

2020 OIA AWARD NOMINATIONS

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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.

1. *Whitnee Dillard, Director of Diversity & Inclusion at IIABA, Alexandria, VA*

Nominated by: Jeannine Giesler, Independent Insurance Professional, Elmore

Whitnee Dillard created the first IIABA Diversity and Inclusion event with a list of phenomenal speakers and breakout sessions. The overall response to this event was overwhelmingly positive, and how to handle the difficult conversations that we all must begin with. This had created dialog and discussions on how to work with State Associations to provide this information and expanded the successful event into each State. She has been with Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (Big "I") for over 6 years, currently serving under her current Title Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

Previously, Whitnee collaborated with Big I staff and members to develop and implement effective programs, products and services to support the association's business and strategic plans. I had met Whitnee when she coordinated with the American Council of Technology committee, and planning the events creating the outlines. The Big I is a national alliance of more than a quarter-million business owners and their employees who offer all types of insurance and financial services products.