



Letter from the 2020 Boston Chapter President

January 16, 2020

To Boston CPCU Members and Friends of the Chapter:

I am humbled and honored to serve as your Boston CPCU Chapter President in 2020. We are home to one of the most storied Chapters in the United States. Beginning in 1951, the amount of talented leaders that have touched the Chapter to make it what it is today, is truly an awe inspiring experience to comprehend. I want to thank the Boston CPCU Board of Directors and our Membership to allow me to serve as your President.

My CPCU journey was probably like many others in the Chapter. The CPCU designation was always impressed upon me as a symbol of excellence in our profession. Early in my career, it became clear to me that it was a goal I wanted to achieve. Now it may have taken longer than I would have liked and I suffered my share of setbacks along the way but I was committed and I wouldn't be denied until I had completed all the necessary components to carry the initials C.P.C.U. after my name.

I started attending Chapter meetings in 2009. I was an insurance adjuster for a small homeowners' insurer in Boston but I tried to make as many meetings as I could. I enjoyed being around other CPCUs and the monthly lunch and learn series the Chapter provided. I was excited to be sworn in as a Director in 2011. The growth the Chapter has provided me individually is hard to adequately describe. The mere fact that somebody who was not in a leadership role in their respective organization could rise to the level of Chapter President tells you all that you need to know about the opportunity the Chapter provides on an ongoing basis.

I stand before you today as one of the longest standing Board Members at the Chapter and have served as a Chair or as a supporting role on virtually all the different Committees at the Chapter. This is what makes this organization so great. It is a low risk way to expand various soft skills that could be beneficial in your current career path. There is very little "red tape" or other barriers to allow you to grow. One of the biggest accomplishments during my time on the Board has been behind the scenes especially with our modernization regarding communicating with our membership and ease of use in interacting with the Chapter including signing up for events. We continue to strive to make it easy to interact with us and get involved.

We are hard at work to bring the very best content to assist you in reaching your career goals and to increase your value to your employer. Who knows maybe YOU will be the Chapter President someday. I'm living proof that anything is possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig M. Billings".

Craig M. Billings, CPCU, AIC

President

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