Before attending my first IAIP Convention, I thought I knew how special this association was. I had already attended several Council meetings and Regional Conferences and I appreciated the networking, education and fellowship these events offered. But it was the experience of attending my first International Convention that really opened my eyes to just how extraordinary IAIP is. There is something about the energy the members bring to Convention. The exchanging of ideas, the eagerness to learn something new, the catching up with old friends and creating new ones; this all makes the Convention experience unique. I am so grateful to have been able to attend every Convention since that first time.

IAIP's 2017 International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is just a couple of weeks away and it promises to be another awesome experience full of valuable educational courses and networking opportunities. Along with our three education tracks of Industry Trends, Career Development and Association Leadership, there will be interactive panel discussions, a networking luncheon and the always popular Solution Room. A highlight for many of us will be reconnecting with other members from all over the country.

I was once told that if an organization is worth joining, it is worth being involved in. One of the best ways I know of to be involved in IAIP is to attend and actively participate in the Convention. My first time Convention experience is what prompted me to become more involved in IAIP and in taking on leadership roles in the organization. Yes, attending Convention requires time and money that many of us have little to spare, but the value received is well worth the expense. The experience is truly priceless.

I hope to see you in Albuquerque.

In fellowship,
Tish Riley, CIIP, DAE, CLP
2016-17 IAIP President

This is MY IAIP

"Before IAIP, I simply didn’t believe in myself. A friend of mine, an IAIP member, kept inviting me to meetings and she wouldn’t take no for an answer. Her persistence paid off and I was hooked! I went to all the meetings, volunteered for our council planning meeting, raised my hand at every opportunity I could, spoke when it was needed. The next year, I became President. I have received mentoring, advice and direction. I am forever grateful. In addition to leadership roles with my local association, my career has grown and has also benefited from my involvement. I wouldn’t be where I am today, personally or professionally without IAIP. My confidence has grown, my career has blossomed and my future is much brighter all due in part to a little persistent nudge of my IAIP friend."
Kate Thalacker, CISR, CPIW
Wells Fargo Insurance Services
"If you had told me a few years ago that I would have the confidence to be a Regional Vice President, I wouldn't have believed you. IAIP has given me the confidence to stand in front of audiences, to ask my employer for a raise, and to negotiate with employers to support the association financially. Not only have I gained confidence, negotiation and project management skills I have also learned how to better delegate and how to be a leader... but most importantly, how to see myself as a leader. These lessons and skills will be with me the rest of my life giving me the ability to be successful personally and professionally."

Martha Elliott, CIC, CISR, CIIP
Region V Co-Vice President

Looking for more IAIP inspiration? Read more testimonials.

Have your own story to share? Submit your testimonial.

2017 Convention

Get Organized!
The 2017 Convention is less than two weeks away! Make the most of your IAIP Convention experience by taking advantage of all the tools we offer:

- select your education choices online
- print your personal Convention agenda
- download calendar reminders for your education sessions (see step #3 in the "How To" instructions link)
- download and print education material: Electronic versions of all available handouts and student guides are accessible online via the Convention attendee portal. We strongly encourage you to download all material you will need before you arrive in Albuquerque. Please note: those with business-session only registration will not have access to the downloadable education material.

Don't Forget to Share #IAIP2017!
Please help us spread the word! Be on the lookout for Facebook and Twitter posts promoting the Convention (#IAIP2017)! Be sure to "SHARE" them with not just our members - but with non-members as well! Follow the latest updates on Twitter or on Facebook. Don't forget to add the #IAIP2017 hashtag to all your messages about the convention.

Education Updates

I CAN! - A Step Above
Earlier this year the Education Task Force launched a contest, inviting members to submit their ideas for a new name for the I CAN! Series and I CAN! - A Step Above courses. We would like to thank all members who participated in the contest. After consideration of all submissions, the Executive Committee and management team determined the submissions for the "I CAN!" did not capture the desired focus and branding for re-naming consideration. We will continue to evaluate potential names for this series and regret that we were unable to select a submission at this time.

The Executive Committee is asking the Education Task Force to consider inviting submissions again next year. We welcome membership involvement and input!

Upcoming Events
Mark your calendars for the following important upcoming events:

June 7
Understanding Medicare

Join us on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 for Understanding Medicare, an eLearning event.

Who:  Presented by Lisa Frazzetta-Manning
When:  2PM Eastern
(duration: about one hour)

Understanding Medicare
This webinar will provide a basic overview of Medicare. You will learn information and tools to understand the options available to those eligible for Medicare benefits. Hot topics in Medicare will also be shared.

This webinar is complimentary for IAIP members and $15 non-members. Pre-registration is required to receive the webinar access link. No refunds are available after purchase. This webinar qualifies for IAIP Education hours for CIIP and DAE designations.

REGISTER TODAY!

Scholarship Deadline Extended

The deadline for The National Alliance professional continuing education scholarships has been extended to June 8th!

The National Alliance offers a variety of scholarships and there is still time to apply. These scholarships are a great member benefit so take advantage and apply today. Applications must be received by Thursday, June 8, 2017. Submit your completed National Alliance Scholarship application to Theresa Scott with The National Alliance.

FIT Insurance Professionals

IAIP FIT Activities

IAIP FIT Insurance Professionals look forward to seeing you at International Convention 2017!

Please bring your walking shoes, bathing suits, yoga mats and boxing gloves (just kidding) and join us:

Wednesday, June 14, 5:30 PM Welcome Walk, meet at the Registration

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Swim, meet at Grand Pool

Friday, June 16, 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM Yoga, meet at Registration
Saturday, June 17, 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Self Defense Class, meet at Registration

Reminder for Spring FIT Challenge
FIT Insurance Professionals challenge your local association to participate in a run/walk charity event sometime during March 20, 2017 to June 19, 2017.

Submit a picture of your group (IAIP members only, please) at the event and the picture/information with the highest percentage of participants from your local association will be featured in a summer Connections newsletter.

Email your entry to Katharine Nohr with the photo, names of the members in your photo, name of your local association and name, date and location of the event and the total number of member participants by July 5, 2017. Have fun and get FIT!

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