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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year from the OIPA!

As we step into a brand new year, we hope the holiday season brought you rest, joy, and meaningful time with the people who matter most. There is something special about turning the page together, and we are grateful to be entering 2026 with such an incredible community by our side.



To our sponsors and members, thank you. Your belief in the OIPA fuels everything we do. Your support, partnership, and commitment make our work possible, and we are deeply appreciative of the trust you place in us year after year.

This year is already shaping up to be an exciting one, filled with events and opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate. We are especially looking forward to gathering with many of you on February 5, 2026, for our Pickleball Tournament, a fun and energetic way to kick off the year together.

And of course, we are honoured to be hosting the 60th Annual CAIW Convention at Blue Mountain. This milestone event is a testament to the strength and longevity of our industry community, and we cannot wait to welcome you for what promises to be a memorable and inspiring experience.

Thank you again for walking alongside us. We look forward to reconnecting with you all very soon and making 2026 a year to remember.

**Warm regards,
President of the OIPA
Nathan Peters**

CAIW PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas & New Year and were able to spend quality time with loved ones.



Hopefully not all of you experienced record-breaking snow in the month of December. I know Edmonton sure did - 59.9 cm to be exact at the airport. The city is still digging out, with crews working around the clock on snow removal. I've almost forgotten what my partner looks like as he's been working nonstop clearing snow!

CAIW Executive and Directors are gearing up for midterms this week, with a fun-filled couple of days ahead. Stay tuned for any updates from your Directors. We appreciate the dedication of the Directors in serving as the voice of their respective associations, and we recognize the significant time, effort, and collaboration this role requires. Their contributions ensure that each association's perspective is represented and that our collective work moves forward effectively.

At the end of October, I had the pleasure of joining EIA at our annual Food Bank event, which looked a little different this year. Insurance has got talent was a huge success, with a great turnout, and EIA raised just over \$7900 in support Edmonton Food Bank. In November, I held a President's meeting, nothing formal, but we had some great conversations about CAIW & the upcoming convention. I do plan to host another informal meeting in early spring. In December, I attended IPC's annual holiday mixer and even walked away with the 50/50 prize. It was another wonderful event. I am booked to head to Nova Scotia on February 6, which includes attending NSIWA's annual Wine and Cheese. I am very excited to be a part of this event. I am hoping to attend a couple more association events before the end of my term.

OIPA has been working hard in preparation for our 60th Annual Convention, taking place in Blue Mountain, ON, from June 11-14, 2026. Be sure to visit their website for registration and hotel details. I can't wait to see you all there.

Warm regards,
Candace Martin
CAIW President.

INTACT PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



OIPA/CAIW are pleased to announce Intact Insurance has extended its generosity once again and confirmed sponsorship for the National Public Speaking Contest to be held at CAIW Convention 2026 in Blue Mountain, Ontario.

OIPA's Ashley Reid (currently your OIPA Secretary) stormed to victory in the 2025 competition, of which we are extremely proud! The downside is that Ashley's victory excludes her from competing for 2 years. However, the OIPA has a strong history of entering speakers into the competition and has been victorious in previous years. This year could be your turn!

The process is simple: there will be an online regional (OIPA) heat (March 24, 2026) to select one member from all OIPA member entries who will represent the OIPA and go head-to-head with the winners of the other provincial heats at the Blue Mountain 2026 Convention Public Speaking Competition Final. We also have three external judges for our heats - you can meet them on page 7.

The next page details speaker topics for the 2026 competition.

The link to register to compete or attend has been sent out with the event invite and is also on our website in the events calendar

Alternatively, secure your place as a contestant or attendee by clicking [HERE](#)



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www.caiw-acfa.com

INTACT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 2026– TOPICS

- 1. Exploring the Ethical Challenges of AI: Finding our moral compass /**
Explorer les défis éthiques de l'IA : trouver notre boussole morale
- 2. Sustainability and the Future: How individuals can make a difference/** Durabilité et avenir : comment les individus peuvent faire la différence
- 3. Leading with Empathy: The Future of Effective Leadership/** Diriger avec empathie : l'avenir du leadership efficace
- 4. Digital communication : Best Practices for Success /** Communication numérique : les meilleures pratiques pour réussir
- 5. Topic of your choice /** Sujet de votre choix

Apply to compete or simply attend by clicking [HERE](#)

MEET THE JUDGES



Peter Tessier

President - CAMGA
Host - The Insurance Podcast



Chris Floyd

President of Individual Insurance Services - OTIP
Past President IBAO & IBAC



Sonia Sache

Senior Communications and Marketing Manager - IBAC
Television Presenter & CEO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Following our request in the last issue for members to put forth suggestions for activities, we proudly present the PickleBall Paddle Battle! It's selling out fast, so check the details in the poster below, then click the link to get involved. Lessons are provided, so beginners are welcome!

Get
Your
Tickets
HERE!

(Deadline January 31st)



We are proud to announce that Accomsure is sponsoring the 'Hydration Station' for all you Pickleball Paddle People - Gotta stay hydrated! However, we are still on the hunt for a Lunch Sponsor. If you would like to sponsor the lunch and have your company promoted at the event, please reach out to contact@oipa.ca for more details.

2026 AGM & CAIW CONFERENCE

Dear OIPA Members,

We are excited to share that **we are hosting the annual CAIW Conference at Blue Mountain from June 11–14, 2026**. This promises to be an engaging and impactful event, bringing together professionals from across the industry to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Sponsorship and registration packages are now available on our website. We encourage all members to explore these opportunities and share them within your organizations and networks. Your support is vital, whether through attendance, sponsorship, or promotion.

As the saying goes, *many hands make light work*. To make this event a true success, we rely on the collective support of our community. Let's work together to ensure this conference is a memorable and valuable experience for all. Reach out to your colleagues and industry contacts and point them toward our sponsorship offerings to help support this amazing annual event.

In addition, we need volunteers throughout the duration of the convention. For more information and to help out, details can be found here: [**CAIW Convention Volunteer Sign Up**](#)

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you in Blue Mountain

Check out our **Sponsorship** packages [**HERE**](#) or on the following pages.

Check out the **Registration** page [**HERE**](#)

Thank you,
Your 2026 CAIW conference committee.



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of Insurance Women



THE ANNUAL CAIW CONVENTION

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Celebrating 60 years



SPONSORSHIPS

Diamond

\$15,000

Platinum

\$10,000

Gold

\$7,500

Silver

\$5,000

Bronze

\$2,500

Diamond

\$15,000

One Sponsorship Available

- Includes three convention registrations (hotel costs not included)
- Includes exclusive access to a tradeshow booth
- Logo visibility will be maximized on the homepage of the convention app and website (before, during and after)
- Clickable name and logo on the event site and the section dedicated to the sponsors
- Logo will be used when advertising the event and strong visibility on the digital bulletin
- Special mention for Diamond Sponsors on all Social Media channels
- Mention of your organization in the speeches
- One page in the official digital program distributed to all participants
- Logo with the mention "Diamond Sponsor" on screens during the event

Platinum

\$10,000

Two Sponsorships Available

- Includes two convention registrations (hotel costs not included)
- Includes exclusive access to a tradeshow booth
- Logo on the homepage of the convention app and website (before, during and after)
- Clickable logo on the event site and the section dedicated to the sponsors
- Logo will be used when advertising the event with visibility on the digital bulletin
- Mention on all social media channels
- 1/2 page in the official digital program distributed to all participants
- Logo on screens during convention



Gold

\$7,500

Four Sponsorships Available

- Logo on the homepage of the convention app and website (before, during and after)
- Clickable logo on the event site and the section dedicated to the sponsors
- Visibility on the digital bulletin
- Mentions on all social media channels
- 1/4 page on the official digital bulletin
- Logo on screens during convention

Silver

\$5,000

Four Sponsorships Available

- Logo on the convention app and website (before, during and after)
- Logo on the event website and second dedicated to the sponsors
- Visibility on digital bulletin
- Mention on social media channels
- Logo on screens during convention

Bronze

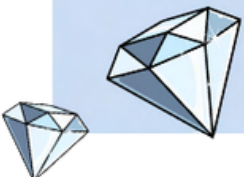
\$2,500

Six Sponsorships Available

- Logo on the sponsor page, app and website
- General mention of the event sponsors
- General mention on all social media channels
- Projection of your logos during the event

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS

Fun Night Sponsor	SOLD	\$5,000
Tradeshow Vendor		\$1,500
Education Day Sponsor	SOLD	\$5,000
Lunch Sponsor - (2 Remaining)		\$5,000
Breakfast Sponsor - (2 Remaining)		\$2,500
Coffee Break Sponsor - (3 Remaining)		\$1,500
Prosecco Sponsor		\$2,000
Photo Booth Sponsor		\$3,000
Gala Wine Sponsor	SOLD	\$2,000
Lanyard Sponsor	SOLD	\$500
Registration Bag Sponsor	SOLD	\$250



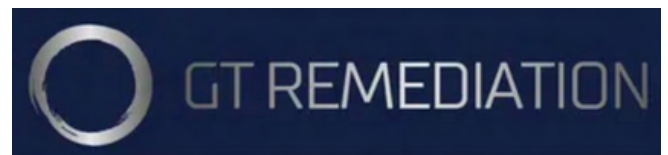
2025–2026 SPONSORS

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for the 2025/2026 year. Without whom, none of this would be possible.

GOLD



SILVER



**Our 'Bronze' and 'Academic' sponsors can be found on our website.
Click the snowman below to take you to the full list!**



There are still sponsorship and marketing opportunities open for the current year.

Position your business at the forefront of the insurance industry through the OIPA - where the province's top insurance professionals connect.

Our three premier sponsorship levels offer prime exposure at events and in communications.

Gain standout brand recognition both in-person and online - all at exceptional value.

[JOIN OR SPONSOR HERE](#) or email: contact@oipa.ca for more details.

OIPA APPAREL

The Hoodie Returns!

Back by popular demand - *yes, really!* This ultra-comfortable OIPA hoodie has been a staple wardrobe piece for many OIPA members since its release in 2024.

Now that Fall is upon us, what better than to get lost in the all-encompassing, fluffy hug that is this top-quality, chapter-supporting piece of swag!

Emblazoned with the logo that *may or may not* momentarily convince passersby you're promoting an IPA, this must-have item comes brandishing our OIPA gang...*sorry*, association, colours for peace of mind when you're out hustlin' on the street.

You know you want one...

You know you need one...

Now you can get one...

[CLICK HERE](#)

Grey track pants not included.
What you do from the waist down is your business!



LUNCH N' LEARN

☆ Hungry for Wisdom?

Lunch & Learns - OIPA

Our monthly Lunch & Learns are a great opportunity for members to share their knowledge and insights on a topic of their choice.

Each session includes 30 minutes of presentation followed by 15 minutes of Q&A. Whether you're passionate about a specific subject, have a unique experience to share, or want to spark discussion—this is your chance to lead the conversation.

Interested in speaking? Email Ashley, OIPA Secretary, at: areid@bachly.com to reserve your spot!

Our upcoming lineup of speakers includes:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Feb 04	Scoping Accurately	J.S. Held
Feb 18	Preserving Elegance: Protecting Fine Art, Antiques & Rare Wines from Risk	J.S. Held
Mar 12	Fire and Smoke Investigations: Particulate Sampling Study of Background Soot Levels	James Chappell - Pinchin
Mar 19	Recruitment processes that work in today's evolving workforce- focusing on the human connection in our industry	Lisa Kack - Royal City Recruitment

CURRENT VACANCY

Hello Team!

We hope this message finds you in high spirits!

Exciting news: the OIPA Board is on the lookout for a fantastic Membership Director! If you have a passion for building connections and fostering community, we want to hear from you! Also, we are on the hunt for a regional liaison for the London/KW region.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, bring your creativity to the table, and help us grow our vibrant membership community.

If you or someone you know is interested in stepping into this rollicking role, please reach out to: president@oipa.ca

Let's make great things happen together!

Cheers.

MEMBER REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that all members must create a new account on our website to access the members-only page and directory. This is due to the nature of our annual security access protocol, which safeguards our members and their information year-on-year as the list of members changes. You can use the same email as last year, although a different password is recommended for added security. When you attempt to access the members' directory, this process will begin automatically for you.

Need assistance with your membership? email memberships@oipa.ca

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	Region	Company
Adam Fox		Strigberger
Adam Wood	KW	GT Remediation Services
Alanna Taylor	KW/Northern ON	Paul Davis Systems
Amalia Castón Cunanan	GTA	Annex Insurance Group
Amanda Wilson	GTA	Paul Davis Systems
Amy Bradley	Durham	Orbit Insurance Services
Andrea Hadlington	London	Orbit Insurance Services
Angie Peters	Durham	Hagerty Canada
Anthea Mumby		Dreamteam Consulting
Ashley Reid	York	Bachly Construction
Bianca Florio	Windsor-Essex	Collectivide Insurance
Brett Campbell		CEP Forensic
Carrie Bernardo	KW	Boardwalk Insurance
Chelsea Howard	Ottawa	BMS Canada Risk Services Ltd.
Chelsea Kary	Ottawa	BMS Canada Risk Services Ltd.
Chloe Shedden		Forward Insurance
Christopher Nielsen		Aberdeen Investigations
Colton Medland	KW	Larrek Investigations
Corrina Smith	GTA	Paul Davis Systems
Cynthia Yetts	Ottawa	Definity
Daniel Strigberger	KW	Strigberger
David Porter	Halton	CEP Forensic
Dianne Michalopoulos		Ontario Spill Response Ltd.
Donald Perry	KW	GT Remediation Services
Dorothy Renzi	GTA	KRGinsure
Ethan Risk		CM3 Environmental
Frank Cutruzzola		W3 Intelligence Research Group
Georgiana Chen		Xpera Risk Mitigation & Investigation
Giles Tingey		Kii Health / Cera
Ian McMahon	GTA	First Insurance Funding

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	Region	Company
Javier Ibanez		Accomsure ALE Management Solutions
Jeffrey Chubry		Ontario Spill Response
Jennifer Brown		Echelon Insurance
Joe Allan	Ottawa	Accomsure ALE Management Solutions
Jon Hogg	Halton	Northbridge Insurance
Jozef Wojcicki		Ontario Spill Response Ltd.
Justine Cioci	GTA	JS Held
Karmalita Kraemer	GTA	WinMar Newmarket/York Region
Keith Kitchen	Durham	Sr. Commercial Underwriter
Kelby Miles		Paul Davis Systems
Kelsey Hazelton		Waterloo Region Municipalities Insurance Pool (WRMIP)
Kim Dickson	Durham	Docusketch
Laura Pennings	Halton	First onsite
Leah Sangster	Durham	DSB Claims
Lisa Armstrong	GTA	SBA Lawyers LLP
Lisa Kack	KW	Royal City Recruitment
Lynne Kennedy	GTA	Accomsure ALE Management Solutions
Manny Almeida		Steamatic Canada
Maria Di Marco	GTA	PuroClean Canada
Melanie Needham		MRD Consulting
Mélissa Dessureault	Ottawa-Gatineau	Steamatic Canada
Nancy Raymond	Ottawa-Gatineau	Steamatic Canada
Natalia Uribe	London	Tradition Mutual
Nathan Peters	Durham	Larrek Investigations
Nilkumar Sharma	Halton	Billyard Insurance Group (Acton)
Oliver Gonzalez	Golden Horseshoe	Ogee Solutions
Peter Hood	Waterloo	Insurance Institute of Canada/ Conestoga Chapter
Rhu Sherrard	Golden Horseshoe	Claimspro
Rosalee Dow	London	Marsh Canada
Sami Shaker	Durham	JS Held
Shanna Savoie	Sudbury	Brokerlink

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	Region	Company
Shawn Roy		Claimspro
Shawn Van Loon		mykey Global Accomodations
Shelley Glover		Claimspro
Stef Storer		Xpera Risk Mitigation & Investigation
Stephanie Iacono	KW	SGL Canada
Sulekh Khindria	KW	Larrek Investigations
Teresa Harvey	KW/NB	Economical Insurance
Tiziana Marcellitti	Durham	Viewpoint Medical Assessments
Valerie Johnston		Pinchin Ltd.
Veronica Attia		Strigberger
Warren Hamer	London	Larrek Investigations
Zachary Rayner	London	Forward Insurance
Xeidhar Dymond	GTA	Northbridge Insurance

Your regional liaisons are:

Shanna Savoie - Sudbury

Bianca Florio - Windsor - Golden Horseshoe

If you would like to be a regional liaison, contact our Regional Liasons Director, Cynthia Yetts, at Cynthia.Yetts@definity.com

Full member contact details are available in the members-only area of the website: OIPA.ca.

Reachout, network, and get to know your fellow OIPA members. Don't be shy, we're a friendly bunch!

Having problems with access or need assistance with your membership? email memberships@oipa.ca

2025 – 2026

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT - NATHAN PETERS

VP - DAVID PORTER

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - VACANT

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR - GILES TINGEY

REGIONAL LIAISONS DIRECTOR - CYNTHIA YETTS

PAST-PRESIDENT - LEAH SANGSTER

CAIW DIRECTOR - ALANNA TAYLOR

The full membership directory is available on our website to members only, accessible via their username and password for login.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON A COMMITTEE? PLEASE REACH OUT TO PRESIDENT@OIPA.CA

ALSO AN ADDITIONAL REMINDER, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2026 AGM IN BLUE MOUNTAIN - FOR THOSE POSITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT [CAIW CONVENTION VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)