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Newsletter *October 2026*

Going on now thru Oct. 15	IWSA You've Been Boo'd Scholarship Fundraiser. Delivery of a festive cup of treats, $25 each. *Flyer inside.*
Oct. 22	28th Annual FIWT Golf Tournament. Lake Park Golf Course, Lewisville, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. *Flyer inside.*
Oct. 22	Happy Hour Mixer at Free Play Denton, 101 W. Hickory St., Denton, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Shoot for the Stars Trade Show at 82nd Annual FIWT Convention. Embassy Suites by Hilton Convention Center, Denton
Oct. 22-25	82nd FIWT Annual Convention and Trade Show, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denton Convention Center. *Schedule inside.*
Oct. 27	Trunk or Treat with Insurance Women of San Antonio, 8700 Tesoro Dr., San Antonio, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Free admission. *Flyer inside.*
Oct. 29	IWSA October Luncheon at Anne Marie's, 12475 Starcrest Dr., 11:30 a.m., $40. Reservation deadline is Oct. 26. *Flyer inside.*
Nov. 10	Pecan Bagging Night with Metroplex Insurance Professionals, 5:30 p.m. until done. 2310 W. IH-20, Arlington.
Dec. 8	MIP's annual Christmas Party, 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., location TBA.
Dec. 19	MIP's Community Service Christmas visit to an Arlington nursing home. Location TBA. 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Message from Janet Dawson

Happy fall!

While the temperatures do not say fall, the calendar does. And since it's fall, that means it's Annual Convention time!



Final details are locked in for a fabulous and informative FIWT 82nd Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites in Denton on October 22 - 25.

Here are some highlights you will not want to miss!

Thursday morning: We will tee off for our Golf Tournament with a Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m. If you know someone who likes to play golf, we have spots still available!

Thursday evening: The Under 40s will host a Happy Hour Mixer at Free Play Denton starting at 7 p.m. Your entry into the arcade will be paid and food & drink can be purchased.

Friday morning: Our convention kicks off with two non-CE classes that I know will be of great importance to everyone – Will & Estate Planning and The Importance of Social Media. Following that will be the Trade Show. We are officially sold out of spots at the Trade Show! We will have a fun game for attendees and booth participants. And don't forget to stop by our free Headshot Booth to get that updated picture!

Friday afternoon: We have 2 hours of CE and then our Convention Board Meeting.

Friday evening: Join us after our dinner to Unwind, Connect and Shine.

Saturday morning: CIPT Module 4 class and a brand new CIPT Update class, followed by 2 more hours of CE with enough of a break to stop by our General Store and support Local Associations. Our Keynote Speaker at lunch will be Jessica Marshall with CRC Group with a special message about our leadership journey.

Saturday afternoon: One of our brand new FIWT classes for 2 hours of CE credit, followed by our Annual Business Meeting.

Saturday evening: Join us as we install the new Executive Board members at our Installation Dinner, followed by a reception hosted by IACC.

Sunday morning: Chapel service and post-convention board meeting.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time!

I hope to see you all in Denton in just a few weeks!

Janet Dawson
FIWT President, 2025-2026



Important Deadlines Ahead

October 1
Registration fees for convention attendees are nonrefundable after Oct. 1.

October 10
Last day to send digital photos and videos to Krysten Haga to include in the President's Digital Scrapbook. Send to FIWTscrapbook@gmail.com.

Convention reminders

Committee chairs: Email your end of year report to Teresa Arizmendi, tarizmendi@simtexas.com by **Oct. 14.** If you don't send your report via email, please bring two copies to convention, one for you and one for Teresa.

Bring spending $$$ for local association fundraisers at the General Store.

Pack a phone charger.

Bring plenty business cards. Visit all the trade show booths and thank vendors and industry members for their support.

Find and pack that convention teaser picked up last year. It makes you eligible for a drawing for a free registration for the 2027 FIWT Convention.

Drop off door prizes at the registration desk.

Greet the first timers and share stories of why FIWT conventions are great to attend.

Attend C.E. classes and thank the instructors.

We Care

Sadly, **Debbie Trees,** IIAC member and past FIWT president (2023-24), lost her aunt, Vickie Bolus. Services were held in Corpus Christi on Sept. 25. For those who would like to send a card or note of sympathy to Debbie, mail to Debbie Trees, 3837 FM 1685, Victoria, TX 77905.

Debbie Johnson's mother, Martha Henderson, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Martha was part of the Corpus Christi insurance family for many years prior to her retirement. Debbie and her sister Donna greatly appreciate the prayers, love and support of our FIWT family. Messages of love and support can be sent to Debbie Johnson, 136 Lake Shore Dr., Mathis, TX 78368. Debbie was FIWT president 2024-25.

Please continue to share your life events with the Member Care Chair

FIWT News from Officers and Committees

Scrapbook Committee

Last call for digital scrapbook submissions to capture the year for President Janet Dawson. Send your photos or videos to **Krysten Haga** at FIWTscrapbook@gmail.com by Oct. 10..



Golf Tournament at Annual Convention

Judy Walker, chair of the Annual Convention Golf Tournament, said there are still a few slots available for singles and teams. Registration through the FIWT website or contact Judy at walkerjudith930@gmail.com or 806-790-3781.

Education Resource Committee



Education Resource Chair Conya Harris will host an instructors meeting at convention, so if you've already volunteered to be an FIWT course instructor or you are ready to volunteer now, plan to attend a short meeting in Denton. If you are interested in becoming a CE instructor, please complete the instructor application available on the FIWT website. PowerPoint presentations to go with the courses are in process. The approved class list is included in this newsletter. Send requests to Conya Harris, Education Resource Chair, charris@sunstarins.com

Newsletter Committee

Newsletter Chair Shirley Bowler thanks all those who have helped make the FIWT monthly newsletter a good communication tool for FIWT. Special thanks to officers and front page columnists, committee chairs and local associations for their frequent and thorough reporting of upcoming and past events. Members learn so much from each other. Very special thanks to proofreaders Angie Cash, Conya Harris, and others who caught most of my errors before published to the masses. I am deeply appreciative of all who have accompanied me on this journey since July 2022. Best wishes to my successor, **Krysten Haga,** who will take over this task. I'm expecting that her creativity will make this publication a very enjoyable and informative experience.

Community Service



Community Service Chair Sue Finke encourages support for Stage 3 Scholarship, the chosen charity of FIWT for 2025-26. If you haven't already donated to our Community Service project this year, please consider giving Courtney's scholarship work monetary help for families affected by Breast Cancer. Contributions can be made through Venmo @Stage3Scholarship or mailed to 2504 Priscella Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

Parliamentarian's Corner

Final installment from Debbie Trees



Parliamentarian Debbie Trees

Hello FIWT Friends!

Well, this is my last *Parliamentarian's Corner*, and I must admit, it's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone.

Over the past year, I've shared a few little parliamentary tidbits with you—motions, seconds, tabling, postponing, and even a few reminders about friendly debate. Hopefully, somewhere along the way, I've made the parliamentary procedure seem a little less intimidating and maybe even a little fun!

But as I thought about what I wanted my final Corner to say, I realized that being Parliamentarian really isn't about knowing every rule in the book. It's about making sure everyone has a voice.

FIWT is made up of so many different women and men, with different ideas, different experiences, and different ways of looking at things. And that's what makes this organization so special. We may not always agree—and we certainly don't have to—but we should always be willing to listen, respect one another, and work together for the good of FIWT.

So, my final Parliamentarian's Pro Tip is a simple one

Speak up. Share your ideas. Ask the question. Be willing to listen. And don't be afraid. You never know where that one little idea might lead.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as your Parliamentarian this year. Thank you for letting me share a little bit of what I have grown to enjoy with all of you. And thank you for putting up with my occasional reminders about Robert's Rules.

I'll leave you with this

The rules may help us run a meeting, but it's the people in the room who make FIWT what it is.

Keep speaking up, keep supporting each other, and keep making FIWT stronger.

With much love and FIWT pride,
Debbie Trees
Your 2025–26 FIWT Parliamentarian



Bylaws ... made fun by Vanessa Torres with Uncle Robert





Part 8: Bylaws Protect Us From... Us

Strong personalities. Big ideas. Passion. All good things.

But without structure, even good intentions can get messy.

Here's what I mean

If an officer consistently steps outside her role, bylaws outline what happens next. That process protects everyone, including the person involved.

Clear rules aren't personal. They're professional.

Final Thought from Me

I know governance isn't glamorous. But clear structure is what allows organizations to grow, adapt, and stay focused on their mission.

Bylaws aren't about control. They're about clarity.

And clarity makes everything easier.

Your (slightly sassy, but well-intentioned) Bylaws Chair
Vanessa Torres

Metroplex Insurance Professionals support scholars and schools



The Metroplex Insurance Professionals had an extra special September meeting.

MIPs welcomed **two MIP scholarship recipients and their parents!**

Both recipients received their scholarship certificate and shared with MIP members the schools they are attending and the degrees they are working toward. We are incredibly proud of these **exceptional students who are not only focused on their education but continue to give back and contribute to their communities.**

But the evening was not all about scholarships!

Our scholarship recipients and their parents also **rolled up their sleeves and joined us in filling backpacks for elementary students** getting ready for their first day of school.



It was wonderful to see our scholarship recipients giving back and becoming part of the same spirit of service that makes MIP special.

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OCT 22–25 2026

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3100 Town Center Trail, Denton, TX 76010

Join fellow insurance professionals for a great opportunity to connect, learn, network and represent MIP!

Learn Connect Grow

PECAN BAGGING NIGHT!

NOV 10 2026

5:30 PM – Until We're Done!

2310 W. IH 20, Arlington, TX

Help us bag pecans for our MIP Scholarship Fundraiser!

Many hands = more pecans!



Good People = Big Impact!

MIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 8 2026

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location TBA

Good food, good friends, Christmas cheer and a little time to celebrate another great year with MIP!



COMMUNITY SERVICE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

DEC 19 2026

Approximately 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Local Arlington Nursing Home – Location TBA

Let's spread a little Christmas joy!

We'll be delivering gifts, playing games and spending time with local seniors.

Small acts make a BIG difference!



Come to One... Come to All!

MIP is better when **YOU** are part of it!

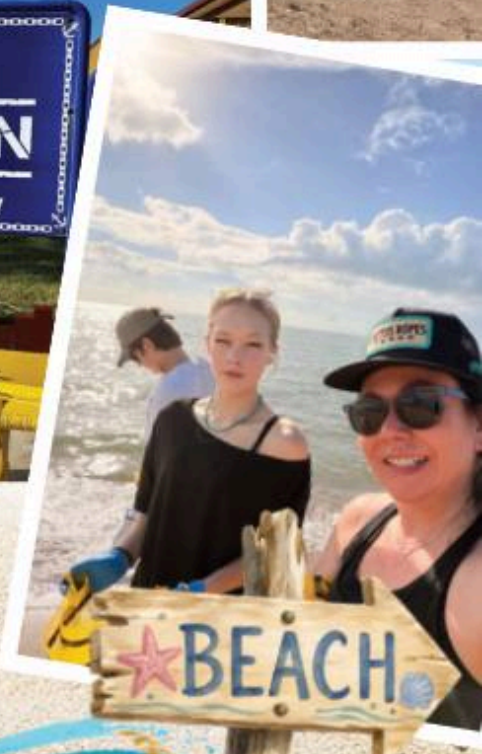
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Insurance Women of San Antonio

October Luncheon

October 29, 2026

Registration: 11:30 AM

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest Dr San Antonio, TX 78216

Menu: Beef Lasagna w/ Caesar Salad

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$40 Cash, Check or Credit Card

Please note there will be a $2.00 processing fee on credit card payments

Reservation Deadline: Monday, October 26, 2026

RSVP with Sarah Liberty at iwsacorrsec@gmail.com or online at www.iwsatx.com



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82nd ANNUAL FIWT CONVENTION IN DENTON

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3100 Town Center Trail, Denton, TX 76201

CLASSES THAT WILL BE OFFERED

FRIDAY, 10/23

8:00 - 9:00 AM
NON CE
Will and Estate Planning
Taught by
Hyde Law Firm

9:15 - 10:15 AM
NON CE
The Importance of Social Media: Building Your Brand. Strengthening FIWT's Mission.
Taught by
Brooke Batteman

2:00 - 4:00 PM
CE CLASS
Managing E&O Risks in the Age of AI
Taught by
Angela Ford

SATURDAY, 10/24

8:00 - 10:00 AM
CIPT MODULE CLASS #4
Business Etiquette
Taught by
Meagan Kennemer

9:00 - 10:00 AM
CIPT UPDATE
Small Talk, Big Opportunities: The Professional Skill Nobody Taught You
Taught by
Janet Dawson & Vanessa Torress

10:15 - 12:15 PM
CE CLASS
Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion
Taught by
Vicky Dearing

2:00 - 4:00 PM
CE CLASS
Getting Under the Hood of Garage Liability
Taught by
Teresa Arzimendi & Jodi Berger

FULL AGENDA AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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Building Our future shining Together

October 22-25, 2026

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Golf Tournament - Thursday October 22nd
Trade Show - Friday October 23rd

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd

Lake Park Golf Course - Lewisville, TX

7:30 - 8:15	Registration/Breakfast *(for those that registered in advance)*
8:30	Shot Gun Start
12:00	Box Lunch *(for those that registered in advance)*

HILTON DENTON CONVENTION CENTER

2:00 - 6:00	Registration Desk Open *Tote bags sponsored by AmWins Access*
6:00 - 9:00	FIWT Past President Dinner *(Invitation Only)*
8:00 - 11:00	Exhibitor Regitration and Move-in
7:00 - 10:00	FIWT Under 40 Mixer / FIWT Mixer Party TBD

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd

7:15 - 7:45	First Timer - Hospitality Suite *Sponsored by NFIP/Texas Specialty*
7:30 - 4:00	Registration Desk Open (*Closed for Lunch*) *Tote bags sponsored by AmWins Access*
7:30 - 9:50	Exhibitor Move-in - continued
8:00 - 9:00	Non CE - Will and Estate Planning - Loc. TBD *Taught by : Hyde Lawfirm*
9:15 - 10:15	Non CE -The importance of Social Media: Building Your Brand. Strengthening FIWT's Mission. Loc. TBD *Taught by: Brooke Batteman*
10:00 - 12:15	FIWT Trade Show
12:30 - 1:45	Lunch with Exhibitors - CIPT Designation Recognition *Sponsored by: TBD*
2:00 - 4:00	CE Class - Managing E&O Risks in the Age of AI - Loc. TBD (2Hrs) *Taught by: Angela Ford*
4:15 - 5:30	Convention Board Meeting - Loc. TBD
5:45 - 6:15	Nominating Committee meeting - Loc. TBD
7:00 - 10:00	Friday Dinner - Unwind Connect & Shine *Dinner Sponsored by: TBD*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

7:30 - 12:15	Registration Desk Open *Tote bags sponsored by AmWins Access*
8:00 - 10:00	CIPT Module #4 - Business Etiquette Loc. TBD *Taught by Meagan Kennemer*
9:00 - 10:00	CIPT Update - Small Talk, Big Opportunities: The Professional Skill Nobody Taught You - **Loc**. TBD *Taught by Vanessa Torres & Janet Dawson*
9:00 - 12:00	Local association General Store - Triangle Fower *Raffle winners announced at Lunch*
10:15 - 12:15	CE Class: Kidnap, Randsom & Extortion Loc.TBD *Taught by: Vicky Dearing*
12:30 - 1:45	Lunch with Speaker Jessica Marshall - Permission Granted; Stop Waiting and Start Leading Loc. TBD *Sponsored by: TBD*
2:00 - 4:00	CE Class - FIWT - Garage Loc. TBD *Taught by: Teresa Arizmendi & Jodi Berger*
4:00 - 4:30	Delegate Registration for Annual Business Mtg *All Delegates MUST be present to check in*
4:45 - 6:00	FIWT Annual Business Meeting
7:00 - 7:30	Photos Opportunity
7:30 - 9:30	Installation of New Officers and Awards Dinner *Sponsored By: TBD* **FIWT 2026 Leadership Award** - *Sponsored By Texas Specialty* **FIWT 2026 Community Service Award** - *Sponsored by WebCE* **$1,000 Grand Prize Drawing** - *Sponsored by Specialty Insurance Mgr.*
9:30 - 11:00	Reception Join us as we celebrate the new FIWT Officers *Hosted by* IACC

SUNDAY - October 25th

8:00 - 8:25 AM	Orientation Meeting For New Board Members and Committee Chairs
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Chapel Service
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Post-Convention Board Meeting

Thank You!

To our sponsors, exhibitors and partners for supporting FIWT and helping us Let our Strength Shine!

Your 2025 - 2026 FIWT Officers



President
Janet Dawson

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Meagan Kennemer

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Destine Kindle-Palmer

Recording Secretary
Teresa Arismendi

Corr. Secretary
Sheryl Watkins

Past President
Debbie Johnson

FIWT Past Presidents - Thank you to the previous leaders for their service to FIWT

1944-45 Ruth Fredde Bookout*
1945-46 Sally Walsh Downs*
1946-47 Edith O Buckmann*
1947-48 Merle P. Stieler*
1948-49 Ann Barker*
1949-50 Mary Doug Stephens*
1950-51 Natalie Murphy*
1951-52 Vina Meier*
1952-53 Faye A. Schnuriger*
1953-54 Alyce Schwab*
1954-55 Nina N. Copus*
1955-56 Lucie M. Lillis*
1956-57 Lera Penrod*
1957-58 Beatrice Greenfield*
1958-59 Polly Lewis*
1959-60 Jewell S. Tindall*
1960-61 Glenn Epstein*
1961-62 Wanda Dannelly*
1962-63 Isabel Martin*
1963-64 Mellie Powell*
1964-65 Jessie Eubank*
1965-66 Jane Cyva*
1966-67 Mary Campanella*
1967-68 Lucy Fewell*
1968-69 Mary Louise McDaniel
1969-70 Jane Jenkins*
1970-71 Lola M. Brooks*
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1972-73 Marie Shuler
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1974-75 Janey Maeker
1975-76 Lavernne Williams*
1976-77 Vera Kietzer*
1977-78 Hazel Andrews*
1978-79 Claire Bledsoe*
1979-80 Rosa Lee Evans*
1980-81 Betty Turner
1981-82 Frances Reeves*
1982-83 Lottie Harmon
1983-84 Nelda Willis*
1984-85 Mary Gunn
1985-86 Sharon Edge*
1986-87 Toni Williams
1987-88 Barbara Bridges
1988-89 Becki Tucker
1989-90 Dorine Fine*
1990-91 Pat O'Neal*
1991-92 Elaine Wolfe
1992-93 Liz Patterson*
1993-94 Valarie Bullock
1994-95 Diana Beith
1995-96 Linda Attaway*
1996-97 Robbie M. Cranford*
1997-98 Susana Ramirez
1998-99 Anna Maria Kizer
1999-00 Marti Powell
2000-01 Toni Campbell
2001-02 Judy Walker
2002-03 Sandra J. Waters
2003-04 Shannon Dahlke
2004-05 Jimmie Gale Berg
2005-06 Kim McFarland
2006-07 Suzanne Butler
2007-08 Carol Tower
2008-09 Susan Tyner
2009-10 Teri Jones
2010-11 Linda Saupp
2011-12 Conya Harris
2012-13 JoAnna Ringel
2013-14 Vanessa Torres
2014-15 Gigi Heffernan
2015-16 Sharon Foster
2016-17 Donna Williams
2017-18 Shanna Sutton
2018-19 Cindy Jordan
2019-21 Wendy Rhoden
2021-22 Sue Finke
2022-23 Tanya Wyatt
2023-24 Debbie Trees
2024-25 Debbie Johnson

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EXHIBITOR PRICING

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NON-MEMBERS

BOOTH	TABLE TOP
10' X 10' Pipe & Drape	8' Drape Table w/ 2 Chairs
	
$825	$525

YOUR EXHIBOTOR FEE INCLUDES:

- Two Friday Lunch Tickets
- Company Listing in the Convention Program
- Booth Sign, Table & Chairs
- Opportunity to Decorate to the Annual Theme
- Network with Insurance Professionals Across Texas

BOOTH ASSIGNMENT
Booths are assigned on a *First Come, First Served* basis!
Reserve early for the best locations.

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2026 Booth Theme:
Shoot for the Stars

Questions? Contact us at FIWT@FIWT.com

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EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center Friday, October 23, 2026

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - THESE RULES ARE PART OF YOUR EXHIBIT CONTRACT

TRADE SHOW EXCLUSIVE FOR EXHIBITORS

The trade show area is for distribution of materials by registered Exhibitors only. Distribution of marketing materials by anyone other than a registered Exhibitor is prohibited and will be considered trespassing.

REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT SPACE

All requests for exhibit space should be made on the contract. It is understood that the spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All requests must be in writing and accompanied by full payment.

EXHIBIT BOOTH / TABLE TOP FEE

$625 for a booth for current FIWT Industry Members, $325 for a Table Top FIWT Industry members and $825 /$525 for non-members. All pipe and drape booths will be 10'X10'X8' (standard) and will be decorated in accordance with our annual theme. In addition, a booth sign displaying the exhibitors name and booth number, a draped table and 2 chairs are included in your fee. All Table Tops will be 8' draped table with 2 chairs

EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

You are encouraged to decorate in the theme of the year. The winning booth will receive
$100 off their booth the following year.

SUBLETTING OF SPACE

Exhibitors may not assign or sublet any space allotted to them, and may not advertise or display goods other than those sold by them in the regular course of their business. The space assigned to the exhibitors is for their own exclusive use. Booth fees not paid in full prior to the show are subjected to a surcharge.

FLOOR PLAN

The convention floor plan is available at online registration. The floor plan will be updated periodically on the website and the exhibitors list is also shown at this site.

EXHIBIT INSTALLATION AND DISMANTLING

Booths may be set up Thursday, October 22 from 9:00 - 11:00 PM or Friday morning from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Exhibit hours will be on Friday 10:00 am to 12:15 pm. Lunch will immediate follow. Dismantle of booths will immediately follow lunch.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

RESERVE YOUR ROOMS EARLY! Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center has a FIWT room block with a rate of $179 (plus taxes). Please contact the hotel directly for reservations at 940-243-3799

YOUR BOOTH REGISTRATION INCLUDES TWO FRIDAY LUNCH MEAL TICKETS

We encourage you to register yourself and/or any of your booth representatives to attend the seminars and meal functions. These are prime opportunities to have one on one contact with attendees and learn more about them, their agencies and the problems they are facing in today's insurance marketplace. Individual meal and function tickets can be purchased using the official convention registration form (not the exhibit booth form) and should be sent in early as on-site registration will be limited. Keep in mind that our luncheons and installation dinner often sell out so we suggest you purchase early.

NON-REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES

We will need the names of the company representatives who will be staffing your booth but who will not be registered for the convention. There is no extra charge for badges, but advance information on your booth representatives is imperative. You cannot register people in your booth who do not work for your company unless a spouse.

PUBLICITY

The official convention program will include a list of all exhibitors and booth location. To be included in this publication your check must be received before September 1st. Each exhibitor will be listed in The FIWT Newsletter and on our website. They will also be recognized several times during the convention.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refunds will be honored prior to September 1st. No refunds after September 1, 2026 - NO EXCEPTIONS

RIGHTS OF TRADE SHOW MANAGEMENT

FIWT reserves the right to remove an exhibit, in whole or part, which in the judgment of the exhibit manager is misleading or deceptive, in poor taste, or not in keeping with the general character of the exhibit.

82ND ANNUAL FIWT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 22ND - 25TH

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON DENTON CONVENTION CENTER
3100 TOWN CENTER TRAIL, DENTON, TX 76201

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Convention Registration includes admission to classes on Friday and Saturday, Admission to the Trade Show on Friday, Lunch and Dinner on Friday and Saturday.
Registration fees are non-refundable after October 1st.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

FULL CONVENTION

FIWT Member
Early Bird by 09/25 **$275**
Regular after 09/25 **$315**

FIWT Member - First Timer
Early Bird by 09/25 **$235**
Regular after 09/25 **$235**

Non-Member
Early Bird by 09/25 **$315**
Regular after 09/25 **$355**

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

CIPT Module #4
FIWT Member **$50**
Non-Member **$100**

CIPT Update
FIWT Member **$25**
Non-Member **$50**

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September 25, 2026

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HOTEL CUT-Off
September 24, 2026

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940-247-7279
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★ *Presented by* ★

Brooke Bateman

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OCTOBER 23RD

9:15 AM

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OCT 22-25 2026

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Attendees will leave inspired to own their voice, build their personal brand, develop meaningful professional relationships, and step boldly into the next chapter of their leadership journey.

Jessica will be joining us for lunch on Saturday.

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Course Name	Public	Credits	Category	Method	Presentation Method	Approval Basis	Active Date	Renewal Date
7 Deadly Sins in Covering Your Accounts (136719)	N	1.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	09-11-2023	09-11-2027
Agent Oops & Agent Pro Go to Work: Insurance Ethics the Hard Way (147023)	Y	3.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-26-2026	03-26-2028
Ain't Nobody Got Time For That (146908)	Y	2.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-11-2026	03-11-2028
Beach Please...Tell Me That's Covered (146909)	Y	2.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-11-2026	03-11-2028
BRAINS, HEART & COURAGE: Ethics lessons for Insurance Pros (147149)	N	2.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-26-2026	03-26-2028
Commercial Property (136722)	N	2.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	09-11-2023	09-11-2027
Coverage, Lies, and Liability: The Murder of Esther Ethics (147042)	Y	1.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-19-2026	03-19-2028
CSI: CLAIMS SCENE INVESTIGATION (146955)	Y	2.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-12-2026	03-12-2028
Ethics by Avoiding the 7 Deadly Sins (136720)	N	2.0	Ethics	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	09-11-2023	09-11-2027
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Sailing Through the Claims Triangle (136716)	N	2.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	09-11-2023	09-11-2027
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So You Think You Know Insurance? Go Ahead, Prove it. (146932)	Y	2.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-12-2026	03-12-2028
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The Customer Bought a Boat (136723)	N	1.0	General	Classroom	Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	09-11-2023	09-11-2027

The Insurance Jukebox: Singing Our Way Through Insurance Coverage (146910)	Y	3.0	General	Classroom Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-19-2026	03-19-2028
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The Slippery Slope: The Day an Agent Crossed the Line (147150)	N	2.0	Ethics	Classroom Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-26-2026	03-26-2028
Underwriting Justice League: Defeating the Villains of Bad Insurance Habits (146935)	Y	2.0	Ethics	Classroom Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	03-12-2026	03-12-2028
Working from Home Without Working on a Claim: Insurance Ethics in the Real World (146703)	Y	1.0	Ethics	Classroom Traditional Classroom	Internal Review	02-26-2026	02-26-2028

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Leadership That's Been Tested

With 9 years as a Local President and service across committees, conventions, and statewide initiatives, **Erin doesn't** just understand FIWT—she's helped shape it.

Erin brings more than qualifications—she brings continuity, experience, and a vision grounded in both **tradition** and progress.

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FOR RECORDING SECRETARY



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Committed to maintaining accurate records and clear minutes that keep FIWT strong.

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VOTE SHERYL WATKINS FOR RECORDING SECRETARY

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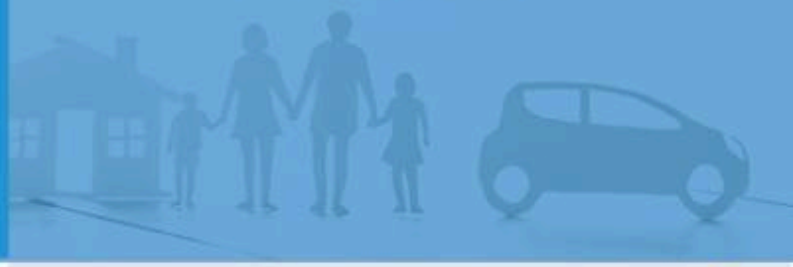
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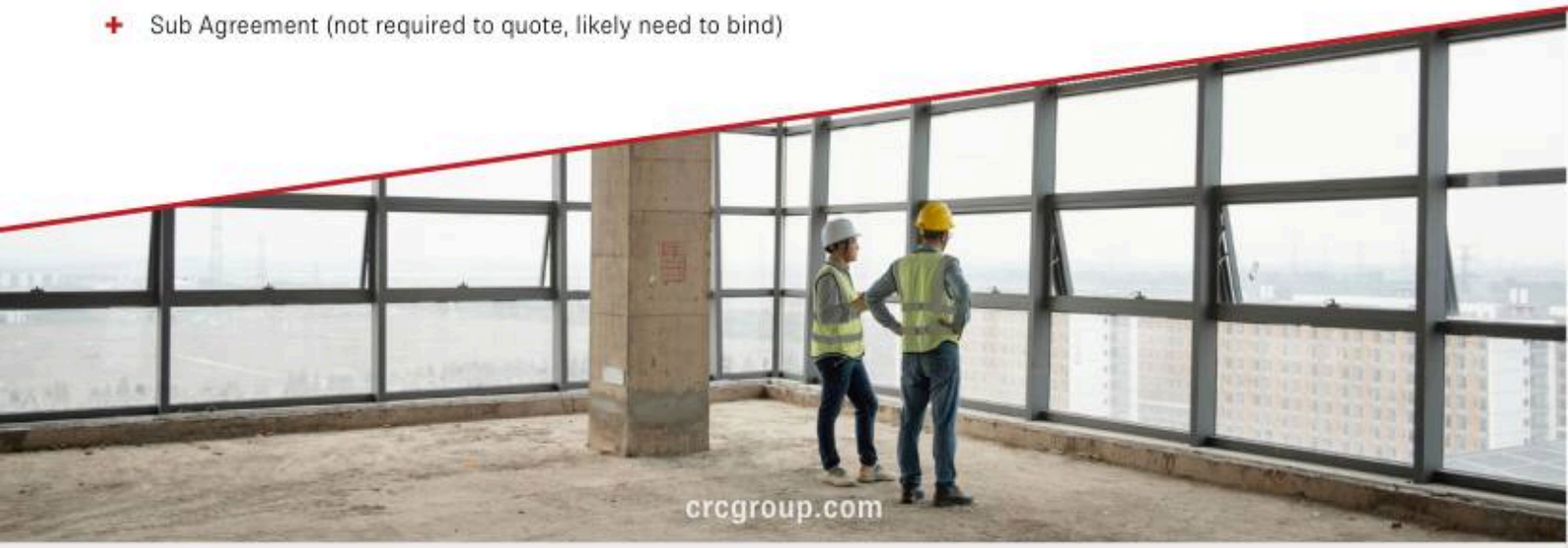
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