



Charleston Area Claims Association

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Dates to Remember:

- *July 21st – Virtual Meeting
- *August 18th – Virtual Mtg
- *September 15th – Networking Event
- *October 20th – Business Meeting/Speaker
- *November 17th – Virtual Meeting
- *December 3rd – Oyster Roast -IOP Exchange Club

Greetings! I hope all are doing well as things have slowed down during these summer months! This truly has been a different past year with the pandemic and the struggles with Covid-19. However, we have seemed to make it through doing well as an Association. We have moved forward with our in-person business meetings (2 so far) and our virtual meetings, as well as our in-person networking events and special events. Our first in person meeting was successful with Attorney Jeff Wiseman and Fran Marshall from SCDHEC discussing the impact of Covid, and our June meeting where we had Blanton O'Neal speak to the Current State of Construction Defects and awarded the 2021 Shan O'Quinn Scholarship Award. Our virtual events have also been so well attended as was this year's golf tournament (most sponsors we have had in so many years).

At the time of this newsletter, we (as a local association) have been great with our membership! We have 60 members! 43 which are Associate Members and 17 that are members. So how do we get more? Associate Members (Vendors) I encourage you when you encounter an adjuster on a claim and know they are not part of this association, to please invite them. Ask them to come or be involved in a meeting or social event. That is the way we need to grow. At this point, we are basically the only chapter that is still operating in the state of SC (Pee Dee, aka Florence, also meets but for lunch only – no education or help in placing people with others to help! As I have been reporting in our meetings, the state wide claims association will be back. I have continued to stay in touch with the SCDOL. The bill to get Continuing Education to the adjusters did not make it to the 2021 legislative floor. The Dept. Of Insurance is pushing to make it onto the 2022 legislative floor as a bill to be approved, and if approved, would probably take effect in 2024. This means continuing education would be a requirement for adjusters and able to get at our meetings. Also means the State Association would most likely restart and give help across the state. This would go hand in hand with the purpose of the association: to insure understanding and promote professionalism among claim persons; promote cooperation and understand between its members; provide an organization to facilitate an interchange of ideas and formation of subjects of common interest to assist each member in becoming fully qualified to provide claims services; to provide uniform treatment of common problems affecting all members and to encourage a high standard of ethics adopting the code of ethics of the South Carolina Claims Association. This is what drove the start of this association back in 1965 where the desire is that claims adjusting could be deserving of true professional status.

Let's keep this going! We have a great local association and hope to have a state-wide network again in the near future. Remember to check us out on Facebook and to join the CACA Members private group page if you are a member. Also, check out our website. We want everyone to be involved! If you do have any questions, please contact one of our officers, as their information is listed on the front of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you soon and encourage you to invite someone to come with you.

Charleston Claims Association Media:

Website: <https://southcarolinaclaimsassociation.com/charleston-claims-assoc>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonClaimsAssociation>

Venmo: <https://venmo.com/Charleston-Claims>

2021 Oyster Roast

This year's Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at the IOP Exchange Club. More information will be forthcoming. We hope restrictions will be lifted and we can be able to invite more people this year than last. We will continue our partnership with FRSTeam collecting new toys for Toys for Tots. Thanks to so many wonderful sponsors which make this event the success it is.

Again, please set your calendar for this year's event, which will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021. We will be sending out more information at the time draws near. For more information, please contact the chair of the Oyster Roast Committee, Robert Knight @ rknight@pivotalrestoration.com.



From the Nominating Committee

We are looking for someone who is willing to serve as Treasurer next year. Currently the accounts are set up using Excel. In addition, the treasurer writes checks, utilizes the Association Debit Card and controls the Claims Venmo account. If you are interested, please contact President Alan Brown.



2020 Shan O'Quinn Golf Tournament

We played our golf tournament this year on Friday, June 4th. The tournament was played at Legend Oaks Golf Club in Summerville, SC. We stayed on site this year and had our banquet at the golf course pavilion. The tournament was again a huge success and allowed us to award a scholarship again in 2021! We had the most sponsorships than we have in a very long time (at least one on each hole). If you want to participate on the Golf Committee next year, make sure to mark that on your membership form or contact the Chair of the Golf Committee, Matthew Harmon at mharmon@servpro10707.com.



Social Media Specialist

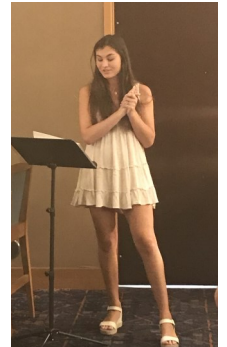
We announce that Ashley Snell of Pivotal Restoration has agreed to work with the association as our Social Media Specialist. Ashley will be in charge of our Facebook page and working with our website as well. She also will help with coordinating obtaining more pictures at our events. She may be asking you to help so please offer her your assistance when asked!



Shan O'Quinn Scholarship

Congratulations to Taylor Hills, the recipient of the 2021 Shan O'Quinn Scholarship Award of \$2,500.00. Taylor (shown in photos receiving her award) is the daughter of member Lauraleigh Weaver. Taylor plans to attend Coker University, where she plans to major in Biology and attend nursing school, ultimately pursuing a career in pediatrics.

Again, a very special Thank You to all the players and sponsors of the Shan O'Quinn Golf Tournament who help to make this scholarship possible!



Proposed Changes to our Bylaws:

Back in November of 2014, the Officers of this association made the recommendation to make changes in our Bylaws which would allow "Associate Members" to hold office. Due to the fact this was a Claims Adjuster's association, only "Regular" Members, meaning claims adjusters, could hold office. There was a time it was hard to get enough officers to fill the positions. So at that time, the board decided to bring to the membership (meaning the "regular members – the adjusters") a proposal that any member – Regular or Associate, could be eligible to hold office. The vote took place in January of 2015 to allow both regular members and associate members the ability to hold office. However, the voting membership would remain only Regular Members, which it had been since the Association was formed.

At our last meeting in June, a motion came from the floor to make the following changes to the bylaws of your Constitution. Article III, Membership, Section 2. Associate Members: Associate members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in this association with the exception of voting and holding an elective office. While the "holding an elective office" should have been changed along with Article IV, Section 7, the motion was to allow Associate Members the same voting rights as the Regular Members. This would mean both Regular and Associate Members would both have voting rights in all matters concerning the Claims Association.

This vote will be taken by all "Regular Members" at our next business meeting. You may contact any officer should you have questions about what this means.

