



The Institutes® CPCU Society

Pacific Northwest Chapter

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Mid-year Chapter Update

2018 Leadership Summit Recap

The 2018 CPCU Society Leadership conference was held in Baltimore again this year from April 19th to the 21st.

In attendance were Chris Brumfield (president), Megan Whittemore (president elect), Terri Sutton (vice president), Lanie Clark (secretary), Alicia de Cervantes (treasurer), and Jeff Bronaugh and Paul Rosner (both past presidents).

We had a great time visiting with other Western Region Chapters including Spokane, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California, and Hawaii. We even got to see Theresa Fabela, formerly of the PNW Chapter, currently living in the US Virgin Islands.

We discussed automation within the industry both of vehicles and systems, block chain technology, the continued need for mentorship and how the industry can appeal to upcoming generations.

Dante Disparte's keynote speech was on Leadership in Uncertain Times and the role that disruptions around the world, natural and man-made disasters, will play in cat-loss modeling and the need to continually adjust the current models to reflect threats not yet known.

Megan and Alicia presented tips and tricks for communication committees with Elizabeth Carter.

And last but definitely not least, the Pacific Northwest CPCU Society Chapter was awarded the Circle of Excellence – Platinum for the Chapter's efforts to achieve benchmarks in chapter performance. Chapters can earn Platinum, Gold, or Silver recognition.

Photos are [HERE](#).



Upcoming Luncheons

Luncheon Break Until September

September 6th - SAVE THE DATE: Harris Clarke,
VP of Operations at PEMCO, Seattle

October 4th - SAVE THE DATE, Maggiano's,
Bellevue

Upcoming Events

Mentorship Open House: Join us in July for one of our Mentorship Program info sessions! Sign-ups on site; click the link below for more details.

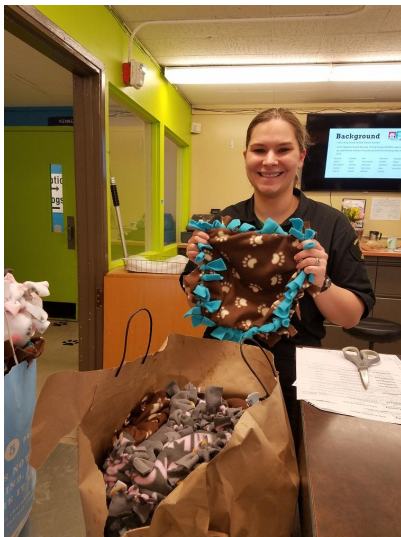
July 10th [Bellevue](#)

July 12th [DuPont](#)

South Sound New Designee Social - September
20th - **SAVE THE DATE**



Thank you, Volunteers!



Good Works Event: Regional Animal Services of King County

Thank you to all who showed up at the Pizza Coop in Woodinville on March 22nd!

Your Good Works Committee held an evening of arts and crafts, making animal blankets for [Regional Animal Services of King County \(RASKC\)](#). These animals arrive at the shelter scared and often very cold, so these blankets are a warm welcome.

If you haven't already seen our photo album, check it out [HERE!](#)

A note about RASKC:

Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) provides King County with sustainable, cost effective services that protect people and animals, while providing humane animal care. Our organization is built on the cornerstone values of compassion and service. We demonstrate this commitment in the countless hours spent by staff and our RASKC volunteers to save animals' lives at the shelter and in the field. By collaborating with community partners, we are able to expand our programs and resources to provide even greater value to our residents.



Chapter Event Recaps



South Sound Subchapter Launch

The Subchapter has two launch parties and our first luncheon under our belt! Our thanks to all

4th Annual Cyber Liability Seminar

Monday, April 23, 2018



2018 Spring Seminar

We had a great turnout at this annual event, this year focused on [Insurance & Autonomous](#)

who helped get this going. We're really excited about the number new volunteers in the region.

We still need volunteers to be CPCU Society Champions within your companies - please [contact us](#) if you're interested in helping to spread the word about upcoming events and other CPCU Society offerings!

For the fourth year in a row, Chapter Director Peter Marchel helped successfully host [this joint event](#) with RIMS Washington and PLUS Northwest.

This committee always puts together a first-rate panel of professionals in this ever-evolving field of risk.

If you haven't already seen, event photos are located [HERE](#).

[Technology](#).

Thank you to our great Spring Seminar Committee for collecting a great group of speakers/topics, and to PEMCO for hosting the event.

Photo album link [HERE](#).



Member Spotlight: Terri Sutton, Chapter Vice President

Member Since: 2005
Employer: Cozen O'Connor

Tell me how you first got involved with working towards your CPCU?

I was working at the Montana State Fund as a monoline workers' compensation underwriter and wanted to broaden my knowledge base to be more marketable.

What did you find most challenging about earning the CPCU designation?

Probably like most people, finding/making the time to study.

Tell me how you first got involved with working at the chapter level?

I did not become involved when I first earned my designation. I went to a handful of meetings here and there, but did not become involved until the last couple of years. I rejoined the chapter and started attending more meetings. I agreed to be on the I-Day committee and things just evolved from there. Now I am the chair of the I-Day committee and Vice President!



What would you tell someone who is thinking about getting involved at the chapter level?

You get out of it what you put into it. The more effort you put into participating, the more you get to know the great people involved in our chapter and the more rewarding it is.

What are your hopes for our industry?

I hope that young people will continue to join the industry and see that it can be a very rewarding career.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise us.

I was an All American musician in high school. I played the tuba (really). I have not played since high school.



What's included in my Chapter Dues??

It's renewal season for Society Dues. Part of your invoice automatically includes the portion dedicated to your Chapter. If you're part of our Chapter, here are just a few things included as a part of your benefits:

- 8 luncheons with educational sessions

Mentor Program - NEW!

Participation in the CPCU Society Mentorship Program is a great way to enhance the value of your CPCU Society membership. Our program provides two avenues of participation:

- Discounted admission to our annual Spring Seminar
- Pizza and beer after each Good Works event
- Holiday Happy Hour invitation
- ...and more

- Find a mentor for yourself.
- Become a mentor for others.

Whether you have expertise to offer or are looking to glean expertise from others, personal and career development occur on both sides of this relationship.

Reminder: CE reporting for CPCU

CPCU Society has added a Continuing Education reporting requirement. This decision was formalized in the past year by CPCU Society Leadership with support of The Institutes as an effort to reinforce the high educational requirements and continued learning that the acquisition of the CPCU designation required.

For more information, feel free to visit these two resources:

[CE for CPCUs](#)

[CE for CPCU What Counts](#)

Open to all CPCU Society members!

Whether you've previously participated in formal mentorship or not, we encourage all of you to consider participation. We believe all CPCU Society members bring great value to our industry, and there is someone out there who will benefit from your experience.

[**Learn more...**](#)

