



The Bermuda International Chapter of the
Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (“CPCU”) Society

December 20, 2006

Dear Chapter Members,

A new year is upon us, and we’re pleased to announce some new developments within our Chapter.

Members Meeting/New Executive

On October 27, 2006 a members meeting was held at the Bermuda Insurance Institute, at which time a new Executive Committee was elected. We are very pleased to have some enthusiastic new Designees that have volunteered to serve on the Executive, and to have the continued leadership of our former President and Vice President to help bring our membership some new opportunities throughout 2007. The new Executive Committee is:

Laurie Orchard – President
Henry Sutton – Past President
Gavin Bishop – Vice President & Treasurer
Natalie Simmons – Secretary
Erica Symonds – Community Relations Officer



L-R: Henry, Erica, Laurie, Natalie, Gavin

2007 Objectives

After discussion with the members present at the October 27 meeting, it was agreed that the main focus for our Chapter for 2007 will be **Networking, Education, and Ethics**. Events are being planned around these objectives.

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Upcoming Events

Save these dates:

Wednesday January 10, 2007, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Chapter Networking Event at XL House
To Recognize the 2006 New CPCU Designees

We are excited to present **Fiona Luck**, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff of XL Capital Ltd, as our guest speaker for this event. Please come out and meet the newest Bermuda based CPCUs, and take advantage of the opportunity to hear a different point of view from one of our respected industry leaders.

2007 Designees will be formally recognized following the September Annual Meeting & Seminars in Hawaii.

Thursday February 15, 2007
“Leadership & Ethics – The Power To Succeed”

Thursday May 10, 2007
“Career Management – Turbo Charge Your Career”

Henry Sutton is working with the CPCU Society’s National Leadership Institute to bring in speakers on these topics. They will be morning seminars offered to paid-up Chapter Members. Time, location and cost will be confirmed soon.

We hope to have a **round-table discussion** later in the year that highlights some different perspectives and opinions related to professional designations and their benefits in the Bermuda market.

We also hope to have a social **event in conjunction with the Bermuda Under 35’s**.

The **Annual Meeting and Seminars** will be in Hawaii on *September 8-11, 2007*. If you are considering any training next year, this event would be highly valuable for you to attend. Meeting details will be available in spring 2007.

If you have any suggestions for events you’d like us to have, or seminars you think would be beneficial, please do let us know!

Membership Drive/Company Champions

We are pleased that our membership is expanding, with the help of some of our members who have volunteered to act as their company Champions. These individuals encourage new designees to join our Chapter, and encourage members to attend out Chapter functions. We now have 55 paid-up members, including 11 New Designees from 2006. If your dues are not paid, you can do so online at www.cpcusociety.org.

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If you know of other CPCUs in the Bermuda market that have not joined the Bermuda Chapter or that have allowed their membership to lapse, please feel free to forward this information to them, and encourage them to transfer or rejoin.



I offer a very sincere *welcome* to all of the new designees, and to all of our new Chapter members that have transferred their memberships from other areas of the world. We're glad you're part of the Bermuda CPCU Society.

Charitable Status

Natalie Simmons has submitted an application for Charitable Status for our Chapter. This will help reduce advertising and media costs when we publicize our Chapter and its events, and when we highlight information about our designation to help *spread the word*.

Circle of Excellence Program

Gavin Bishop has submitted an application to the CPCU Society to confirm that we are seeking gold level status in their Circle of Excellence Program. All of the initiatives outlined in this correspondence are part of our 2007 plan, and all of our Chapter's activities generate points that accumulate, and will hopefully merit the Bermuda Chapter with gold status by summer of 2007. We believe if we achieve this goal, we will have successfully raised the profile of our Chapter and of the CPCU designation, and reached a broader audience in the Bermuda community to educate people about the benefits of achieving this professional designation.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that are working to maintain an active Chapter.

Wishing you health and prosperity for the New Year,

Laurie Orchard, CPCU, ARe
President – Bermuda Chapter



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