

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR INDUSTRY LEADERS:**  
**The CIP Society's Seventh National Leadership Awards are now open for nominations**

(Toronto, ON – March 20, 2015) – The **CIP Society** is proud to announce the call for nominations for the **National Leadership Awards**, a unique program that recognizes excellence across Canada in the property and casualty (p&c) insurance industry. **Nominations will be accepted until June 1, 2015.**

Established Leader Award honouree of 2014, **Johanne Lépine**, FPAA, will receive her award at the Institut d'assurance de dommages du Québec convocation on Wednesday, March 25, in Montreal. Ms. Lépine is the third of the 2014 honourees to be inducted into the CIP Society Leadership Circle during this year's convocation season, following the official industry announcement in September of last year. Emerging Leader **Adrian Osti**, B.Comm, FCIP, CTDP, CRM and Established Leader **Lynn Oldfield**, MBA, CRM, FCIP, were inducted at the Insurance Institute of Ontario convocation in Toronto in January.

The National Leadership Awards Program was launched in 2008 as part of the CIP Society's 10th anniversary celebrations to publicly recognize industry professionals who make an outstanding commitment to their employers, the profession and the communities in which they live. In the last six years, 31 honourees have been inducted into the CIP Society Leadership Circle at convocations and ceremonies across the country.

Ms. Lépine's continued commitment to her work, and her unwavering support of a number of associations both within and outside the industry, have gained her the admiration of her peers, and a most deserved spot in the prestigious Leadership Circle.

"We look forward to recognizing Johanne Lépine in Montreal, and presenting her with her award," says Peter Hohman, President & Chief Executive Officer, The Insurance Institute of Canada. "The Montreal convocation will mark both the end of the 2014 award period, and the opening of the call for nominations for the 2015 National Leadership Awards. We encourage members of our community to identify excellence in leadership among their peers by submitting a nomination."

Information about [awards criteria](#) and the [nomination process](#) is available on the CIP Society section of the Insurance Institute website. Nominations for the CIP Society's National Leadership Awards are now open and will close on June 1.

**ABOUT THE CIP SOCIETY**

Founded in 1998, the CIP Society represents more than 17,000 graduates of the Insurance Institute's Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional (FCIP) and Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) Programs. As the professionals' division of the Institute, the Society offers continuing professional development, information services, networking opportunities, and recognition and promotion of the designations. For more information visit the [CIP Society](#) section of the Institute website.

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## FACT SHEET: THE CIP SOCIETY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

### WHAT IS THE LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM?

The CIP Society National Leadership Awards recognize leadership within our membership and our profession. This prestigious national awards program celebrates the excellence, integrity and achievement of our industry leaders.

The National Leadership Awards recipients are members who lead by example to foster and promote leadership through their passion for life-long learning and commitment to their profession, employer and community.

Each year's award recipients represent outstanding achievement in Canada's property and casualty insurance industry, and as such, are inducted into the [CIP Society Leadership Circle](#).

### WHAT ARE THE AWARDS CRITERIA?

The CIP Society National Leadership Awards identify members whose personal qualities exemplify leadership through their passion for learning, their dedication to their profession and commitment to their employer. Leaders are role models and mentors who demonstrate a natural ability to positively influence the people around them and cultivate leadership qualities in others. They have made a positive difference in their company and given back to the insurance industry and to the community where they live. And as a result, they are respected and admired by their peers and deemed to be a person of high personal integrity.

#### **Established Leader Category**

This award recognizes CIP Society members who have achieved sustained success through their demonstrated leadership qualities and the significant impact they have made on their organization, their community and the industry. To find out more about the criteria for the [Established Leader Category](#), please visit the website.

#### **Emerging Leader Category**

This award recognizes CIP Society members who, through some early achievements and successes, are seen as an emerging leader within their organization or the industry. To find out more about the criteria for the [Emerging Leader Category](#), please visit the website.

### HOW CAN THE INDUSTRY GET INVOLVED?

As a member of the insurance community, you know that there are shining examples of leadership on the front lines and in the back offices of our profession. You know the hallmarks of leadership and can recognize strength, character and collaborative spirit in your colleagues. That is why the CIP Society will depend on you to identify and nominate potential National Leadership Awards recipients – those established and emerging leaders who are most deserving of recognition.

To nominate an industry professional for a CIP Society National Leadership Award, please download the nomination forms from the CIP Society section of the Insurance Institute website at: [National Leadership Awards – 2015 Call for Nominations](#). Nominations will close on June 1, 2015.

### WHAT WILL EACH LEADER RECEIVE?

Each year our award recipients are inducted into the **CIP Society Leadership Circle**. Each award recipient receives a **one-of-a-kind steel sculpture handcrafted by Canadian metalsmith Boris Kramer, called "Good Company."** For a picture of the awards sculpture and its appropriateness as the Leadership Award, please visit the [website](#).

## HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

You can meet the inductees to the [CIP Society Leadership Circle](#) on the CIP Society section of the Insurance Institute website. To nominate an Established or Emerging Leader for this year's award, please see the [awards criteria](#). If you have any questions regarding the awards or the nomination process, please contact [leadership@insuranceinstitute.ca](mailto:leadership@insuranceinstitute.ca).

## WHO HAS RECEIVED THE AWARD TO DATE?

Introducing the inductees to the CIP SOCIETY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE:

### EMERGING LEADERS

2014

Adrian Osti, B.Comm, FCIP, CTD, CRM

2013

Anne-Marie Deschênes, CIP, CRM, AIB  
Lindsay Mackenzie, B. Econ., FCIP, CRM  
Tammie Norn, FCIP

2012

Drew Collins, BA, CIP, CRM, ACS  
Frederik Pelaez, BEng, MBA, FCIP, CRM, CIB  
Kevin Sigouin, BComm, CIP, CRM

2011

Simon Charbonneau, FPAA  
Andrew Clark, FCIP  
Vincent Gaudreau, FPAA

2010

Rob Bickerton, FCIP  
Melanie Needham, FCIP  
Mathieu Gagnon, PAA

2009

Patrick Bouchard, PAA  
Thomas Newby, CIP  
Phillip Robichaud, FCIP  
Jonathan Stone, FCIP

### ESTABLISHED LEADERS

2014

Johanne Lépine, FPAA  
Lynn Oldfield, MBA, CRM, FCIP

2013

Ginny Bannerman, MBA, CIP  
James Cameron, FCIP, CRM, C. Arb.

2012

Diane Brickner, CIP, ICD.D  
Barry F. Lorenzetti, CIP

2011

Glenn Gibson, CIP

2010

Ron Bouwmeister, FCIP  
Greg Thierman, CIP  
Raymond White, FCIP

2009

Carla Blackmore, FCIP  
Andrew Janzen, FCIP  
Patrick McNally, FCIP  
H. Ross Totten, FCIP

## HOW THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN THE INDUSTRY:

The CIP Society, as the graduate division of the Insurance Institute, has as its mandate to impart knowledge, instill professionalism and create leaders within the industry through our professional development programs. We are proud of our contribution to the development of leadership within our membership. It then seems fitting to formally applaud and commemorate our members' leadership qualities.

Since its inception in 2009, the National Leadership Awards Program has become a cornerstone in the efforts of the CIP Society to raise the profile of the CIP and FCIP designations within the industry and among the insurance-buying public. We are confident that acknowledging the leadership qualities of CIPs and FCIPs will contribute to greater awareness of the designations and a greater profile for our members within the industry and in their communities.

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