





Newsletter 2026

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| July 15 | Tarrant County Insurance Professionals luncheon, noon. Ol' South Pancake House in Fort Worth. NOTE: This is a revised date. |
| July 17 | IWSA Bright Nights Bingo, Anne Marie's Catering. Doors open at 5 p.m. Sponsorships available. *Flyer inside.* |
| July 18 | IACC Aloha Bowl Bowling Tournament fun, free event. RSVP by July 14 to iaccassociates@gmail.com. Sponsorships are welcome. *Flyer inside.* |
| Aug. 4 | IACC Pitch In & Play Ball. Cheer on the Corpus Christi Hooks at a fun IACC Fundraiser. *Flyer inside.* |
| Aug 15 | Deadline for nominations for FIWT Awards for Leadership and Community Service. Forms inside. |
| Sept. 21 | Last day to secure FIWT room rate for the convention at the Embassy Suites in Denton. |
| Oct.22 | 28th Annual FIWT Convention Golf Tournament, Lake Park Golf Course, Lewisville, Texas |
| Oct. 23 | Trade Show at 82nd Annual FIWT Convention, Embassy Suites, Denton |
| Oct. 22-25 | 82nd FIWT Annual FIWT Convention and Trade Show, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denton Convention Center. Room rate is $185 per night, until Sept. 21. |

**Nomination forms for FIWT Community Service and Leadership available in this issue and on the FIWT website (under FIWT Documents)**

## Message from FIWT Scholarship Chair

The FIWT Scholarship Committee has chosen a Winner! The 2025-2026 Scholarship winner is Ariana Ventura.



FIWT Scholarship Winner
Ariana Ventura

We had amazing applicants this year, but she was definitely a stand out!

Ariana is a 21-year-old college student at The University of Houston - CT Bauer College of Business. She began college, not really knowing where she wanted to go in the future. After joining Gamma Iota Sigma, which is an organization centered on risk management and insurance, she fell in love with the industry. It was then that she decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and get her higher education geared towards insurance.

Ariana has been a part of numerous organizations, including Model UN President, and has received numerous awards and honors, including being top 10 percent of her high school class, and has been on UH-Bauer Dean's List since the fall 2025 and still currently is. She has already begun to step into the career field, interning right now at Vintage Underwriters.



Scholarship Chair
Erin LeBlanc

Ariana represents the kind of young professionals who will help grow and keep the insurance industry thriving, with strong ethics, morals, and with continuing education at the forefront. Ariana currently holds 3.845 GPA at UH-Bauer and we can't wait to see what she does in life!!

Respectfully submitted,
Erin LeBlanc
2025-26 Scholarship Chair

**Book your reservation now**
**82nd Annual FIWT Convention**
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Denton, Texas
Call hotel directly 940-243-3799




# Important Deadlines Ahead

August 15
Nomination forms for Annual FIWT Awards for Leadership and Community Service. Must be sent to fiwt@FIWT.com

September 1
Exhibitor registration fees are nonrefundable after Sept. 1.

September 15
Sponsorship payment for FIWT Annual Convention must be received by Sept. 15 to be included in printed materials.

September 21
Last day for special FIWT Annual Convention $179 room rate at Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denton Convention Center. Call hotel directly at 940-243-3799

September 25
Last day for early bird discount for convention registration.

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

**Check the FIWT.com website. Registration and sponsorship forms for the Annual Convention and Golf Tournament are coming soon.**

**A very special thank you to FIWT annual award sponsors Texas Specialty Underwriters, sponsor of the FIWT Leadership Award, WebCE, sponsor of the FIWT Community Service Award**

# We Care

East Texas Insurance Association requests prayers for members Laura Rich and Rob Tabor for their recovery from recent surgery and for Jerry Iverson, whose father is ill.

FIWT Corresponding Secretary Sheryl Watkins had rotator cuff surgery. Please keep her in your prayers. Cards to Sheryl at 2458 Lisa St., Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

Tanya Wyatt
Member Care Chair

# *FIWT Officer & Committee News*

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

**Sheryl Watkins** reminds locals to schedule a president's visit. The sooner, the better. Visit detail forms are included in this newsletter.

### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

It is that time of year again. Time to think about someone you believe deserves a nomination for the leadership or community service award. The nomination forms are in this issue and on our website under FIWT documents.

The deadline for nominations is August 15. Meeting this deadline is important so the committees have time to review the nominations and we have time to order the awards.

And a big thank you to our sponsors this year. If you see them (Texas Specialty Underwriters and WebCE, please extend your appreciation.

**Debbie Johnson**
2025-2026 Immediate Past President

### Education Resource Committee




If your local is interested in having a FIWT CE class, please let me know. A list of courses and the class request form are available on the FIWT website. Please send requests to charris@sunstarins.com.

Also, if you're interested in becoming a CE instructor for FIWT, please complete the instructor application also on the FIWT website.

**Conya Harris**
Education Resource Chair.

### Scrapbook Committee

**Krysten Haga** reminds members to send digital photos and videos of FIWT activities, especially any that include President Janet Dawson. The good ones will be included in a digtal memory photo frame, so Janet can recall the many special times of her FIWT presidency. Make sure she remembers you. Take a photo with Janet at your next opportunity, and send it to Fiwtscrapbook@gmail.com

# Insurance Professionals of Galveston County awards scholarships

The Insurance Professionals of Galveston County awarded 2026 Barbra Burns Memorial Scholarships to three amazing, driven and strong students. These extraordinary graduates have faced adversity, have dedicated themselves to community service and plan important careers. Winners of these $1,000 scholarships included Claire White, Carly Ann Chase and Aliz Wark.

IPOGC thanks everyone who supported the association throughout the year through their fundraisers. “We wouldn’t be able to do this without you,” said Erin LeBlanc, president of IPOGC.




From left, Gigi Heffernan, **Claire White,** Erin LeBlanc, Willa Veal and **Aliz Wark.**



From left. Melanie Hallett, Erin LeBlanc and **Carly Ann Chase.**

# 17th Annual Putt Putt Event

**RECORD ATTENDANCE**

OVER 100 IN ATTENDANCE











THANK YOU TO SPONSORS
















# 17th Annual Putt Putt



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED





METROPLEX
Insurance Professionals

# JULY NEWS

Our new President, **Lisa Hull**, is off and running with her goal of building membership! We are excited to welcome two new members, **Ashley** and **Jacqulyn**, who are both energetic and eager to get involved.

While we will not be holding a meeting in July, we wanted to share our upcoming community service project planned for our **August 11, 2026 General Assembly Meeting** at Texas Star Conference Centre.

During the meeting, members will help fill **30–40 backpacks** with school supplies for students at **High Country Elementary School**, a high-needs school in Saginaw. The backpacks will be purchased by our Community Service Chair, **Ashley Armendariz**, through the community service budget, and the school supplies will be donated by our membership.

In addition, our Scholarship Chair, **Jennifer Brecht**, is working to invite one of our scholarship recipients to attend the August meeting so that we may formally present them with their Scholarship Certificate.

Stay Tuned for more information on Membership Drives, Pecan Sales, Thanksgiving and Christmas Events.

We look forward to making a positive impact in our community while continuing to grow our membership and involvement.

Janet Grenvall, Vice President 2026/27

**MEETING LOCATION - Second Tuesday of the Month**
Texas Star Golf Course
Treaty Room located in The Raven's Grille
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euless, TX 76040

Contact: Janet Grenvall, Vice President
817-832-4785 for more Information

Thank you for a Successful

# Scholarship Dinner

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS
INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE.







A heartfelt thank you to our sponsor AmWins and to all who attended!
*Together, we make a difference!*





**CONGRATULATIONS**

to our deserving scholarship recipients! Your hard work, dedication, and bright futures
*Inspire us all!*

AMWINS
ACCESS

# Feed My Starving Children

## VOLUNTEER DAY

June 20, 2026

DALLAS ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS








FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- ✓ 106 boxes packed
- ✓ 22,896 meals provided
- ✓ Enough to feed 62 children a daily meal for a year!




Together we can make a difference!

# INSURANCE WOMEN OF SAN ANTONIO

**INSURANCE WOMEN OF SAN ANTONIO WAS EXCITED TO INSTALL ITS 2026-2027 OFFICERS AND CELEBRATE INCOMING PRESIDENT DEVIN BRYANT**
















Be Bright

Educate, Elevate and Unite

# SAVE THE DATE!

★★ JOIN US FOR THE ★★

# TARRANT COUNTY

## INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS LUNCHEON

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|---|---|---|
| JUNE 17TH | ★ | CE INCLUDED |
| JULY 15TH | ★ | |
| AUGUST 19TH | ★ | CE INCLUDED |
| SEPTEMBER 16TH | ★ | |
| OCTOBER 21ST | ★ | CE INCLUDED |
| NOVEMBER 18TH | ★ | |
| DECEMBER 9TH | ★ | CHRISTMAS PARTY |

TCIP

*Great Connections. Valuable Education. Stronger Professionals.*

★ TIME: ★

**12:00 PM**

★ LOCATION: ★

**OL' SOUTH PANCAKE HOUSE**

1509 S UNIVERSITY
FORT WORTH, TX 76107

★ EMAIL: ★

tarrantcountyinsurance@gmail.com

**LUNCH.** Good food.

**LEARN.** CE opportunities.

**NETWORK.** Build connections.

**GROW.** Stronger together.

*Great Connections. Valuable Education. Stronger Professionals.*

You're Invited

# Aloha BOWL

FREE EVENT

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY JULY 18TH
6:30 PM
AT
LUCKY X STRIKE
6116 Ayers St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Help us grow our IACC community!

Bring a potential member
GET ENTERED to WIN

Insurance Associates of Corpus Christi

To help us plan for food, please RSVP by Tuesday, July 14th to iaccassociates@gmail.com by Tuesday July 14th

FREE EVENT

# Aloha BOWL

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Let's Strike Up Some Fun!

JULY 18, 2026

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

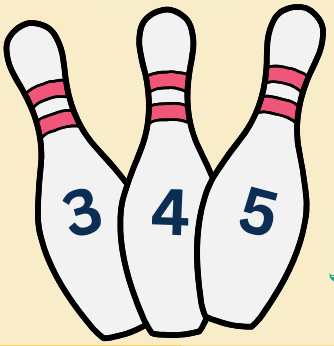
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$750

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### LANE SPONSOR




$250

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### Beverage Sponsor



$150

### Snack Sponsor



$175

### Dessert Sponsor



$175

### Trophy Sponsor



$150



FOR SPONSORSHIP INFO
CONTACT: LYNELL BENNETT
EMAIL:LYNBEN1212@HOTMAIL.COM

# FIWT

# Let your Strength

## SHINE THROUGH

Our Officers lead the way, and YOU can be next!

### PRESIDENT

- Leads FIWT with vision and purpose
- Presides over meetings and represents FIWT
- Works with the Board to plan an execute goals

*Be the leader who inspires and makes an impact!*

### PRESIDENT ELECT

- Oversees membership, recruitment and retention
- Works to increase engagement and member value
- Prepares to lead as FIWT President

*Grow our membership. Grow our future!*

### VICE PRESIDENT

- Plans and coordinates educational programs
- Works with speakers and education committees
- Brings valuable e learning opportunites to members

*Empower minds Elevate our industry!*

### RECORDING SECRETATY

- Records and prepares accurate minutes of meetings
- Maintains official records and documents
- Keeps FIWT organized aand informed

*Behind the scenes you keep us on track*

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE SHINE!

**SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FORM BY**

**AUGUST 1ST**

# 2026 FIWT Leadership Award Nomination Form

## Deadline August 15, 2026

### Purpose

The purpose of this award is to honor a member of FIWT for outstanding leadership abilities.

### Eligibility

- Candidate must be a member in good standing of FIWT.
- Candidate must be nominated by employer, co-worker or any other FIWT member. No self-nominations allowed.
- Current FIWT officers, immediate past president, and past winners are not eligible.

### Judging Criteria

- Candidates will be judged based on leadership contributions to their local association, FIWT, local community, and the insurance industry.

### Deadline

Entries for this award must be received by August 15. 2026. Only completed nomination forms will be considered. **(No notice will be sent that the form is incomplete.)** Send submissions ***only*** by email to fiwt@fiwt.com . **Forms sent elsewhere may not be accepted for consideration. This is to ensure that the judges receive completely blind information regarding nominee's identification, allowing for completely unbiased selection.**

### Leadership Award
### Texas Specialty Underwriters, Inc.

$250 prize and crystal award

### Nominator's (your) contact information

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Candidate's Information**

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Nominator's Name**

_____

Why do you think this person is an effective leader, not just for your local association but for your community, for FIWT, and for the insurance industry? Please expand your recommendation with examples but limit your response to one page.

# 2026 FIWT Community Service Award Nomination Form

## Deadline August 15, 2026

### Purpose

The purpose of this award is to honor a member of FIWT for outstanding community service abilities and accomplishments.

### Eligibility

- Candidate must be a member in good standing of FIWT.
- Candidate must be nominated by employer, co-worker or any other FIWT member. No self-nominations allowed.

### Judging Criteria

- Candidates will be judged based on contributions to their local association, local community, and FIWT.

### Deadline

Entries for this award must be received by August 15, 2026. Only completed nomination forms will be considered. **(No notice will be sent that the form is incomplete.)** Send submissions ***only*** by email to .fiwt@fiwt.com. **Forms sent elsewhere may not be accepted for consideration. This is to ensure that the judges receive completely blind information regarding nominee's identification, allowing for completely unbiased selection.**

**Community Service Award**
**Sponsored by** WebCE

$250 prize and crystal award

Nominator's (your) contact information

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Candidate's Information**

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Nominator's Name**

_____

Statement of activity. Pertinent facts, type of activity, organization, offices held.

Examples of continued involvement over a period of time.

Creativity. Examples of services initiated, expanded or changed to meet needs.

Additional information about candidate. Limit information to one additional page.

# 50 and Fabulous!

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
### OF EMPOWERMENT, GROWTH & COMMUNITY

**MARCH 2027**
**WE WILL BE 50 YEARS OLD!**

OUR JOURNEY. OUR LEGACY. OUR FUTURE.

OUR BEGINNING

Insurance Women of the Metroplex

OUR EVOLUTION

METROPLEX Insurance Professionals

*Different Name. Same Mission.*

Empowering professionals. Strengthening our community.

**SOMETHING FABULOUS IS COMING!**

Join us in March 2027 as we celebrate 50 incredible years of impact, inspiration, and connection.

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!**

Thank you to our members, partners, and community for being part of our story.

*Here's to the next 50!* ♡

# BRIGHT Nights BINGO

★ SHINE BRIGHT. PLAY BOLD. WIN BIG. ★

★ FRIDAY ★
## JULY 17TH

DOORS OPEN
5:00 PM

Ann Marie's
CATERING

12475 STARCREST DR
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216




SEATS
**$50**
INCLUDES
DINNER &
20 ROUNDS
OF BINGO!

A NIGHT OF
**LIGHTS, LAUGHTER & BIG WINS!**
★ ♥ ★

★ GATHER YOUR CREW, GRAB YOUR LUCK, AND LET'S DAB UNDER THE DISCO LIGHTS! ★

★ GOOD FOOD ★ GREAT COMPANY ★ BIG PRIZES ★ BRIGHT MEMORIES

Register at **WWW.IWSATX.COM**

# BRIGHT Nights BINGO

SHINE BRIGHT. PLAY BOLD. WIN BIG.

## ★ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ★



### DISCO BALL Sponsor
**$1,000**

- Reserved table for 8 guests
- Logo displayed on event signage
- Recognition as a top sponsor during the event
- Logo included on social media recognition posts
- Recognition in event program



### GLOW Sponsor
**$500**

- Reserved seating for 4 guests
- Name or logo displayed on event signage
- Recognition during the event
- Recognition in event program



### SHIMMER Sponsor
**$250**

- Reserved seating for 2 guests
- Name listed on event signage
- Recognition in event program
- Social media recognition



### SPARK Sponsor
**$100**

- Name listed on sponsor recognition signage
- Recognition in event program
- Social media recognition



**FRIDAY**
**JULY 17TH**

**DOORS OPEN**
**5:00 PM**

AT Ann Marie's CATERING
12475 STARCREST DR
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

REGISTER TODAY AT
★ WWW.IWSATX.COM ★

★ A NIGHT OF LIGHTS, LAUGHTER & BIG WINS! ★




We're excited to invite you to a night of baseball, community, and giving back at our annual IACC fundraiser!

**Pitch IN & Play Ball!**
Join us on **August 4th** for an IACC Night at the Ballpark as we cheer on the Corpus Christi Hooks and raise support for our organization. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, bring your family, entertain clients, and support IACC's mission — all while enjoying America's favorite pastime.

Whether you attend as a guest or participate as a sponsor, your support helps us continue the important work we do for our members and community.

⚾ **Ready to join us?**
Please use the link below to register and secure your tickets/Sponsorship:

Registration & Sponsorship Form – Fill out form

If you need an actual form in LIEU of the link or have any questions, feel free to reach out.

We can't wait to see you at the ballpark!

Play Ball!

# TEE UP for a Great Cause!

FIWT GOLF TOURNAMENT

GREAT GOLF. GREAT PEOPLE.

*Even Greater Impact!*

## OCTOBER 22ND 2026

LAKE PARK GOLF COURSE

6 LAKE PARK RD LEWISVILLE, TX 75057

**Tee Time 8:00 AM**

(SHOTGUN START)

*Sponsorships Help Drive Programs, Education, & Scholarships!*

### GOLD SPONSOR

**$2,000**

- 1 Team (4 Players)
- Signage & seat at the hole
- Advertising
- Breakfast & Lunch
- 8 Drink Tickets

### SILVER SPONSOR

**$1,000**

- 2 Players
- Signage at the hole
- Advertising
- Breakfast & Lunch
- 4 Drink Tickets

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNTIES

- Beverage Cart Sponsor..... $2,000
- Awards Reception Sponsor.....$400
- Breakfast Sponsor.....$400
- Lunch Sponsor..... $400
- Closest to the Pin Sponsor.....$300 (Men) - *1 Limit*
- Closest to the Pin Sponsor..... $300 (Women) - *1 Limit*
- Hole Sponsor.....$300
- Hole-in-One Sponsor.....$400
- Longest Drive Sponsor.....$300 (Men) - *1 Limit*
- Longest Drive Sponsor.....$300 (Women) - *1 Limit*
- Prize Sponsor..... $300

**REGISTER ONLINE!**

www.fiwt.com

# FIWT 82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

## OCTOBER 22-25,2026

### EMBASSY SUITES DENTON CONVENTION CENTER
### 3100 TOWN CENTER TRAIL, DENTON, TX 76201

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**
**FIWT ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

LET OUR STRENGTH SHINE
FIWT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**
**FIWT ANNUAL TRADE SHOW**




Hosted by:
TCIP

FIWT
FEDERATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN OF TEXAS
STUDY ★ SERVE ★ SUCCEED

**Embassy Suites is a full service all suite hotel**

* FIWT room rate is $185 per night until September 21, 2026
* Room rate includes full made-to order breakfast and Evening Manager's reception
* All rooms include refrigerator, microwave, sofa bed and in room safe
* Parking is free.
* Check-in: 3:00 pm, Check-out: 11:00 pm
* Complementary use of fitness center and indoor pool

**For reservations contact the hotel directly at 940-243-3799 or book online.**
**Use the booking code: FIWT 82nd Annual Convention.**

Contact Us! fiwt@fiwt.com www.fiwt.com

# FIWT ANNUAL CONVENTION PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER

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FEDERATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN OF TEXAS
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# JESSICA MARSHALL

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
WITH CRC GROUP



"Building a Career by Design, Not Default"

OCT 22-25 2026

Women are often told to wait their turn, prove themselves longer, or stay in the lane where they are already successful. But meaningful growth rarely comes from staying comfortable.

In this honest, energizing, and deeply relatable keynote, Jessica Marshall shares her unconventional journey from accidental marketer to executive leadership, including the pivots, risks, failures, and moments of self-doubt that shaped her career along the way. Through candid storytelling and practical insights, Jessica explores how women can build confidence before they feel fully ready, embrace change, strengthen their influence, and intentionally create opportunities instead of waiting for permission.

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.

www.fiwt.com
fiwt@fiwt.com




## FIWT President's Official Visit

Association Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone_____

Fax Number_____ Email:_____

Date of Event – 1st Choice_____ _____ Time: Arrive by: ___

Length of Time Scheduled for President's Part: _____

Location Address of Meeting: _____

Visit Function: ( ) Installation of Officers ( ) Social Only ( ) Employer Recognition
( ) Joint Association Meeting ( ) Business Meeting
( ) Other: _____

Note: If Officers' installation, please provide list with name of each incoming and outgoing officer and the duties of each of the offices. The cost of installation props and/or gifts for the incoming officers is the responsibility of the location association. The cost is not an expense covered within the President's FIWT budget. It is recommended that the local purchase the props/gifts and have them available at the installation. If the local prefers the President to pick a theme and bring the prop/gifts, please advise the budget limit for the items. The President will provide the local with the receipt for reimbursement.

( ) Officer props/gifts will be provided by the local.

( ) Officers props/gifts will not be provided by the local.

Local's theme_____; or, ( ) President's choice of theme

Recommended Dress: ( ) Business Casual ( ) Formal ( ) Church Dress
( ) Work/Professional ( ) After 5:00 ( ) Costume ( ) Casual

If airport transportation or overnight lodging is required, will your local association make these arrangements?
( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please phone, email, or fax necessary information to my office.
If no, please recommend local accommodations.
We would also accept invitations to lodge in member's homes, if offered, to help reduce expenses.

Other Dates/Events: 2nd Choice _____ _____ Time: Arrive By: _____

Other Dates/Events: 3rd Choice_____ _____ Time: __ Arrive By: _____

**Please Return to: FIWT Corresponding Secretary: Sheryl Watkins, Sheryl.watkins@MarshMMA.com**

# FIWT Committee Chairs, 2025-2026

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| Community Service | Sue Finke | sfinke@sbcglobal.net |
| Education Resource (2 Year) | Conya Harris (2025-2027) | charris@sunstarins.com |
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| Insurance | Jan Savage | |
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| Minutes | Jennifer Brecht | jbrecht@brechtassoc.com |
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| Treasurer (2 Year) | Karen Ashton (2025-2027) | kashton@simtexas.com |

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# Officers

## 2025-2026

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| President | Janet Dawson | Firedupredhead60@gmail.com |
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| Vice President | Destinie Kindle-Palmer | dkindle@crcgroup.com |
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| Past President | Debbie Johnson | Insdeb93@gmail.com |

# *Rooted in Legacy. Leading with Experience. Ready for What's Next.*

# ERIN LeBLANC

Candidate for **FIWT RECORDING SECRETARY**

*FIWT deserves leadership that understands where we've been—and where we're going.*

## Deep Roots, Clear Perspective

As a long-time FIWT member and daughter of a **past State President, Erin** brings a rare understanding of our organization's legacy—paired with the perspective to help it continue to **grow and evolve.**

FIWT
FEDERATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN OF TEXAS
STUDY ★ SERVE ★ SUCCEED

## Proven Financial Insight

Through her leadership on **Budget Audit,** Erin has worked closely on the structure, review, and improvement of FIWT's financial processes—bringing a practical understanding of how to maintain strength while planning for the future.

## 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.

FIWT
FEDERATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN OF TEXAS
STUDY ★ SERVE ★ SUCCEED

## Vote Erin LeBlanc
## FIWT RECORDING SECRETARY

★ Study ★ Serve ★ Succeed ★

# YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER!

## Transparency's key, for all to see!



## SHERYL WATKINS

For FIWT Recording Secretary

**Writing the record, one meeting at a time**

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- Blanket AI
- Blanket WOS
- Blanket PNC
- Blanket Per Project Aggregate
- AI with Completed Ops (CG2037)
- 30-day NOC

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Contractor Supplemental
- Loss Runs
- Sub Agreement (not required to quote, likely need to bind)

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# Texas



## Local relationships, national access.

### Feature and coverage specialties

- Contractors
  - Artisan, general contractor, or paper
  - Availability of CG2037 on per project basis
  - Roofers
- OCP/Owners Interest
- Cannabis/CBD
- Vacant Buildings
  - Can include renovations
- Builders Risk
  - In-house authority up to $5M
  - Monoline or package
  - Earthquake
  - Wind/Hail Deductible Buy Down
- Inland Marine
  - Contractors equipment, EDP, fine arts and more
- Condo/Homeowner/Townhome Associations
- Ocean Marine
  - Artisan contractor GL including MOLL
- General Liability
  - Primary limits up to $5M (provide first dollar)
  - Products liability
  - Manufacturing and distributors
- Excess Liability
  - Admitted and non-admitted carriers starting at $500 per layer
- Habitational
  - Including Apartments and Dwelling schedules
- Liquor Liability
  - Monoline or Package available
- Bars/Taverns/Restaurants

### Unparalleled Market Access

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