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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear OIPA Members,

As the leaves change and we welcome the fall season, we want to take a moment to thank each one of you, our long-standing members and those who have recently joined our community. Your energy, commitment, and enthusiasm are what make OIPA thrive.



This year's Annual General Meeting was a tremendous success, both on and off the greens. From the camaraderie shared to the achievements celebrated, it was a true reflection of the spirit of our association. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors and partners. To all of you, thank you. Your contributions ensure that our events continue to grow and flourish.

Looking ahead, we are excited to gather once again at our Christmas Party this November at The Eighth Note. It promises to be a wonderful evening of connection, celebration, and holiday cheer. We hope to see many of you there.

And that's just the beginning! Stay tuned for all the great events we have planned in the months ahead.

Finally, mark your calendars for our AGM/Convention at Blue Mountain. This year's event will be one you simply cannot miss. With an incredible venue, engaging sessions, and plenty of opportunities to connect, we are confident it will exceed expectations.

Thank you again for being part of the OIPA family. Together, we're building something truly special.

Warm regards,

Nathan Peters
President OIPA

CAIW PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



What a fun and busy summer it's been! I'm not even sure where I was this summer — I felt like we had a hot, dry season here in Alberta, but nearly everyone I've spoken to says it was cool and rainy. Funny how different our experiences can be — I honestly don't remember much rain at all!

Your 2025 CAIW Board has been hard at work over the summer, preparing for the 2025–2026 term following an incredible convention in Saskatoon.

Our Education Chair, Renee McQueen, hit the ground running. She's already hosted her first National Education Session: *Adjusting Intelligence: Making AI Work for Claims and Risk Assessment*, facilitated by Daniel Strigberger. Renee is also planning a couple of additional sessions — stay tuned!

Our Marketing and Communications Chairs — Lynne Gerhardt, Lindsey Schroeder, and Vanessa Duguay — have been working closely with Kelly to ensure our website and social media platforms are being fully utilized. Lynne will take the lead on the website, Lindsey will manage social media, and Vanessa will support both as a backup. Please include all three in any related correspondence.

The Special Awards Committee Chairs have also been busy — reaching out to sponsors and gearing up for the 2025–2026 Awards season.

On the road front, I had the pleasure of visiting OIPA in September for their AGM, Education Day, and golf tournament. I'm looking forward to attending EIA's Insurance Has Got Talent & Silent Auction in support of the Edmonton Food Bank. I'm also planning to join Calgary for their Christmas Social in December, attend NSIWA's Wine and Cheese event in February, and hope to visit a few more associations between February and June.

Wishing you all a wonderful autumn season — thank you for your continued support and Involvement with CAIW!

Warm regards,

Candace Martin
CAIW President.

2025 AGM & GOLF DAY

October 28th marked the date of the 6th Annual AGM and Golf Day, a regular fixture in the OIPA Calendar.



Hosted this year at the exquisite Legacy Pines Golf Course in Caledon, the executive board and members carried out their reports and AGM duties in the morning, before having a casual lunch and heading out with members' guests for a beautiful 9-holes in the afternoon.



As always, thank you to our many sponsors of the day, to our members, and guests.

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's event!



UPCOMING EVENTS

After the success of last years' Christmas social event at the *Eighth Note Local Eaterie* in Milton, our Events Director, Tiz, has once again booked this wonderful venue for another annual holiday celebration. If the last event was anything to go by: the food is great, the drinks flowing, and the company, as always, is top notch!

 **Get
Your
Tickets
HERE!**

(Deadline November 7th)



We are a member-led association, and to that end, we are asking you to share with us the events you would like to see arranged over the coming year. Want to try skydiving, go-karting, wine tasting? Please let our events director, Tiz, know what you would like to do as part of our numerous networking events throughout the year!

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.

As you are no doubt well aware, 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 entering the competition 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 a regional (OIPA) heat (March 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.

The next page details speaker topics for the 2026 competition. Entry forms for the heats, along with rules and regulations, will be sent to members at the beginning of 2026, should they wish to enter.

Bring us home another win. You know you want to!





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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

Respectfully,

Alanna Taylor
Intact Public Speaking Contest Chairperson
CAIW (OIPA) Director



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2026 AGM & CAIW CONFERENCE

Dear OIPA Members,

We are excited to share that **we are hosting the annual CAIW Conference at Blue Mountain from July 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.

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

Warm regards,

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

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

Your 2026 CAIW conference committee.



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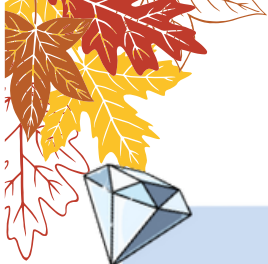
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Education Day Sponsor	SOLD \$5,000
Lunch Sponsor - (2 Available)	\$5,000
Breakfast Sponsor - (2 Available)	\$2,500
Coffee Break Sponsor - (4 Available)	\$1,500
Prosecco Sponsor	\$2,000
Photo Booth Sponsor	\$3,000
Gala Wine Sponsor	\$2,000
Lanyard Sponsor	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.



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**Our 'Bronze' and 'Educational' sponsors can be found on our website.
Click the leaf below to take you there!**



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!





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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!





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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!

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.





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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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

