

# Cover Notes

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*San Francisco Insurance Professionals*

*Affiliated with the International Association of Insurance Professionals*

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## *President's Message*

Hello Everyone:

It's hard to imagine that it's July already. This has been the strangest year. I hope the situation improves soon.

Exciting news.....In June we held our first ever virtual installation. Thank you to Laura Gutierrez for agreeing to be our installation officer once again. And a shout out to Allen Shiu for figuring out how to record our ceremony.

Our new slate of directors and officers for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 term are:

President	Marie Meadows	International Marine Underwriters
President-Elect	Allen Shiu	CK Specialty
Vice President	Ben Potter	International Marine Underwriters
Treasurer	Cassandra Yu	Starr
Recording Secretary	Tina Kong	Willis Tower Watson
Director	Jenny Schaeffler	Sedgwick
Director	Alexis Maxwell	Hartford
Director	Maritza Portillo	Aon Risk Solutions
Past President	Annette Ing-Firmeza	Aon Risk Solutions

Thank you everyone for agreeing to serve on our Board. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year.

We hope to be able to have some events this year. Unfortunately we will have to reschedule our golf tournament due this summer to the current situation. But we will definitely have our golf tournament in 2021.

Take care & stay safe everyone!

Sincerely,

Marie Meadows  
SFIP 2020-2021  
President



Installation memento to the SFIP Officers Directors: The Jade plant is symbolic of growth & renewal as it closely resembles jade coins/stones which is symbolic of wealth & prosperity. The Jade plant also gives off nourishing positive energy.

## *Outgoing President's Message*

OMG, how time flies when you're having fun. It has been a pleasure serving as your President for the past two years. I am very proud of all the hard work my board; committee chairs and members have done. We have done many things these past two years and I am just thinking about the informative Lunch N Learn meetings, May Luncheons with our incredible guest speakers and to end the year on a high note, our holiday luncheons.

Our SF Giants Tailgate & Game events with Maritza Portillo as Chair have been nothing short of outstanding. She has a talent for getting people together and making sure everyone has a fantastic time. For the 2019 tailgate party, she hired a food truck. Now isn't that different! She's been doing such a great job that she can't wait for next year. She's already planning the 2021 event, so stay tuned for our "Save the Date" flyer. She promises it will be worth waiting for.

Jenny Schaeffler took over chairing the Day at the Races from Rae Lynn Zachary. It is always an exciting event with the Men's and Women's Hat Contest, raffle to raise money for charities, the camaraderie of meeting old friends and the chance at making new ones. The buffet luncheon and array of mouthwatering desserts makes you want to go back for seconds and thirds! If you have not attended this event before, please do come when we have the next one. Spoiler alert, we have a race named in our honor as well as a photo op with the winning horse and jockey!

Our annual golf tournament is always an event to look forward to. Marie Meadows and I have been co-chairing this successful event for years. Marie is extremely experienced, well organized, and is involved in other industry golf tournaments that she negotiates great deals at beautiful golf courses. We also hold a raffle where you can either buy raffle tickets or use your mulligan tickets for an opportunity to win a prize. We hold a raffle and all the proceeds are donated to charities.

We have been jointly involved with JCV Artz & Kraftz team participating in various charity walks. Jenny Chea-Vaing, Community Service Chair has done a great job putting together the teams and makes the events so much fun. She is always giving back to the community, and we are very proud to have her as our chair. We are looking forward to next year when things are better, and we can physically be a team walking for a cause.

A great big thank you to Aon, CK Specialty, Deans & Homer, IMU, Lockton, Markel/Navigators/Hartford, Sedgwick, Starr, etc. for supporting our events. Corporate sponsors are a great asset and help make our events successful. On behalf of SFIP, I hope that you will continue to support our events and have your colleagues join our chapter as a member.

I also want to remind you that in the very near future, SFIP will be offering a scholarship program. Details to follow in a future issue of Covernotes. We are working out the details and can't wait to let you know how you can apply for a scholarship to further your insurance education.

I believe in IAIP and the value of belonging to this organization. I have been fortunate that our chapter was able to send me as either a Delegate or Alternate to attend the National Convention, Regional Conferences, California Council, and Leadership Meetings that have CE credited educational courses, networking opportunities, motivational speakers and meeting possible mentors.

Congratulations to the new board and I know that you will continue to do wonderful things to keep our chapter strong.

I'll be in a different role and will still be around if needed.

Best regards,

Annette Ing-Firmeza  
2020 Past President



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## Calendar of Events

**Due to the current situation we have rescheduled several events. We hope to be able to reschedule them soon.**

### July

21st – Virtual Board Meeting - All members are welcome to attend and see how the business of the association is conducted, just let Marie Meadows (mmeadows@imu.com) know that you will be attending so you can be added to the guest list.

**Lunch & Learn Cyber - TBD**

### August

4th - Virtual Board Meeting - All members are welcome to attend and see how the business of the association is conducted, just let Marie Meadows (mmeadows@imu.com) know that you will be attending so you can be added to the guest list.

### Sept.

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## SFIP Annual Golf Tournament – Reschedule TBD

### Oct

6th - Board Meeting at International Marine Underwriters, One Sansome Street, Suite 1550, SF - All members are welcome to attend and see how the business of the association is conducted, just let Marie Meadows (mmeadows@imu.com) know that you will be attending so you can be added to the guest list.

## Day at the Races - October 24th

### Nov

9th - Board Meeting at International Marine Underwriters, One Sansome Street, Suite 1550, SF - All members are welcome to attend and see how the business of the association is conducted, just let Marie Meadows (mmeadows@imu.com) know that you will be attending so you can be added to the guest list.

# Safety – Allen Shiu



The online world offers a wealth of resources for education, entertainment, and connection with other people. Unfortunately, the internet also poses new dangers, and those dangers threaten teens especially. The following guide provides the resources necessary for both parents and their teens to safely utilize the Internet.

<https://staysafe.org/teens/>



Percent of Teens who Use a Mobile Device go Online Daily

(source: **Pew Research Center**)

## *DID YOU KNOW—*

Thank you, Mike Mahoney, Aon Resident Managing Director for sharing this bit of history.

On July 5, 1852, 75 years after the Declaration of Independence, Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave who became a prominent abolitionist, delivered an impassioned speech which at the time was viewed as radical, extreme and dangerous. In his speech "[What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?](#)," delivered to the Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society, Douglass lays into the hypocrisies and ironies of the occasion and holiday. "Do you mean, citizens, to mock me, by asking me to speak today?" he inquires, adding "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn." Yet as he did throughout his long career, Douglass weds such biting criticism to powerful arguments for the urgency of moving toward a more perfect union, one inspired by our national ideals. When I went back and read this speech again I was particularly struck by his close and the similarities to the situation our country now finds itself in:

*Allow me to say, in conclusion, notwithstanding the dark picture I have this day presented of the state of the nation, I do not despair of this country. There are forces in operation, which must inevitably work the downfall of slavery. "The arm of the Lord is not shortened," and the doom of slavery is certain. I, therefore, leave off where I began, with hope. While drawing encouragement from the Declaration of Independence, the great principles it contains, and the genius of American Institutions, my spirit is also cheered by the obvious tendencies of the age. Nations do not now stand in the same relation to each other that they did ages ago. No nation can now shut itself up from the surrounding world, and trot round in the same old path of its fathers without interference. The time was when such could be done. Long established customs of hurtful character could formerly fence themselves in, and do their evil work with social impunity. Knowledge was then confined and enjoyed by the privileged few, and the multitude walked on in mental darkness. But a change has now come over the affairs of mankind.*

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, remember not only the Founding Fathers, but also Frederick Douglass, (and Elizabeth Freeman and Quock Walker, two Massachusetts slaves that brought legal suits for their freedom leading to the groundbreaking [1783 Supreme Judicial Court](#) ruling that declared slavery incompatible with both the Massachusetts Constitution and American ideals), each in their own vital ways part of the nation's Revolutionary founding.



## ***SFIP Scholarship Program coming soon!***

*The SFIP Chapter will soon be offering scholarship funding to those in the insurance industry and who want to enhance their knowledge with related classes and/or attain an insurance or leadership designation. More to follow in the next few weeks!*



***Stay tuned for details....***

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## IAIP Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, July 22nd at 1:00 PM ET for July's Town Hall meeting. With Regional Conferences and the International Convention all having shifted to a virtual environment this year, join us as a panel of leaders share best practices and lessons learned, and more about the process for shifting to virtual.

Is there a topic you want us to cover during this Town Hall, or a specific component about virtual meetings you want to learn about? We welcome your topic suggestions and questions in advance via the [Virtual Comment Card](#).

Mark your calendar for the **4th Wednesday** of each month as we keep you informed about everything happening within IAIP. Can't make it this month? Still register for the webinar and you can watch the recorded version at your convenience.



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