

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This past August, the Vermont Captive Insurance Association hosted 1,206 attendees for its 41st annual conference. The largest VCIA conference since 2008, VCIA26 set a new record of 430 first-time attendees and included a strong concentration of 330+ captive owners who enjoyed exclusive peer focus groups to share best practices.

Post conference, the momentum continued with the launch of a new, annual VCIA benchmarking survey in partnership with the Vermont Departments of Financial Regulation and Economic Development. The survey will influence what VCIA offers its members and how the State of Vermont can enhance its regulatory practices and address captive workforce challenges. A full benchmarking report will be released in November.



Q3 2026 Data & Activity

- ★ 786 companies, 45 states and 8 countries represented at VCIA26, which returned to a Tuesday-Thursday schedule and closed with outstanding keynote Duncan Wardle.
- ★ Tracy Hassett (edRISK) and Sandy Bigglestone (SRS) received the 2026 Gold Standard and Industry Service awards, respectively.
- ★ [Call for 2027 conference educational topics](#) until October 9.
- ★ VCIA Chicago Chapter hosted two events: Coffee Connect and a chapter summer happy hour.
- ★ VCIA Volunteer Day with Habitat for Humanity.
- ★ VCIEL exhibited at the University of Vermont's Accounting and Finance Fair.
- ★ 164 professionals attended the annual Q3 captive data benchmarking webinar.
- ★ Diane Leach retired from her storied 41-year career helping lead VCIA.

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Get in touch with Membership Director Angie Armour to learn how VCIA's new strategic initiatives are driving membership value.

Q4 2026 Calendar

OCTOBER 1	Committee cycle restarts (Q4 2026 through Q3 2027) for Conference Task Force and 5 other committees .
OCTOBER 28 1 – 6 PM	Chicago Chapter Summit . Featuring captive owners from United Airlines, a publicly traded real estate investment trust that owns, operates, and develops shopping centers and mixed-use retails, and the sixth-largest professional services network in the world.
NOVEMBER TBD	Annual benchmarking report released to members.
NOVEMBER 4-5	VCIA Board Retreat and Meeting; new core officers assume roles for next term.
NOVEMBER 10 2 – 3 PM	Advocacy in Action: Midterm Election Debrief & Regulatory Implications Zoom. Free & for members only.
NOVEMBER 19 2 – 3 PM	Think Tank: The Rapid Advancements of AI Zoom. Free & for members only.
DECEMBER 10 2 – 3 PM	Q4 Webinar: Captive Taxation Update. Free for members; paid registration available for non-members. Registration forthcoming.
DECEMBER 17 4:30 – 6 PM	Member Holiday Mixer The Harborvale, Burlington, Vermont

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