



# Connecticut Association of Public Insurance Adjusters

Member Bulletin – Winter 2023/24

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the past year and gear up for the new one, we have some exciting news and updates to share with you.

**Legal Advocacy:** We are pleased to announce a significant milestone in our legal advocacy efforts.

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of Attorney Brianna Robert from Biller, Sachs, Robert, & DeLaura in collaboration with the office of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, an Amicus Brief has been filed on behalf of CAPIA in the case of PPC Realty v. City of Hartford. Attorneys Karen Dowd and Michael Lanza of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, prepared and filed this brief in support of the landlord's position. The case is currently pending before the Connecticut Supreme Court. We will keep you updated as we receive more information.

Should you wish to review the underlying briefs or the amicus brief, please feel free to contact CAPIA Attorney Brianna Robert at [brobert@billerlawgroup.com](mailto:brobert@billerlawgroup.com).

**Administrative Support:**  
We are delighted to

announce that CAPIA has retained Jennifer Barrack with Barrack Association Consultants to provide administrative support. Jennifer will manage member notices, dues invoices, and updates about the next in-person meeting, which will be our Annual Meeting in May. This promises to be a special event, and we cannot wait to share the details with you.

**Elections Update:** To accommodate our planned Annual Meeting in May, the Board of Directors voted to postpone the election of CAPIA's new Board. Our Bylaws have been reviewed by Counsel to reflect this change in the election date.

**Oktoberfest Success:** A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Oktoberfest! We raised over \$7,000, making it our most successful fundraising activity to date. These funds will support our ongoing legislative efforts on behalf of Connecticut policyholders and public adjusters.

As we embark on a new year, we extend our best wishes to our members and supporters for a happy and healthy 2024.

Best regards,  
Mark Sandillo  
CAPIA President

## QUESTIONS FOR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The CAPIA Board of Directors convenes monthly to deliberate on matters crucial to the support and protection of Connecticut insureds and public adjusters, addressing pertinent industry and professional challenges.

To enhance engagement and ensure member concerns are addressed, we encourage you to submit any questions or topics you would like discussed during our upcoming in-person meeting. Your input is invaluable in shaping our discussions and initiatives.

Please forward questions to [info@ctpublicadjusters.com](mailto:info@ctpublicadjusters.com) or email directly to CAPIA President Mark Sandillo at [Mark@apicelladjusters.com](mailto:Mark@apicelladjusters.com).

We look forward to addressing your queries and fostering a collaborative environment that serves the overall interests of our members and the entire public insurance adjusting profession.

Thank you for your past and continued commitment to the success of the Connecticut Association of Public Insurance Adjusters.

## **DUES PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Payment of membership dues for 2024 is now accessible via the new CAPIA website ([www.ctpublicadjusters.com](http://www.ctpublicadjusters.com)). Dues are \$400 per individual member with a maximum of \$1,600 per company.

To conveniently settle your dues, please follow the link provided on the invoice to be issued in early January. This online platform is designed to streamline the payment process. Dues may also be paid by check at the address noted on the invoice.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and thank you for your continued support of CAPIA.

## **WELCOME NEW CAPIA MEMBERS!**

We are excited to announce and extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Lamar Toles, Mark Dillman, Damond Toles, and Mindi Labella. Join us in welcoming them to our group and be sure to seek them out at our next event.

As a reminder, applications for new members undergo a thorough review by the Membership Committee. Those who receive approval are then recommended to the Board of Directors and the entire membership for final approval.

Please note that CAPIA membership is exclusively limited to licensed public adjusters.

We kindly remind all members to adhere to the CAPIA Code of Ethics, which serves as our guiding principles for professional conduct.

Your ongoing commitment to maintaining the high standards of our association is greatly appreciated.

## **THANK YOU OKTOBERFEST SUPPORTERS**

We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors and member firms for their solid commitment in making our recent Oktoberfest such a resounding success.

Their generosity and financial support have played a pivotal role in elevating the stature of our Oktoberfest, making it bigger and better with each passing year. The success we have achieved would not have been possible without their help.

## **PUBLIC ADJUSTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Public Insurance Adjuster Certification Program for the designation of Senior Professional Public Adjuster (SPPA) was established in 1986 to recognize and promote the expertise of advanced public adjusters. The designation is awarded to those who successfully complete a course of study administered by [The Institutes](http://TheInstitutes).

Visit [www.TheInstitutes.org/SPPA](http://www.TheInstitutes.org/SPPA) for more information To see if a public adjuster has a SPPA designation [click here](#) to search by name.

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