

2020 OIA AWARD NOMINATIONS

OIA CITATIONS

OIA recognition of others who have made contributions to the association. For example: Committee or Task Force chairmen or members who has made a significant contribution, OAPAC donors, company representatives, insurance industry representatives.

F.W. (Bill) Purmort, Central Mutual Insurance Company, Van Wert

Nominated by: Jeff Smith

President F.W. "Bill" Purmort III retired effective May 13, 2020. Bill is retiring after 43 years with the company but will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors. Bill began his career at Central in 1979 and held positions in underwriting, marketing, and management before becoming President and Chairman of the Board in 1994. Bill is a trustee for the Property & Liability Resource Bureau, a past board member for Trusted Choice and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, and past trustee for the Ohio Insurance Institute and the Griffith Foundation.

Bill is a recognized industry leader and passionate supporter of the IA community and OIA. He has consistently contributed to OIAPAC and InsurPAC at the highest levels. In addition, he frequently hosts fundraisers at Central's HQ for the Ohio Supreme Court candidates. Under Bill's leadership, Central was recognized as OIA Company Partner of the Year in 2019.

The Central Mutual Insurance Company was founded in Van Wert, Ohio in 1876 and has evolved into the Central Insurance Companies, a successful property and casualty group providing insurance for more than 350,000 automobiles, homes, and businesses in 24 states. Central is based in Van Wert and operates regional offices in Boston, Atlanta, Dallas, and Van Wert. The Central group of companies has combined assets of over \$1.7 billion. Central's A.M. Best rating is A (Excellent).