

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

~ 2014 - 2015 ~

April 2015

President's Report

Firstly I would like to say what a tremendous honour and privilege it has been for me to serve as the President of the Insurance Institute of Hull. The year has passed very quickly but has been an extremely enjoyable one. 2014/15 has been a year of trials and tribulations for me, both on a business and personal level. My objectives, unwritten, at the beginning of the year were to "make a difference" and continue the change process instigated by previous Presidents, in particular, to introduce and develop new members into Council. My own workloads meant that at times it felt like progress with objectives has been slow. I was however delighted to welcome Lucia Grossi and Wajid Malik to council at the beginning of the year. Both have continued to play an active role in council and have been excellent contributors. It is hoped that following the Dinner, council will have at least one other new member for 2015/16, and we always welcome more volunteers.

I would like to thank all members of council for their support during the Presidential year and in particular as follows: Mark Green for his advice and support on numerous occasions; Marie Jebb and Ruth Murray for their superb organisation of the annual dinner. This year's dinner, again, was a fantastic success; Andrew Carrick for his continued and tireless organisation of the institute. Institute matters run seamlessly and this is a testament to the significant amount of work that Andrew does often unnoticed; Alan Blunt for the organisation of another successful examination centre campaign; Lisa Evison for continuing to keep us on the financial straight and narrow. Lastly thanks to my Deputy President Katie Thane, Wajid Malik, and Lucia Grossi. The support they have given in relation to organising social events has been more than very much appreciated.

Two matters remain outstanding from my Presidential year:-

- Continuing the theme of introducing new council members and recognising new talent [particularly from the younger generation], the introduction of an "annual young achievers" award. This was mentioned during the dinner speech and discussed briefly at previous council meetings. Council may consider it appropriate to form a subcommittee to consider the implementation of his award for the 2015/16 year.
- A Presidential challenge – due to work commitments and general lack of fitness was not completed. It is still my intention to complete an appropriate charitable event – the Lyke Wake walk still appeals in a morbid way!

Finally, the passing of three past Presidents during the year was sadly noted. They will be missed by family, ex-colleagues and institute members alike.

Adrian Jolly ACII CIP
President

Treasurer's Note

The draft audited accounts for year ended 31st December 2014 accompany this document. As usual, a report will be given at the AGM. Plans are currently in place for celebrations and events to take place in 2017 to mark 'Hull UK City of Culture'

Lisa Evison
Treasurer

Education

We have seen a total of 109 members apply to sit a combination of computer-based multiple choice question exams and 1-3 hour written exams in Hull over the last twelve months. Of the 109 candidates we had a total of 65 passes with 2 at Distinction level, ad 2 candidates withdrawing before the exam and 11 absent for their chosen exam. The overall pass rate was 67% for those actually sitting the examination.

There have been two written sessions both held at the Holiday Inn Marina and I would like to thank the invigilators who gratefully give up their time so that members can continue to sit exams in Hull. I would be grateful if anyone who is interested in helping (it would only be one half day) would kindly get in touch either us. Thanks also to Neil Davey for his assistance.

From the results we believe that members would benefit from help with the financial services AF exams and to this end we are researching the costs of a tutor for a full day revision session to tie in with next Octobers sessions, if members could let either myself or our Secretary know what exams they are sitting, that would help us in choosing the subject matter.

Alan N Blunt Dip PFS
Education Secretary

Sports & Social

Events were held in the 2014/15 year as follows:-

- Pub Quiz – 10th June 2014. Circa 50 attendees
- Treasure Hunt – 12th August 2014. Circa 30 attendees
- Charity casino night – 14th November 2014. Circa 70 attendees

The latter event raised over £1000 in charity monies. Whilst the individual events were an ultimate success, a point of general concern would be the difficulty in gaining numbers to attend the events. Attendance was generally driven by the efforts of individual council members – a significant number of event attendees were family and friends and not Institute related. I still firmly support identifying and appointing “event champions” within larger local companies, the intention being for those champions to promote and market events within those individual member companies.

Adrian Jolly ACII CIP
Wajid Malik MBA CertCII

Syllabus

We held the following events during the year:

4 th June 2014	Business English – Writing to Express not Impress
17 th Sept 2014	The Financial Ombudsman Service
26 th Nov 2014	“Behind the scenes” visit to the Deep
15 th Jan 2015	Industry responses to the 2013/14 floods
17 th March 2015	Public Speaking Techniques

Attendances ranged from 15 to 30. These events, apart from educating and informing, give members valuable CPD. We hold CPD Accreditation from the CII, and this enables us to give a formal CPD rating for each syllabus event we hold.

Unfortunately a planned presentation in July 2014 on Business Ethics had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

We are providing a better program of events compared to some other Local Institutes of similar or even larger size to ours, particularly when you bear in mind that we are all volunteers, but this is no cause for complacency. We welcome suggestions for future events and speakers, the latter being key. Events are being planned for the new Session starting in April.

PFS members are particularly welcome to get involved as we have been able to provide only limited member events in the Financial Services sector over the last few years. A Pensions exam (AF3) study day is under consideration at the moment.

Andrew Carrick MA ACII

Charities

Following our centenary year 2013-14 it was good to see that the generosity of the local insurance community remained solid. Many of the events through the year attempted to raise monies for Insurance Charities and the nominated charity of the President, HER Breast Friend (registered charity number 1114143), and this was epitomised by the amount of £1,287.60 raised at the Dinner.

We hope to keep you all in touch with initiatives through the year to raise further funds for Insurance Charities and attempts to help current and past employees of the Insurance Industry in times of need. If you require further details as to the assistance that Insurance Charities may provide please visit the website for further information.

Paul Cook CertCII

Dinner

The Annual Dinner was again held at The Guildhall, Hull, on Friday 6th February 2015. We had 170 paying guests attended with 23 official guests making a total of 193. Sponsorship was kindly provided by QBE Insurance, NMU, Rainbow International and Clean, Restore, Build Ltd and we thank them for their generous support.

The taxi was again provided for transportation from the Hotel to The Guildhall and was as usual well received by all who used it. The use of Jaz Bar after the event was again a great way to end the evening with bacon sandwiches provided for those who were still hungry!

During the evening, as mentioned above, we held the usual charity collection and members and guests generously contributed. The proceeds will be split between The Insurance Charities and the President's chosen charity.

Finally our congratulations go to Adrian Jolly on his year as president and his speech at the dinner.

Ruth Murray BA (Hons) Dip CII

Lisa Evison

Marie Jebb DipCII

Dinner Committee

Membership

As at the beginning of March membership stands at 424 which is the same as this time last year, despite fluctuations during the 12 months. Any member is welcome to join the Institute Council and I would be happy to speak to anyone interested in participating.

We do not have email addresses for every member and we would prefer to use email as the principal mode of communication with you. Please ensure you tell the CII of your email address and they will amend the central records; we are unable to do this on your behalf due to Data Protection restrictions. Similarly if you have a colleague who does not receive our mailings please ask them to pass on their email address too.

The CII still provide a website for us, but we also have a LinkedIn group available, just go to www.linkedin.com and search for *The Insurance Institute of Hull*. In addition we now have Twitter and Facebook accounts, and our events will be publicised via all these media.

Andrew Carrick MA ACII

Secretary

Centenary Books

We still have copies of the commemorative books produced during last year's Centenary celebrations:

- ***Celebrating 100 Years*** – a look at the events and characters who made up our Institute's first hundred years (free to members);
- ***Until We See The Day Break*** – a tribute to five of our members, and the son of our first President, who were killed on active service during World War 1 (cost £10 paperback, or £6 via Amazon Kindle, but all profits go to charity).

If anyone would like a copy of either or both of these, please contact the Secretary on 01482 388558 or email hullinstitute@cii.co.uk

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