

January 2023

## President's Forum



**Mike Giancotti, CPCU**  
Chapter President

## 2023 Greetings

Welcome to the new year! Hopefully your holidays were full of joy, peace and thankfulness.

This is my first time writing to you and I'd like to start by thanking you. I find myself thankful to past and current chapter board members, who all have served and are still serving you with care and thoughtfulness. Their service has laid a foundation for your Mid-Michigan Chapter of the CPCU Society.

I am thankful that this chapter exists as a place to learn about industry-related topics, meet other professionals, and serve the community we live in. Our board wants to provide you with opportunities to learn, serve, network and grow.

2023 will have more opportunities to meet up in person and more opportunities to learn over Zoom. We will experiment in 2023 with our meetings. Some of our meetings will occur via Zoom only, where we take advantage of the benefits of technology and maximize opportunities to fit speakers into the schedule. Other meetings will be only in person to take advantage of the benefits that come from meeting our colleagues face to face.

No matter which way we are able to deliver to you, we hope that you will choose to join us. If you are interested in taking an opportunity to develop your leadership skills and give back to your profession, please reach out to a board member to hear about opportunities to make this chapter the best it can be. See you soon!

## Your 2023 Chapter Board

**President:**  
Mike Giancotti, CPCU

**Treasurer:**  
TBD

**Directors:**  
Stephanie Anderson, CPCU

**Immediate Past President:**  
Matt Burke, CPCU

**Vice President:**  
Lacey Payne, CPCU

**Secretary:**  
Samantha Cheadle, CPCU

Libby Fox, CPCU

Nicole Bowen, CPCU

## Meetings

### January Speaker Spotlight



#### Adam Brown Manager, Claims Special Investigation Unit Auto-Owners Insurance

Adam Brown has held several positions in claims in his 16-plus-years career with Auto-Owners Insurance. He currently is the manager of the special investigation unit for Auto-Owners, and has held that position for three years.

Adam studied management at Columbus (GA) State University and is a major Georgia Bulldogs fan, along with the Atlanta Braves. Adam and his wife, Rachel, have two children.

He is a Southerner working in Michigan, but still loves the day-to-day challenge of impacting claim files.

### January Meeting Information

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 24                      **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Virtual

#### Call-In Information:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84114374988?pwd=d1hzaW0yQTZGQXBrcjY1UUtTisrQT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 841 1437 4988
- **Passcode:** 118911

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The submission  
deadline for the  
February newsletter is  
**Friday, Feb. 3**

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If you know of promotions  
or other noteworthy ac-  
complishments involving  
CPCUs, please send them  
to the editor using any of  
contact methods listed.

### Future CPCU Annual Meeting Sites

Oct. 5-7, 2023: Washington,  
D.C.

### Future Chapter Meeting Dates

February: TBD

Connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn at Mid-Michigan CPCU Society



## Chapter News

### 2022 Good Works Recipient: Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center

Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing hope, healing and justice for children and families impacted by abuse in Ingham and Eaton counties.

They are fully accredited with the National Children's Alliance, and are working toward a community where every child is safe from sexual and physical abuse. Small Talk is the place where children receive coordinated services during child sexual abuse investigations in Mid-Michigan. They also offer no-cost counseling for children with difficult or dangerous sexual behavior, adult education, and house a vibrant internship program.

Alex Brace, executive director of Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center, highlighted past accomplishments, ongoing operations and future goals during our December meeting. He also accepted a donation on their behalf.

If you're interested in finding out more, volunteering, or donating, please visit [smalltalkcac.org](http://smalltalkcac.org) or call at 517.253.0728.



### 2023 Board Members and Committee Chairs

Position	Individual
Nominating Committee and Past President	Matt Burke
President	Mike Giancotti
Vice President	Lacey Payne
Treasurer	TBD/By committee
Secretary	Samantha Cheadle
Director	Libby Fox
Director	Stephanie Anderson
Director	Nicole Bowen
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Circle of Excellence/Education	Nicole Bowen
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Good Works	Lacey Payne
Newsletter	Andy Flanagan
I-Day	Matt Burke and Stephanie Anderson
New Designee	Matt Burke
Golf Outing	By committee
Social Media Chair	Olivia Bowen