Executives from AIG, CNA, The Hartford & Lloyd’s to Receive Inclusion Champion Awards

IICF adds Career Achievement Award to Women in Insurance Global Conference honors

NEW YORK, May 3, 2017 – The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) today announces it has named four insurance industry leaders as the recipients of the organization’s prestigious Inclusion Champion Awards for 2017, which honor the extraordinary contributions of insurance industry professionals working to advance diversity within the field. The winners include Sarah Pang of CNA, Marya Propis of AIG, John Kinney of The Hartford and Hank Watkins of Lloyd’s. This year’s honorees were selected from among an incredibly strong field of 27 global professionals – the largest number of nominees IICF has ever received in any given year for the Inclusion Champion Awards.

In fact, due to the volume of highly qualified nominations submitted, IICF was compelled this year to create the IICF Career Achievement Award to recognize those individuals whose cumulative body of work within the insurance profession represents the highest ideals, and real world implementation of championing diversity and inclusion through mentoring, talent development and advocacy to achieve a fully inclusive workplace. To inaugurate this year’s Career Achievement Awards, IICF has named Joan Lamm-Tennant, Ph.D., CEO of Blue Marble Microinsurance, and Bill Henry, CEO of MHBT, a Marsh & McLennan Agency, as its honorees.

“It is my distinct honor and privilege to congratulate this year’s Inclusion Champions for the outstanding example they have set for our colleagues who work in and with the insurance industry,” said Betsy Myatt, IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference chair and executive director of the IICF Northeast Division. “This year is especially noteworthy for the tremendous number of well-qualified, inspiring leaders who champion the causes of diversity and inclusion, while demonstrating a commitment to community service throughout their careers. As such, we’re thrilled to commemorate the volume and stature of this year’s nominees through the creation of our distinguished Career Achievement Award. We thank all our winners for their dedication and advocacy.”

The two female Inclusion Champions, Pang and Propis, hold executive leadership roles within their organizations. Pang is senior vice president of CNA’s Corporate Communications
department, while Propis is senior vice president, head of Broker Engagement at AIG’s U.S. Commercial group.

Of the male Inclusion Champions, both are longtime, recognized industry leaders. Kinney is The Hartford’s chief claims officer and Watkins is president of Lloyd’s North America. The Inclusion Champion Award is bestowed by IICF on those individuals who provide leadership in the advancement of women in the workplace and diversity of all kinds, and are recognized and nominated as such by their industry colleagues.

Both Lamm-Tennant and Henry received the first IICF Career Achievement Award designations this year for their career-long efforts to foster and promote inclusive work environments.

“This year was perhaps the most challenging year we’ve faced at IICF in selecting honorees from among such an impressive group of insurance industry leaders. I congratulate our winners and nominees for their example and tireless dedication to the cause of diversity and inclusion,” noted William E. Ross, CEO of IICF.

This year’s award winners will be honored at the IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference Dinner on Thursday, June 8, 2017. The conference runs from June 7-9 at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Those wishing to register can do so online via iicf.org/register. Those wishing to attend the Women in Insurance Global Conference Dinner may also register at iicf.org/register.

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