



## **Message from the President**

This year promises to be very exciting for all CPCU Society Chapters located in Florida. With the CPCU annual meeting being hosted in Orlando, you can be sure that Florida will be well represented at this event. The annual meeting will allow CPCUs from all parts of the country, and abroad, to come together to celebrate the achievement of the CPCU class of 2017. It is also a great opportunity to get to know industry peers and discover new ways to grow your knowledge base. If you have not attended an Annual Meeting in recent years, I strongly encourage you to attend this one. You won't regret it!

I have the honor of serving as president of the South Florida CPCU Society Chapter for 2017. I look forward to working with the chapter's board of directors, and other volunteers, to help us become a valuable resource that our members can count on in reaching their career development goals. We also aim to help candidates and other industry professionals, in their pursuit of any designation(s) they may wish to obtain from the Institutes.



*Joshua S. Pestano, President*

I would like to thank Luis Diaz, our immediate past president, for all his contributions to keep the chapter active and also for helping me learn much of what is required to serve as your chapter leader. His guidance has been invaluable and his continued support to the chapter will be vital in the year ahead. I would also like to thank the rest of the members of the board for their ongoing support, ensuring that the chapter continues to operate in good standing with the authority provided to it by the Society. We are currently well positioned to offer our members resources that will help in their career development. Our goal will be to expand our impact in the community of insurance professionals by offering events that provide educational and networking opportunities.

Should you need any help or want to learn more about our chapter, please feel free to contact me directly, my contact information can be found at <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/about/leadership> or using the chapter's contact and volunteer forms found at <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/contact-us> and <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/get-involved/volunteer> respectively.

We will gladly assist in answering any questions you may have regarding our chapter and any other relevant inquiries. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to help our chapter grow.

Stay tuned for future news, postings of events and other relevant information regarding our chapter. We are currently working to update our website where you will be able to access information about the chapter and its current plans and event. While you're visiting the website, please make sure that your contact and profile information with the society is accurate and up to date, that way you will be able to receive any important information we may send out.

I look forward to a great year ahead, with your support. May the year 2017 provide you with great experiences and opportunities to grow personally and professionally.

Please reach out to us, we at the South Florida CPCU Society Chapter are here to help you achieve the goals you set for your career in any way we, and the CPCU Society as a whole, can.

Kind regards,

Joshua S. Pestano, ACII, CPCU, ARe.  
President, South Florida CPCU Society Chapter, Inc.



**Chapter Events**

**Gold Coast CPCU Society Chapter Event**

The Gold Coast CPCU Society Chapter will be hosting an event in Boca Raton, FL on 28 February 2017. Florida Representative Bill Hager of house district 89 will be speaking at the event and will discuss the upcoming Florida legislations. The event's details are as follows:

**ANNUAL GATHERING OF INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS  
SPONSORED BY: CPCU FLORIDA GOLD COAST CHAPTER**

<p><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> February 28, 2017</p> <p><b>Time:</b> Cocktails &amp; hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm. Speaker at 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> NCCI, 901 Peninsula Corporate Circle, Boca Raton, FL (See map below for directions).</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$35 per person—includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres! Cash or check payable at the door.</p> <p><b>Dress:</b> Business casual</p> <p><b>RSVP:</b> veruschka_zachtshinsky@ncci.com</p>
---

There will be a special cocktail hour and Hors d'oeuvres served. If you would like to attend, please rsvp by contacting Ms. Veruschka Zachtshinsky using the email address provided above.

**South Florida CPCU Society Chapter Events**

At this stage, we are studying what events to host later in the year. Please feel free to make any suggestions or let us know if you have a topic you would like to present. Past events have been attended by an audience of insurance professionals from different areas of the industry, most holding the CPCU designation or in the process of acquiring it, but certainly not limited to them. Guests and other insurance industry professionals are always welcome.

Information of any events that may be hosted in the future shall be provided via email or by future newsletter and website postings. Please stay tuned and make sure that your contact information and profile are up to date with the Society.



# The Institutes<sup>®</sup> CPCU Society

# NEWSLETTER

South Florida Chapter

February 2017

## **CPCU Society Events (National)**

### **CPCU Leadership Summit**

The CPCU Society Leadership summit will take place April 20 through 22 in Baltimore, Maryland. It is a great opportunity to get involved with the CPCU Society both at a national and chapter level. The summit offers CPCU volunteers educational opportunities to help them implement the strategic goals of the Society and become more valuable resources to members. Registration to the event is free for volunteers and it's a great opportunity to learn more about what the society has to offer. Interest groups provide great opportunities for members to become more involved with the work that the Society does. You may contact me for more information, contact details can be found at <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/about/leadership> you may also use the chapter's contact form at <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/contact-us>.



### **CPCU Annual Meeting**

The CPCU Society Annual meeting will take place September 16 through 19 in Orlando, Florida. The annual meeting is the main event hosted by the CPCU Society and it is a great opportunity to meet insurance professionals from all areas of the industry. Details of how to register will become available later in the year as the event date approaches. Please make sure to register and book your hotel and flight reservations early to ensure that you enjoy early bird rates on the registration and that your room is reserved at block price. Dues-paying members will receive a member discount when they register to the event, therefore becoming an active member of the society is a great opportunity to reduce your cost for attending the annual meeting as well as gaining access to the different materials e.g. webinars and publications provided by the society, all at no additional cost to you as a dues-paying member.

At this stage the society is still reviewing presentation proposals and developing the program for the annual meeting. Based on past meetings we can say that the event in Florida will provide great value for you as an insurance industry professional and you will meet many industry peers in all aspects of insurance, all interested in helping each other grow and become better insurance professionals.





# The Institutes<sup>®</sup> CPCU Society

# NEWSLETTER

South Florida Chapter

February 2017

## Other Information

### Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring a future event or would like to be featured in our website and publications, please let us know. Sponsorships allow us to host better events with reduced costs to attendees. We look forward to your help in creating partnerships with the local insurance and reinsurance industries to promote the advancement of insurance education and development.

### Closing remarks

You may contact us using the information provided hereunder for any chapter related inquiries. Please make sure that you keep your profile up to date to ensure that you can receive any communications that we may send out. We will reach out via email to make any important announcements such as on future events and offerings from the Society and our chapter. You may contact us if you would like to volunteer.

South Florida CPCU Society Chapter, Inc. (Contact information):

Chapter Leaders: <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/about/leadership>

General Contact Form: <http://southflorida.cpcusociety.org/contact-us>



Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/sflcpcu/>



Join Our LinkedIn Group

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/South-Florida-CPCU-Society-Chapter-6963522/about>



### **Newsletter created by:**

**Joshua S. Pestano, ACII, CPCU, ARe** is a reinsurance intermediary based out of Miami, Florida. Joshua is responsible for brokering risks emanating from Latin America and the Caribbean. He routinely performs (re)insurance negotiations in the Spanish and/or English language to help clients (ceding insurers) obtain reinsurance coverage from international (re)insurers capable of assuming the risks ceded.

View my profile on 