

President's Forum



Matt Lennox, CPCU
Chapter President

Volunteer Spotlight



Vice President Laura Wood is this month's volunteer in the spotlight. As vice president, Laura has many responsibilities – the main one being orchestrating our monthly luncheons. Laura creates and emails the invitation, organizes the details for the event, coordinates with the venue, and finds knowledgeable speakers to present to our members.

Other responsibilities include working with the I-Day chair, coordinating our volunteer appreciation dinner, and mailing recognition letters to our volunteers and their manager. Last year she was the I-Day chair and did a tremendous job putting on the event. The speakers she found brought high energy and provided great information.

Laura will be representing our chapter at the annual Leadership Summit hosted by the Institutes in April. It's a great opportunity to further develop her professional skills and engage with other leaders within the CPCU Society.

Laura began her career at Auto-Owners Insurance in 2012 as a PIP claim representative. She is currently a PIP claims coordinator with home office claims. Laura earned her CPCU in 2015 and also holds the AIC, AIC-M, AINS, and API designations. She grew up in the Detroit area and is a graduate of Michigan State University. Laura currently lives in Lansing with her husband, Josiah, and their son, Gabriel.

"I enjoy volunteering with the chapter because it's a great chance to build leadership skills, network with other insurance professionals, and meet new people," Laura said. "Since becoming a committee chair last year, it's been an eye-opening experience to see the level of commitment and teamwork on behalf of the volunteers that goes into running the chapter. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with this group of dedicated people."

When you see Laura, please be sure to say hi and thank her for her commitment. She performs several key jobs critical to our chapter's functioning. Laura, thank you for all your time, hard work and initiative to enhance our member's experience.

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Meetings

February Speaker Spotlight



Cheri Speier-Pero
Professor, Information Systems,
Michigan State University
Topic: Data Analytics

Dr. Cheri Speier-Pero is a professor of information systems, faculty director for Michigan State University's Masters in Business Analytics program, and interim chairperson of the department of supply chain management in the Eli Broad College of Business.

She joined the Broad College faculty in 1998, and has since served as associate dean for MBA/masters programs, led executive development courses, and served on many different committees at the university, college and departmental levels.

In recognition of her teaching and research, Dr. Speier-Pero earned the Broad College of Business Withrow Award, MSU university-wide Teacher Scholar Award, the IBM Faculty Award, and the MSU Department of Accounting and Department of Accounting Research Awards.

She earned her bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University, and her master's in Management Information Systems from Northern Illinois University.

Reserve Your Seat

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Where: The Crowne Plaza Lansing West

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Menu:

Bourbon-glazed chicken
or
Balsamic salmon

Contact: email Laura Wood at
wood.laura@aoins.com

Please RSVP no later than 4:30 p.m. January 31, 2018

Note: Starting in March we will be using the email address you have on file with The Institutes for member communications. Please be sure to update this in your profile accordingly. To do so, once logged in to your account, hover over your name in the top right corner and click "Profile" from the list below, then click "Edit." Here is a link to the website, www.cpcusociety.org.

Future Chapter Meeting Dates

- Monday, March 26, 2018
- Friday, April 20, 2018

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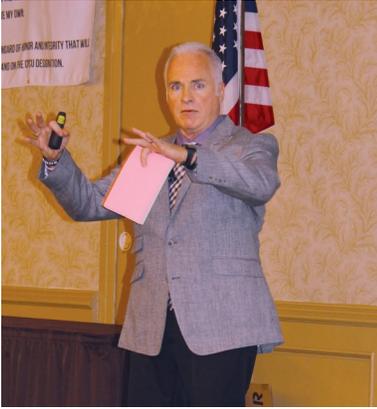
Future CPCU Annual
Meeting Sites

2018 San Diego Oct. 13-16
2019 New Orleans Sept. 21-24
2020 Washington D.C. Oct. 3-6



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Past Meeting Highlights



Radio talk show host and fitness columnist Tom Matt gave a lively presentation to Chapter members at January's luncheon, which focused on taking control of your life.



Nicole Smith, the 2017 Chapter president, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by 2018 President Matt Lennox at January's luncheon.

Chapter News

Chapter Still Needs I-Day Co-Chair

Interested in helping our Chapter? How about volunteering to become the I-Day co-chair?

This person is responsible for organizing our I-Day event – setting the date, selecting a location, getting speakers – and is key to making it an attractive Chapter event.

Please contact either Laura Wood (Auto-Owners Insurance) or Matt Burke (Farm Bureau Insurance) for more details.

Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations for 2018 Inductees



Do you know someone who has made significant contributions to Michigan's insurance and risk management industry? Nominate them for induction into The Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame.

Nominations are due **March 15, 2018**. Insurance Hall of Fame inductees are recognized for their product/service development, education, recruiting new participants, legislative and regulatory activity, and exemplary service. They are selected by a panel that includes executives from all areas of the insurance industry. Nomination forms and criteria are available at <http://www.mihof.org/program>.

Last year three people were inducted into the Hall of Fame, including Chapter member Mike Maurer from the Accident Fund.

The Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame was established at Olivet College in 1994 as a way to pay tribute to individuals who have made a significant impact on the ability of the Michigan insurance and risk management industry to serve the public. Members include over 50 leaders in the Michigan insurance industry.

The 2018 induction dinner will be held Aug. 7.