



Dear Members,

Well, this is my final President's message and I can honestly say that I will be sorry to step down from the role. I have gained, grown and learnt so much during my year that I have become kind of attached to the ideology of it; maybe I have enjoyed the power! On a serious note, it is an honour to have been given the chance to take such on a prestigious position, and I hope that I have done it justice. I remember thinking at the beginning of the year, 'Use this opportunity to make a difference' - and I hope I have.

When I decided on the two themes of women and young people for my presidential year, this, to me, did not mean concentrating solely on women, or on young people. It meant spreading positive messages and encouraging voices to be heard. It meant having important conversations about subjects that are sometimes seen either as irrelevant, or as too difficult. I have been trying to use my regular president's messages to do precisely that, especially through interviews with individuals in our industry whose experiences and viewpoints are perhaps somewhat outside the mainstream. I hope you've found them interesting, and perhaps even inspiring (they are all posted in the [news](#) section of our website if you want to go back and have a look). I was particularly pleased to see so many enthusiastic faces at my keynote event last month, the Equality and Diversity Symposium; thank you for your support.

Annual Dinner 2018



I am really pleased to report that the new venue, delicious menu and excellent live band made for a very successful evening! I enjoyed it immensely, and I hope you did too.

My sincere thanks go to Jess Addison and Sarah Deacon who helped organise the whole event, as well as several other council members, without whom the night would not have run as smoothly as it did.

I was very proud to host Inga Beale, President of the Chartered Insurance Institute. Inga gave our members and guests a powerful talk about new talent, the need for change and our responsibility to build trust in our industry. If we all do our part and work together, we can make a difference. Thank you to Inga, my top table guests, fellow council members and all of our members and guests for their kind support!

I must add how extremely impressed I was with the venue; from our first meeting, many months ago, to the final weeks leading up to the event and then on the evening itself, the professionalism and skill with which they managed us was amazing. Nothing was too much to ask and everything was executed perfectly, not least the meal, which I hope you will agree was of exceptional quality.



I have had great feedback about the bands, both before and after the meal. It was close to midnight when I looked around the room and just beamed to see so many people dancing and enjoying themselves; the perfect balance, I hope, between important formalities and an enjoyable evening with friends and colleagues.

Plans are already underway for 2019, so watch this space!



Prizewinners

We have a huge number of students sitting exams each year, often working towards them alongside several other commitments; recognising and celebrating their achievements is hugely important. Earlier this year we held our Student Presentation event, where we formally congratulated a number of these students, including two national prize winners. And on Friday, at our annual dinner, I was excited to present local awards on behalf of our institute to a selection of people who were chosen for outstanding academic achievement and professional excellence. Please join me in congratulating them.



Craig Redmond, Hiscox - Taylor Prize for best overall results in Advanced Diploma in General Insurance



James Milbourne, Willis Towers Watson - Ivan Howlett Prize for best overall results in Diploma in General Insurance



Amy Winter, Willis Towers Watson - Ina Barker Prize for best result in a risk management paper



Robyn Davies, Arista Insurance - Harry Theed Cup for best result in a motor paper



David Greenwood, WithYOU Wealth Ltd - Award for best results in the Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning



Julie Steele, Killik & Co - Award for best results in the Diploma in Financial Planning

Emily Darby, Willis Towers Watson - Gordon Warren Young Achiever Award for high achievement under age 30 - **Winner**



Jordan Harrison, Willis Towers Watson - Gordon Warren Young Achiever Award for high achievement under age 30 - Shortlisted



Richard Howlett, Willis Towers Watson - Gordon Warren Young Achiever Award for high achievement under age 30 – Shortlisted and Prize Committee award (for excellence or achievement not otherwise recognised). We were extremely impressed with Richard's Gordon Warren nomination and particularly in light of his work with the Key4Life charity and his work as a chef for a local night shelter in the winter months.



Ed Sheeran Raffle

Finally - the news you've all been waiting for..... the winner of the Ed Sheeran Charity Raffle!

As the prize was kindly donated by my employer, Crawford & Company, I asked my guest, Benedict Burke, to draw the winning ticket at our annual dinner last Friday.



I am pleased to announce that **STEVE TRETT** of Willis Towers Watson is now the proud owner of two Ed Sheeran tickets!!!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Because of your kind support, we have raised over £1,300 for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust through this raffle alone.



AGM – Monday 20th April 2018

Please do come along to our **AGM** on Monday at 6pm at the Ipswich & Suffolk Club. You will have a chance to hear about our year's successes and our future plans, and to vote on the appointment of new council members.

Maybe you've thought about joining? Why don't you come along and meet us and see what you think? Openings arise each year for a range of difference roles including Education, Young Professionals and Communications. I know that I have gained far more than I have given during my time on council, I have met dozens of new people that I wouldn't have come into contact with otherwise and I have had lots of fun!



Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to express profound thanks to my fellow council members for their invaluable support and hard work this year, enabling so much to be achieved. Together, we have provided another packed year of CPD sessions, covering technical, professional and personal skills. Our first all-day conference in September was a great success, with a record attendance. We organised the written exam centre for local exams, and attended as many careers fairs as possible, promoting the insurance and personal finance industries to young professionals in our area. Our Young Professional committee has gone from strength to strength. Our social team capably organised a hugely enjoyable charity quiz, raising funds for my chosen cause, Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. And we have increased our presence on social media; please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @ipswichcii if you are not doing so already.

So this is goodbye from me as President; but I'm not going far away. Under the capable leadership of my Deputy President, Richard Brame, to whom I hand the reins at the end of this month, I know we will continue as an organisation to work hard to maintain and build on the success we have already achieved. As always, we are here for you, our members, so please let us know if there is anything we are missing.

Johanna Mulley
President at the Insurance Institute of Ipswich, Suffolk and North Essex

