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IASA HONORS INDUSTRY LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS WITH 2026 IMPACT AWARDS

Malvern, Pa. (June 24, 2026) – The Insurance Accounting and Systems Association (IASA) proudly recognized outstanding individuals and organizations during the IASA IMPACT Awards ceremony, held Sunday, June 7, during IASA Xchange 2026 in New Orleans.

The IASA IMPACT Awards celebrate excellence across the insurance industry and the IASA community, recognizing volunteers, educators, innovators, and organizations whose leadership, service, and contributions are helping shape the future of insurance.

National Volunteer of the Year - Heather Gagon, Crowe

Heather Gagon was named IASA's 2026 National Volunteer of the Year for her exceptional leadership and service to the association. As leader of the newly combined LEAD Committee, Gagon successfully guided the committee through a period of transition while expanding its responsibilities and delivering impactful professional development programming. Her commitment to volunteer engagement, Women in Leadership initiatives, and fostering an inclusive community has made a lasting impact on both the committee and IASA.

Educator of the Year - Andrew Siffert, BMS Re

Andrew Siffert received the 2026 Educator of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to IASA's educational programming. Through webinars, conferences, and

chapter events, Siffert has consistently shared his expertise on weather-related risks and emerging industry challenges. His engaging presentation style, data-driven insights, and willingness to support IASA educational initiatives have strengthened learning opportunities for members across the association.

Chapter Volunteer of the Year - Rod Van Genderen, Securian Financial Group

Rod Van Genderen was recognized as IASA's 2026 Chapter Volunteer of the Year for his exceptional dedication to the Midwest Chapter. Known for his reliability, responsiveness, and commitment to excellence, Rod has devoted countless hours to support chapter conferences, events, and member engagement efforts. His leadership and willingness to step in wherever needed have made a meaningful and lasting impact on the chapter.

Industry Trailblazer Award - SS&C

SS&C received the 2026 Industry Trailblazer Award for its leadership in advancing innovation within the insurance industry. Through its Singularity platform, SS&C helps insurers manage increasingly complex investment portfolios with greater efficiency, transparency, and accuracy. The company was also recognized for its commitment to client education, industry engagement, thought leadership, and support of initiatives related to sustainability, diversity, and the broader insurance community.

Board Chair Award - Tricia Stillman and Gina Jolly, IASA

In addition to the IMPACT Awards, IASA recognized Tricia Stillman and Gina Jolly as recipients of the 2026 Board Chair Award.

Selected by the IASA Board Chair, this special honor recognizes individuals whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact on the association. Together, Stillman and Jolly represent more than 75 years of service to IASA, providing steady leadership, operational excellence, and unwavering support to volunteers, members, and the organization. Their professionalism, commitment, and genuine care for the IASA community have helped shape the association's success for decades.

"These award recipients exemplify the leadership, innovation, service, and commitment that make the IASA community so strong," said Kim Nicholl-Keane, Executive Director of IASA. "Their contributions have made a meaningful difference within their organizations, throughout the insurance industry, and across the IASA community. We are proud to recognize and celebrate their achievements."

About IASA

For nearly 100 years, the Insurance Accounting & Systems Association (IASA) has been the trusted source of knowledge and education connecting the community of insurance professionals in accounting, finance, systems, and technology. With more than 500 insurance carriers and solution providers representing over 12,000 professionals, IASA membership encompasses diverse functions across risk management and insurance. IASA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization featuring local chapters and national events, including the annual IASA Xchange conference and tradeshow. Learn more at [IASA.org](https://iasa.org).

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