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I had intentions of growing my career in the retail business shortly after having just graduated with my Bachelor's in Psychology and Sociology. Sounds like the perfect combo, right? Well, it didn't take me long to realize that the retail industry was always evolving, but not a stable career choice. The Fall of 2016 I had a previous supervisor who asked me to come work with her at an insurance agency, I thought to myself, "eh what have I got to lose at this point"? So of course, like many others in this industry, insurance was something I fell into.

At first, I loved the fact that the knowledge for insurance was and still is endless, but I knew I still wanted something more, something outside of just my agency. A couple years passed, and I earned my CISR designation and have been working on my CIC designation, but still there was something missing. Holiday Tradeshow of 2019 came around in which I finally met Susan and had a discussion with her about wanting to get involved with networking, meeting others in the same industry. She introduced me to Jared W. who was the Chair of the Emerging Leaders Committee at the time and advised me that the ELC Board was looking for a secretary and that I would be a great candidate. I applied that month and was approved by the board, then 2020. Enough said.

With the 2021 Convention having taken place and being able to attend, the networking, the conversations and insightful speakers were that something extra that I was looking for. It has not only given me more exposure, but my agency. The information and knowledge that I take away from these events and that I have gained from this committee not only help me, but my agency grow as well. Now, I am still very green as my first year on the committee was in "quarantine" if you will but seeing how this committee networks and exposes you to many different aspects of the insurance industry, I can't think of anything more beneficial and am hungry for me.