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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WISCONSIN GOVERNING COMMITTEE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the premises of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau, 20700 Swenson Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186 on Thursday, May 19, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present:

ORGANIZATION

REPRESENTATIVE

AIG COMPANIES

Ira Feuerlicht

- AIG National Insurance Co Inc
- AIU Insurance Co
- American Home Assurance Co
- American International South
- American International Insurance Co
- Birmingham Fire Insurance Co
- Commerce & Industry Insurance Co
- Granite State Insurance Co
- Illinois National Insurance Co
- Insurance Co of the State of PA
- New Hampshire Indemnity Co
- National Union Fire Insurance - Pittsburgh
- New Hampshire Insurance Co
- TNUS Insurance Co

AmComp Assurance Corp.

Debbie Towler

Badger Mutual Insurance Company

Terry Falls
Jeremy Jutrzonka

CNA COMPANIES

George Agyen

- American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
- Boston Old Colony Insurance Company
- Commercial Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
- Continental Casualty Company
- Continental Insurance Company
- Fidelity & Casualty Insurance Company of NY
- Firemans Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

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Glens Falls Insurance Company
Kansas City Fire & Marine Insurance Company
National-Ben Franklin Insurance Company of IL
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
Niagra Fire Insurance Company
Transcontinental Insurance Company
Transportation Insurance Company
Valley Forge Insurance Company

CONTINENTAL WESTERN GROUP

Judy Baldus

American West Insurance Company
Clermont Insurance Company
Continental Western Insurance Company
Tri State Insurance Company of MN
Union Insurance Company

EMC COMPANIES

Mike Lester

EMCASCO Insurance Company
Employers Mutual Casualty Company

FIREMANS FUND INSURANCE COMPANIES

Ken Blake

American Automobile Insurance Company
American Insurance Company
Associated Indemnity Corporation
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company of WI
National Surety Corporation

GENERAL CASUALTY COMPANIES

Jim Vandenberg
Mike Schimke

Blue Ridge Indemnity Company
Blue Ridge Insurance Company
General Casualty Company of WI
General Casualty Company of IL
MassWest Insurance Company
Regent Insurance Company
Southern Fire & Casualty Company
Southern Guaranty Insurance Company
Southern Pilot Insurance Company

LIBERTY INSURANCE GROUP

Mike Koski

Consolidated Insurance Company
Employers Insurance of Wausau, A Mutual Company
First Liberty Insurance Company
Hawkeye Security Insurance Company
Indiana Insurance Company
LM Insurance Corporation
Liberty Insurance Corp
Liberty Insurance Underwriters Company
Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

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The Midwestern Indemnity Company
Peerless Indemnity Company
Peerless Insurance Company
The Netherlands Insurance Company
Wausau Business Insurance Company
Wausau General Insurance Company
Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company

ST. PAUL TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES

Bruce Kaufenberg

Athena Assurance Company
Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford
Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company
Discover Property & Casualty Insurance Company
Economy Fire & Casualty Company
Economy Preferred Insurance Company
Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Underwriters
Nipponkoa Insurance Company, Ltd
Phoenix Insurance Company
St. Paul Fire & Casualty Insurance Company
St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Medical Liability Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
St. Paul Protective Insurance Company
Seaboard Surety Company
Standard Fire Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty Company of CT
Travelers Casualty & Surety Company
Travelers Casualty & Surety of America
Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America
Travelers Commercial Casualty Company
Travelers Commercial Insurance Company
Travelers Indemnity Company
Travelers Indemnity Company of America
Travelers Indemnity Company of CT
Travelers Insurance Company
Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
United States Fidelity & Guaranty

SENTRY COMPANIES

Bill Swarthout
Ellen Altenburg-Wadel

Dairyland Insurance Company
Middlesex Insurance Company
Patriot General Insurance Company
Sentry Insurance, A Mutual Company
Sentry Select Insurance Company

SOCIETY COMPANIES

Society Insurance A Mutual Company
Venture Insurance Company

Rick Levin
Chad Thurn

United Wisconsin Insurance Company

Emil Pfenninger

West Bend Mutual Insurance Company

Tom Holman
Pam Allison

Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau

Ralph Herrmann
Richard Colvin
Christine Siekierski
Nancy Kierzek
Tad Cleveland
Donna Knepper

(To obtain a complete listing of Bureau members, please see the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau 2004 Annual Report.)

Also Present:

Allied Construction Employers Association
Milliman USA
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
R & R Insurance
Riegel Law, S.C.
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

Ed Hayden
Gary Josephson
Laura Andreasson
Nancy McMurry
Paul Riegel
John Metcalf

The Chairperson read the following opening statement before convening the meeting:

“This Committee meeting has been called to discuss the items of mutual interest and concern to the members of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau. In accordance with both Federal and Wisconsin State Anti-trust Laws, this Committee is prohibited from any discussion or action which constitutes any form of boycott, coercion, or intimidation.”

1. Mr. Ralph Herrmann, President of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau, was advised that a quorum was established, and the meeting was declared open for business.
2. The reading of the minutes for the last Annual Meeting was waived, and the minutes were approved as published.
3. The next order of business was the submission of the President’s report for the 2004 business year. Each member present was furnished with a copy of the 2004 Annual Report. Mr. Herrmann commented on portions of the Annual Report.

Mr. Herrmann's summary included:

- Web site enhancements
- Publication of the Wisconsin Experience Rating Manual, the Wisconsin Basic Manual and the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Class Code Manual, including WI analogies
- 2004 rate revision
- Significant decrease in the number of requests for rating information
- Decrease in the total number of fines levied
- Continued growth in the WWCIP
- WCRB membership activity
- Review of the WCRB income and expenditures
- Continued decline in the overall operating expense ratio

Mr. Herrmann expressed his appreciation to the entire membership for their continued support, and specifically thanked all members of the Governing Committee, the Rating Committee, the Pool Committee, and the several subcommittees for their commitment and hard work during 2004. He also acknowledged the assistance and cooperation of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Department of Workforce Development, Bureau legal counsel, the other Independent Bureaus, and the members of his staff for their dedication and hard work.

4. The next order of business was the election of companies to fill the vacancies of retiring committee members on both the Governing Committee and the Rating Committee. President Herrmann directed that the representatives of the stock and non-stock companies caucus separately for this purpose. Upon adjournment of the caucuses, the spokesperson for the stock and non-stock companies advised that the following companies had been elected to the Governing Committee and Rating Committee:

GOVERNING COMMITTEE

American Home Assurance Company
Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company

RATING COMMITTEE

Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company
Travelers Insurance Company

The Wisconsin Committees are now comprised of the following companies:

GOVERNING COMMITTEE

American Home Assurance Company
Employers Insurance of Wausau
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company
General Casualty Insurance Company
Secura Insurance A Mutual Company
Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company
Society Insurance, A Mutual Company
Travelers Insurance Company

RATING COMMITTEE

Continental Casualty Company
Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company
Employers Mutual Casualty Company
General Casualty Insurance Company
Ed Hayden (Employer Representative)
John Metcalf (Employer Representative)
Sentry Insurance, A Mutual Company
Society Insurance, A Mutual Company
Travelers Insurance Company
United Wisconsin Insurance Company

5. The stock companies elected General Casualty Insurance Company to Chair the Governing Committee; the non-stock companies elected Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company to Chair the Rating Committee and Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company to be Vice-Chair of the Governing Committee.
6. The stock companies selected Continental Casualty Insurance Company to fill the vacancy on the Investment Subcommittee.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna Knepper
Executive Secretary