



Financial Adviser Awards recognise service to IFA

At its annual conference at SkyCity Conference Centre, Auckland the Institute of Financial Advisers (IFA) made awards honouring volunteer service to the Institute.

Lyn McMorran, President said, “As a professional association, we depend upon expert volunteers to function. IFA has made awards to 10 people who have made an outstanding contribution to our aim of creating and growing a professional association for financial advisers that meets global standards. All these members have played an important role.”

There were two types of Awards – Fellowships recognising outstanding contribution at the national level and Citation Awards recognising volunteer service at a local or committee level.

Fellowships were awarded to:

- Ian Clark, Dunedin
- Garth Clarricoats, New Plymouth
- George Elkington, Wellington
- Simon Hassan, Auckland
- Stephen O'Connor, Invercargill

Ian Clark, whose background is life insurance, was President of IFA's insurance predecessor from 1996-98 and also represented NZ at the Asia Pacific Life Insurance Congress, where he was President for 2003-04.

Garth Clarricoats, also is a life insurance specialist and Chartered Life Underwriter who has served in many national roles, including as Vice President in 2006-07. He represented IFA at the Asia Pacific Financial Services Association from 2004 until 2009.

George Elkington, started in life insurance though he is also a Certified Financial Planner professional. He was President for 2005-06.

Simon Hassan is a Certified Financial Planner professional but also a Chartered Life Underwriter. He was President for two years, 2006-08 and served 9 years on the Board. Simon represented IFA at the Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) for 3 years.

Stephen O'Connor is a Certified Financial Planner professional and a Chartered Accountant. He was President 2004-05. Stephen is the current Chair of the FPSB, the international organisation that sets global standards for financial planning and the Certified Financial Planner professional designation. He is the first New Zealander to hold this post.

The Citation Awards were made to:

- John Doolan, Palmerston North who has been Branch Secretary for 18 years.
- Trisha Edmonds, Christchurch who has been active at branch level for 10 years.
- Ross Sheerin, Tauranga who has been very active on branch and national committees for several years.
- Mary Potter, Auckland who has been Branch Secretary of IFA's largest branch for many years.
- Barry Stewart, Auckland who has been very active as a volunteer for many years, including as a President of IFA's predecessor financial planning association.

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About the Institute of Financial Advisers

The Institute of Financial Advisers is the professional body for financial advisers, including insurance and investment advisers and financial planners. The Institute is an industry leader, representing some 1,300 financial advisers throughout New Zealand.