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**IMUA**  
INLAND MARINE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION



## **2011 COMMITTEE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

IMUA committees are the backbone of the organization. We are fortunate to have so many outstanding professionals volunteer their valuable time to support IMUA's mission. IMUA presents a special award each year known as Committee Person of the Year (CPOY): a tradition that started in 1999. Nominees are recognized for their dedicated service and outstanding contributions to IMUA. The winner is awarded an expense paid trip to the Annual Meeting.

The selection process begins with a poll of all the individual representatives within IMUA member companies including committee chairs and members as well as the Board. Based on the votes and feedback received five finalists are selected.

The IMUA Board has charged the elected officers and staff with making the final award. Each year there are a number of deserving nominees and the final selection is always a difficult decision. The IMUA Board is proud to recognize Steven Silverman as Committee Person of the Year.

### **Steven Silverman** **Lexington Insurance Company**

Steve is an ardent supporter of IMUA. He is an active member of the IMUA Transportation and Webinar Committees. Steve is highly engaged in committee work and continually strives to make productive contributions. He has led the charge to start a New England Regional Advisory Committee and their inaugural education program is scheduled for the Fall 2012.

Steve is an outstanding presenter and has been very involved in conducting IMUA education events. He instructed various modules of the IMUA Introduction to Commercial Inland Marine Insurance Course. In 2011 Steve stepped up at the last minute to teach a second module of the course necessitated by a speaker cancellation. Steve recently presented the Transportation webinar in the AMIM 122 series.

Steve embodies the definition of volunteerism with his work on behalf of IMUA; outstanding committee member, presenter/instructor and resource to IMUA staff.

***The Board is also pleased to recognize the following outstanding committee members:***

**Alexander McGinley**

**XL Group**

Alexander is a past IMUA Board member and the current chair of the Webinar Committee. Since joining the Webinar Committee in 2010, he has propelled the committee forward by avidly pursuing topical new webinar subjects and presenters. He led the committee in staying on target with their goal or launching the AMIM 122 webinar series in 2012 with one new webinar premiered each week over the course of 12 weeks. Alexander's dedication to working with the committee has resulted in the delivery of valuable education to the membership.

**Craig Kolakowski**

**AGCS (Allianz)**

Since joining the Loss Control & Claims Committee in March 2008, Craig has contributed to several committee papers including contributing to portions of a series of papers devoted to Cargo and Conveyance Tracking & Security Systems. He has also written IMUA news articles and Lessons from Losses on a variety of topics from crane losses to burglar alarm systems with cellular back-up. Additionally, Craig has been a beneficial conduit to IMUA interfacing with other industry-related organizations.

**Audra Riggins**

**Arch Re Facultative**

Audra has shown a level of commitment to the Southwest Advisory Committee matched by only a few – serving as the committee's chair for the second time around. She brings a measure of stability and confidence to a productive and well-established committee. Audra works efficiently with all the members of her committee to host a full day seminar each year, making it appear almost effortless. Her enthusiasm and leadership have served IMUA well.

## **W. David Smith**

### **ACE USA**

David is a past chairperson of the Southeast Advisory Committee and continues to be an integral part of the committee. He has served in a number of capacities during his tenure on the committee. Currently David fulfills the important role of the committee's Continuing Education (CE) Coordinator, working with IMUA's national Education/Training specialist and the Georgia Department of Insurance to provide CE credits to agents and brokers who attend the Southeast's Regional Advisory seminar each year. David is a steadfast supporter of professional development, the Southeast Advisory Committee, and IMUA at-large.