports, and trade journals.
- Historical and contemporary **policy forms and drafting and revision information**, including ISO, AAIS, and company-specific forms.
- Financial and statistical information, including A.M. Best Reports dating to 1900.
- **Regulatory information**, including insurance department reports and a collection of proceedings of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.
- **Digital resources** such as Vertafore's ReferenceConnect, FC&S, and IRMI material, our proprietary article index, and a full-text periodical database powered by EBSCO.
- A collection of **historic Sanborn maps**.
- **Memorabilia and artifacts** reflecting the history of insurance in the United States.

The Library has an experienced, professional **research librarian** who for a reasonable fee can perform research or assist those conducting their own research. As a public service, we provide pro bono research services to consumers referred to the Library by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance.



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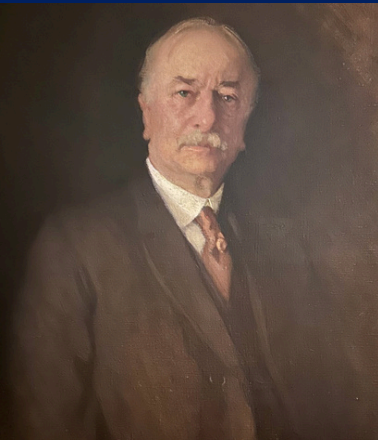


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With gratitude for their extraordinary financial support of the Library in our 2024 fiscal year, we are pleased to recognize the 2024 members of the

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Thank you to our 2024 Event Patron and other generous IPYA sponsors for their part in making the October 4 gala in honor of Royce Cross such a success.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 IPYA gala on Friday, September 26.



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Thank you to those who donated items to the IPYA silent auction.

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SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

In 2024, we held our third annual summer program for member organization interns and early career professionals, with more than 120 registered participants.

The 2025 program will take place in June and July, featuring expanded educational webinars and the always popular ice cream social and professional headshot session.



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