

IIANC's 2009 Award Winners

Each year, IIANC awards association members and company partners for their achievements and dedication to the insurance industry. The association presents awards for: Agent of the Year, Young Agent of the Year, Company Professional of the Year, Ernest F. Young Education Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, AAMGA Award, Company of the Year, Broker of the Year and Presidential Citations.

Presented at the 2009 Annual Convention

The following awards were presented at the 2009 Annual Convention held October 11-14 at the Hilton Head Marriott, Hilton Head Island, SC.



Agent of the Year

Linda E. Willey of J. Fletcher Willey Agency, Inc. in Nags Head, NC was named the 2009 Agent of the Year. Willey received the award for her outstanding service to IIANC, the insurance industry, her agency, community and family. A 23-year veteran of the insurance industry, Willey has been actively involved in IIANC's legislative affairs for many years and this past year served as Chairman of the association's Legislative Committee.

Willey is dedicated to community service as well. She is co-founder of two community outreach programs, Hands for Hope and Food for Thought. Willey also serves as treasurer for the local Airport Authority, is on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Aquarium, and is involved with the Hospital Development Council, Red Cross and Manufactured Housing Commission.



Company Professional of the Year

The 2009 Company Professional of the Year award was presented to John Miletti for the outstanding support he and his company have shown to IIANC during the past year.

Miletti is the Vice President of Government Affairs for Travelers Insurance.



Ernest F. Young Education Award

The 2009 Ernest F. Young Education Award was presented to Dennis Houck, CIC AAI of Dennis Houck, LLC in West Jefferson, NC for his commitment to IIANC's award-winning education program.

A 38-year veteran of the insurance industry, Houck has been an instructor for the association's various education courses and professional designation programs for four years. He also teaches in an insurance pre-licensing program at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. In addition to his involvement with the association's education program, Houck also serves on the IIANC Board of Directors and the Agency Management & Technology, Events, and Finance Committees.



AAMGA Achievement Award

The 2009 AAMGA Award was presented to Jim McCafferty of America Auto Club Insurance Agency in Charlotte, NC for his outstanding leadership of the association's Products and Services Committee. McCafferty chaired this committee in its inaugural year and under his guidance, the group evaluated IIANC's member benefits and made several recommendations for improvement.



Presidential Citation

Edward L. Clayton, CPCU AAI of HPB Insurance Group, Inc. in Asheboro, NC was honored with a Presidential Citation for his dedication to the association's education program.

Clayton has served as an instructor for IIANC's education courses for 40 consecutive years.



Presidential Citation

Bobby Salmon of Senn Dunn Insurance in Raleigh was honored with a Presidential Citation for his leadership of two association committees: Surplus Funds Committee and Products & Services Committee.

Salmon also serves on the IIANC Board of Directors and is the Board Liaison for the Young Agents Committee.

Presented at the 2009 Young Agents Conference

The following awards were presented at the 2009 Young Agents Conference held July 12-15 at the Embassy Suites Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC.



Young Agent of the Year

Eric Stevens, CIC AAI of Moore and Johnson Agency in Raleigh, NC was named as IIANC's 2009 Young Agent of the Year for his outstanding commitment and performance for his agency, association, industry, community and family.

A member of the IIANC Young Agents Committee since 2002, Stevens currently serves as the group's chairman for 2009-2010. He is also a past chairman of the association's Trusted Choice Big "I" Junior Classic committee.



Broker of the Year

2009 Broker of the Year honors went to Johnson & Johnson of Charleston, SC. This award is presented to the broker that has demonstrated support for association activities and commitment to the independent agency system. This is the fourth consecutive year Johnson & Johnson has received this prestigious award.



Company of the Year Award

Montgomery Insurance received the 2009 Company of the Year award, which is presented to the company that has demonstrated support for association activities and commitment to the independent agency system. Montgomery Insurance also won this award in 2008.