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Insurance Professionals of the Year Winners

It's that time of year again and we want your nominations for the next Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winner!

The Insurance Professional of the Year is selected by a committee comprised of a cross-section of the industry. The input of others in the industry greatly helps the committee in their decision process.

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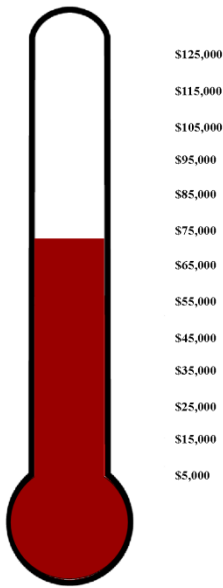
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We are incredibly grateful for the donations we've received since we mailed out our Annual Fund solicitation letters. It is high time for an update!

With your help, we are hoping to raise \$125,000 before June 30th. To date, generous individuals like you have given \$70,116. We recognize that we have a long way to go to almost double those donations in the next three months.

Through your past support, The Library has:

- Begun offering online courses including many CPCU and AINS designation courses and a number of topical seminars
- Created a [Member Portal](#)
- Made significant progress towards creating an online catalog so that our collection may be searched by everyone online.

We want to thank those individuals and organizations listed below who have supported our work!

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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 2016 winner that you might have to shart@insurancelibrary.org by **June 3, 2016**.

Also, please pencil in October 14, 2016 for this year's Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony. We'll have more details in upcoming newsletters!

IN MEMORIAM

Speaking of award winners, in January The Library was informed that the 2010 Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winner, Michael J. Sabbagh, had passed away. Not surprisingly, numerous lovely things have been written about Mr. Sabbagh since his passing. You can read his obituary, or the article from Agency Checklists.



Michael J. Sabbagh with his wife Rose at the 2014 IPYA Ceremony

The Standard also published a lovely memorial in their February 12th edition.

We cannot help but add to the accolades for such a deserving man. Mr. Sabbagh was a dear friend to many in the industry and fully embodied the criteria of the Insurance Professional of the Year with his tireless work in and for his community. His devotion to his family was always evident but especially so at his award ceremony where he was surrounded by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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IN MEMORIAM, *Continued*

We here at The Library were always touched by how kind and humorous Mr. Sabbagh was. There was often a mischievous glint in his eye!

The librarians remember well the year we made the mistake of using stickers to indicate honored guests at The Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony. Mr. Sabbagh was such a social butterfly we couldn't pull the sticker off of his name tag before the crush of the crowd had enveloped him. Everyone wanted a chance to talk to the man some still referred to as "the real commissioner" decades after he had left that role.

When he got up to speak that year, Mr. Sabbagh looked out at the audience and with that twinkle in his eye, he asked if he was the only one with a giant green dot on his name tag. "Is this a bullseye?" he asked as he looked around.

His loss will be greatly felt. Our thoughts go out to his family and those who were especially close to him.

THE COMMISH

Last week you should have received an email inviting you to come spend an afternoon at The Library. Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner Daniel Judson will be joining us and it will be an excellent opportunity to network with other insurance professionals.



*MA Insurance Commissioner
Daniel Judson
at the 2015 IPYA Ceremony*

Enjoy some wine and fine conversation from **4:00 - 6:00 PM on Tuesday May 24th.**

Space is limited so please [RSVP to Glenn Cryan](#) by **May 19th** to ensure your spot!

EDUCATION UPDATE

The Library is looking for a few good instructors. 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

We also wanted to send out a thank you to everyone who filled out our recent education survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Recent classes that have been created due to student interest include:

- Businessowners Policy Under the Magnifying Glass
- Business Income Insurance Online Seminar
- CGL Demystified (Online)
- Catastrophe Modeling: History, Methodology and Applications in Property/Casualty Insurance
- Introduction to Captive Insurance
- Introduction to Directors & Officers Liability Insurance
- Introduction to Products Liability
- Homeowners Insurance for Public Adjusters
- Introduction to Claims for Public Adjusters
- Business Income Insurance Review for Public Adjusters

As always, if you have any questions about public classes or about setting up an on-site class at your offices, as well as suggestions on topics you'd like to see covered, please contact us!

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