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IMUA HONORS FOUR AT 90th VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sharon Primerano Receives IMUA's Lifetime Achievement Award

New York, NY, May 27, 2021 – Sharon Primerano, AIG's Inland Marine Construction & Equipment Product Lead North America Marine, was presented with this year's IMUA's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Association's 90th Virtual Annual Meeting. Sharon was one of four individuals recognized by the IMUA at this year's May 25-26 Annual Meeting. The others included David Lee, Retired Director, Inland Marine at Tokio Marine North America, Inc. – Excellence in Education; and Sam Slade, FCIP, CRM Vice President, Gen Re I Toronto Branch – Outstanding Committee Person. Bruce Jervis, IMUA's previous Chairperson, received a special Leadership Award.

Award winners were recognized during the second day of the association's virtual annual meeting. Award winners will be officially presented with their award at next year's in-person April meeting in Savannah, GA.

Commenting on Sharon Primerano's award, IMUA President & CEO Kevin O'Brien said, "Sharon has continually helped build IMUA in so many ways from her committee work to educational instruction to serving on the Board of Directors. Among her many achievements, she was the driving force in forming the IMUA GenX/GenY Committee whose charge was the recruiting of younger industry professionals to get involved in IMUA activities in the early 2000s. She was also a key member of the ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee in 2011/2012 that crafted IMUA focus on being the premier provider of education and professional development opportunities for the inland marine industry.

"Sharon is an outstanding educator and has been an active member of the IMUA 'faculty' for many years. Serving on the IMUA Board of Directors, she always provided keen leadership and direction for the organization's growth. She has been an ardent supporter of IMUA and has made an indelible impact on the association."

As the winner of the Excellence in Education Award, David Lee was recognized as a motivating force in advancing IMUA's education curriculum. Respected throughout the industry for his knowledge and expertise, David's specialty is in transportation lines including motor truck cargo and supply chain logistics. During his career, he was a very active educator for IMUA presenting at various classes and regional seminars. David is noted for his very engaging presentation style.

"David was chairman of the IMUA Transportation Committee and his leadership led to the development of several member benefits in that arena. Over the years, David has been a strong supporter of IMUA and committed to 'raising the bar' for IMUA education program," notes O'Brien.

Sam Slade, Outstanding Committee Person Award winner, pioneered IMUA's push to establish its presence in Canada. He led the formation of the Toronto Regional Advisory Committee and still chairs that committee today. Sam was noted for his outstanding job in recruiting colleagues to serve on the Toronto Regional Advisory Committee and in the development of a series of education events. The Toronto programs have had very high attendance and include an array of topics including mass timber, faulty workmanship and contractors equipment.

"Through Sam's efforts, IMUA has established a footprint in Canada. His enthusiasm, marketing savvy and dedication to giving back to the industry have been a great asset for IMUA," said O'Brien.

Bruce Jervis was also recognized with the IMUA Leadership Award for his tenure as Chairperson of the IMUA Board of Directors.

O'Brien states, "During his tenure, Bruce has had a tremendous impact on the financial strength and effectiveness of the association. He led IMUA's entrance into an e-learning platform, which now features courses in builders risk, contractors equipment and transportation. The e-learning curriculum is a complimentary, exclusive IMUA member benefit. Over the years, Bruce has been the voice of reason and vision for the association. IMUA is clearly a stronger organization because of his outstanding leadership."

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