



CIRCULAR LETTER 1243—JANUARY 12, 2021

WISCONSIN GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Wisconsin Governing Board meeting held virtually from the premises of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau, 20700 Swenson Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186 on Thursday, December 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

A list of attendees at the March Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings follows. The Chair of the Rating Committee was Pat Williams from United Wisconsin Insurance Company. Chair of the Governing Board was Brian McEvoy from West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE	GOVERNING BOARD	RATING COMMITTEE
American Home Assurance	Ira Feuerlicht	X	X
Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee	Dan Burazin	X	X
Employers Insurance of Wausau	Steve Ginsburg	X	X
	Diana Trent	X	X
Employers Mutual Casualty Co.	Mike Lester	O	X
	Mark Neubauer	O	X
	Craig Sanford	O	X
General Casualty Co	George Busche	X	X
SFM Mutual Insurance Co.	Brian Bent	X	X
	Nick Marino	X	X
Secura Insurance Co.	Steve Miller	X	O
Sentry Insurance A Mutual Co.	Scott Lange	X	X
	Bev Beigel	X	X
Society Insurance Co.	Tim Riedl	X	X
Travelers Indemnity Co.	Eric Belk	X	X
	Keith Fritz	X	X
United Wisconsin Insurance Co.	Pat Williams	X	X
West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.	Scott Beaver	X	X
	Brian McEvoy	X	X
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce	Chris Reader	X	X
Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau	Bernie Rosauer	O	O
	Tad Cleveland	O	O
	Nancy Kierzek	O	O
	Michael Mann	O	O
	Beth Nickel	O	O
	Jaclyn de Medici	O	O
	Donna Knepper	O	O
	Mark Rohde	O	O
	Michelle Swessel	O	O

X = Committee member
O = Non-committee member

Also Present:

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Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company	Jeff Brey	O	O
	Paul Emmerick	O	O
Aegis	Terry Falls	O	O
Badger Mutual Insurance Co	Tyler Protz	O	O
Cincinnati Insurance Co	Linda Medcalf		O
	Linda Adams		O
	Kara Armstead		O
Department of Workforce Development Workers Comp Division	Aaron Galarowicz	O	O
	Joe Moreth	O	O
Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin (IIAW)	Jeff Thiel	O	O
Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin (IIAW)	Matt Banaszynski	O	O
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)	David Haushalter	O	O
	Rebecca Rebholz	O	O
Riegel Law	Paul Riegel	O	O
Rural Mutual Insurance Company	Sara Leach	O	O
Western National Insurance Co	Kevin Christy	O	O
WCRI	Kathleen Fisher	O	
	Evelyn Radeva	O	

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

“This Board 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.”

- Approved the Minutes for the September 2, 2020 meeting.
- Bureau Operations – Industry Issues
 - A. Budget Update - The Board members were presented with the following budget reports and were given the opportunity to ask questions on the information presented.
 - 2020 Estimated Year-End/2021 Proposed Budget
 - 2020 Approved IT Budget/2020 Estimated Year-End Summary
 - 2021 IT Proposed Budget
 - Income Report that included years 2018 through October 2020
 - Notice to Carrier Fine Comparison
 - Unit Stat Fine Comparison

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The Board voted to levy an assessment in the amount of \$2,064,380 for the general operating expenses for the WCRB for the first quarter of 2021.

- B. WCRI Presentation-WCRI presented to the Board. This item is removed from the agenda.
- C. NCCI Med Data Call-general discussion among the Board. This item is removed from the agenda.
- D. Administrative affairs, occupancy, general expenses, personnel, etc. – The Board was updated on the following:
 - The WCRB continues to develop an educational program for internal and external stakeholders.
 - Lean initiatives internally have proven successful and are ongoing.
- Legislative Update- general discussion among the Board over pending and potential upcoming legislative issues. The Legislature has not convened since May 2020. This item is continued on the agenda.
- WWCIP Activity Reports
- Charge-Off Request- Apple Roofing Solutions LLC-the Board approved the charge-off request. This item is removed from the agenda.

The following Committees will report to the Board:

RATING COMMITTEE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Schedule Rating – after further Committee discussion, this item is removed from the agenda.
- COVID-19 Amendments- no changes to discuss at this time. WCRB will continue to monitor the situation. This item is continued on the agenda.
- NCCI Item P-1417(A)- Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019 Endorsements (Amended Effective Date)- the email vote was amended to remove the Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement WC 00 04 21 E from the amended in-force policies provision. This item is continued on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- Filing Request- WC Supplemental Application form- the interested carrier withdrew their request from Committee consideration. This item is removed from the agenda.

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- WCPAP Postcard Notification- the WCRB updated the Committee on the discontinuation of the WCPAP postcard notification process. This item is continued on the agenda.
- NCCI Item B-1442 Revisions to Basic Manual Appendix E- Classifications by Hazard Group- the WCRB will conduct further research for the Committee on the impact to Wisconsin specific hazard groups. This item is continued on the agenda.
- NCCI Item B-1443 Revisions to NCCI Manual Rules Related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic-Removal of Expiration Date-no action taken. This item is removed from the agenda.
- NCCI Filing Review Process- general discussion on the current filing and review process. This item is continued on the agenda.

Pending Filings/Actions

- NCCI Item B-1440 class code cleanup. This item was approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.
- NCCI Item R-1418 2020 Update to the Retrospective Rating Plan Parameters- ELPPFS, ELAEPFSS, and Average Cost Per Case Values. This item was approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.
- NCCI Item B-1438 Revisions to Basic Manual Classifications for Oil and Gas Field Operations in Alaska. This item was approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.

ACTUARIAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Actuarial Subcommittee will be held in February.

All votes taken at the Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings were unanimous unless otherwise noted.