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President's Message



As I sit and begin to write the President's message, it dawns on me half the month of May is already over. My son announced last night, 11 more days. It took me a moment to realize he meant 11 more days before school was out for the summer. Where has the time gone? Thus far, my year as Texas PRIMA President has been a whirlwind to say the least. We met with our Platinum, Diamond and Gold sponsors last month to go over Chapter happenings and the direction of our annual conference. It is always a great time to show them how much their support and input means to Texas PRIMA.

Speaking of conference, we are on our way to making this year's the best one yet. Austin is a great backdrop for the [27th Annual Texas PRIMA Conference](#), to be held at the Renaissance Hotel November 6-9. Conference committees are already busy at work. We have been searching for our keynote speakers. The call for presentations has been sent out and the [link](#) is available on our [website](#) for submissions. This is a great opportunity to grab a colleague or vendor and create a submission that would be valuable to our members. I feel confident we will continue to provide the high quality educational sessions you have become accustomed to.

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Member's Only Community Forum Offers Advice, Articles and Tips:

Log in to the member's only website at texasprima.org. Click on the Community Forum link to view the Advice Forum

The sponsor and exhibit prospectus has been released as well and is also posted on our [website](#). The exhibit hall will host an array of sponsors and vendors second to none. Everyone attending will leave with information they can take back and share with their entity.

Conference also is a time for recognition. We would like to encourage you to submit yourself or someone else deserving of the Risk Professional/Risk Professional Associate of the Year awards. We also select and recognize outstanding Risk Management programs. Look for an email in early July with the link to nominate someone for any or all of these categories.

The Education Committee has been busy planning Regional Seminars. The one in April, held in Irving, was well attended and received. Next one up is June 16 in San Antonio with a lineup sure to keep your interest. Our last one before conference will be in Harlingen on September 22. Visit the Texas PRIMA [website](#) for registration deadlines. Regional seminars are a great way to earn some CE's and network with fellow Risk professionals.

I am looking forward to representing Texas PRIMA at the National PRIMA Conference in Atlanta June 5-8. Our chapter will receive two awards on Monday. I am honored to accept the Chapter Recognition Award for our Scholarship Program and Bill Tarro will receive the Chapter Service Award for his tireless contributions to Texas PRIMA. More to follow in the September newsletter!

Have a great summer. The conference registration email should go out mid-July. Register early so you do not miss out on the educational and networking opportunities in store for you in Austin, November 6-9, where we are sure to "Keep Risk Weird."

Donna Parker Stirman
2016 Texas PRIMA President

Cyber Liability Coverage Available in Traditional

and Articles & Tips Forum. If you would like to be notified when a topic is updated, click on the subscribe checkbox.

Recently Added Articles & Tips:

-Opening the Flood Gates: Data reveals the excess and surplus lines markets are well positioned to take on additional flood risks

- 54% of People Feel Pressured by Work to Drive Distracted

- Houston Experienced Largest Flooding Event since Tropical Storm Allison

- Workers Compensation Exclusive Remedy - Recent Court of Appeals Case

- The Huge Price Tag for Missing Warnings of L.A. Teachers Abusing Students: \$300 Million and Counting

Mentor Survey

Texas PRIMA is interested in building a mentorship program. The goal of the Mentorship Program is to address members' needs and help cultivate more Risk

Cyber Liability Coverage Available in Traditional Insurance Coverage

A recent decision was handed down by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals which points out that traditional insurance policies still may provide valuable insurance coverage for data breaches and other cyber-related losses.

Commercial General Liability policies increasingly add exclusions for cyber claims, entities who experience a cyber loss should still explore their existing non-cyber policies. In the case *Portal Healthcare v. Travelers Indemnity Company*, Case No. 14-1944, which concerned coverage for a class action complaint filed in 2013. The decision found coverage to defend cyber litigation after unauthorized medical data disclosure. The court's determination of what constitutes "publication" of data in an alleged breach of privacy. The Court affirmed the trial court decision that "publication" occurs upon release of the medical data, does not need to be intended, and does not require proof of actual third-party review of the medical data disclosed.

This case demonstrates that non-cyber liability insurance policies may provide protection for cyber related claims.

[10 Tips in Securing Cyber Coverage](#)

Firearms and School Visitors: Update on 2015 Open Carry Laws & Signage

During the 2015 legislative session, Texas Legislators passed several laws related to firearms. Since the passage of those laws, TASB legal services has received many inquiries about their effect on schools and district operations. In this article, we answer some of the most common questions. [[Read Entire Article](#)]

Preventable Deaths Reach an All-Time High, says National Safety Council

professionals in order to strengthen and encourage growth of the association. [Click here](#) to complete the short survey to give us feedback on building this program.

Welcome New Members

Mike Capricciuolo,
Insurance & Contract
Specialist, HEBISD

Shirley Cooksey,
Benefits/Risk Coordinator,
CFB ISD

Cindy Jeong, Human
Resources Coordinator,
Town of Addison

Sandi Mattox, Benefits
Administrator, Lewisville ISD

Kristina Peters, Risk
Manager, City of McKinney

Tim Webb, HR Coordinator,
City of Farmers Branch

Cheslie West, HR
Specialist, City of
Richardson

Thank you Sponsors!

National Safety Council

Itasca, IL - The number of Americans dying from preventable injuries has reached an all-time high, according to analysis from the National Safety Council.

Preventable injuries, commonly known as 'accidents', claimed 136,053 lives in 2014 - a 57 percent increase since 1992, when deaths from preventable injuries were as low as they had been in 68 years. Preventable injuries are now the fourth leading cause of death in the United States behind heart disease, cancer and chronic respiratory disease.

"Losing someone every four minutes to an injury we know how to prevent is unacceptable," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "Eliminating preventable deaths is a lofty goal, but not impossible. We can be successful one company, one family and one life at a time. If we all work together to reduce harm, we will make our world a measurably safer place."

Preventable injuries are a constant threat [at every age](#). To help Americans understand the biggest risks to their safety, the National Safety Council has created the [Safety Checkup tool](#) which generates a safety profile based on factors such as age, gender and state of residence.

Throughout our lifetime, the leading causes of preventable death are:

Younger than 1: [Suffocation](#)

Ages 1 to 4: [Drowning](#)

Ages 5 to 24: [Motor vehicle crashes](#)

Ages 25-64: Poisonings, largely from drug overdoses and [prescription opioids](#)

Ages 65+: [Falls](#)

Texas PRIMA Regional Risk Management Seminars

Our first regional seminar in Irving was a great success with over 60 attendees and a great agenda of presenters! Thanks again to our Irving seminar sponsors, Travelers Insurance and McGriff Seibels & Williams. Those who attended the

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Aetna
AON

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Munich RE
UnitedHealthcare
CIGNA
Surplus Lines Stamping Office of
Texas
TASB Risk Management Fund
Safety National
Midwest Employers Casualty
Company
Vantage Benefits

Silver

Arthur J. Gallagher Risk
Management Svc, Inc.
Texas Association of Counties
TML-IRP
Travelers
Concentra
HCA Asset Management, LLC
AIG
Frost Insurance Agency
Davis Vision
Injury Management Organization,
Inc
Select Physical Therapy
Humana
First Financial

seminar left with an abundance of knowledge that they were able to take back to their organizations and entities. Our next regional seminar, set to be held at the Northside ISD Testing Annex in San Antonio on June 16th, will be no different. You will hear about drones, computer fraud and law enforcement liability. With recent weather-related events all over Texas, the City of San Antonio's Emergency Management will tell us "what to do when...hits the fan", along with other great topics! Our regional seminars are designed to be a convenient and affordable way to increase your risk management knowledge and provide an opportunity to network with other risk management professionals in your area. Don't miss out...[register TODAY!](#)

The next Regional Seminar is in Harlingen on September 22nd. We look forward to seeing you at either or both of the upcoming seminars!

[San Antonio - June 16th](#)

[Harlingen - September 22nd](#)

Norma Martinez, Education Committee Chair

Help Wanted: Consider Serving on the Texas PRIMA Board

Texas Chapter PRIMA is the leading organization dedicated to the education of public Risk Management professionals in Texas and is looking for qualified candidates to serve on its Board of Officers and Directors. As a board member, you would play an integral role in the leadership of our organization and in its service to the membership.

The Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting nominations to serve on the Texas PRIMA Board. In this regard, we invite members whom have been actively involved to consider being part of the leadership of our Chapter through Board membership. Active participation provides the opportunity to influence the goals and activities of the organization. Serving on the Board can also create invaluable connections to aid in your professional development and enhance both personal

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Ameritas
Drivecam powered by Lytx
Trinity Review Services
Delta Dental Insurance Company
PMOA, Inc
Mentis Neuro Rehabilitation
Origami Risk
Carlisle Insurance Agency, Inc.
Texas Medical Screening
ICS Merrill

and career leadership skills. Consider nominating yourself or someone you know with a true passion for the risk management profession.

The elected Board is comprised of two past presidents (Immediate Past and Past President), four officers (President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer), and four directors-at-large. Elections are conducted in October, and new Board terms begin in January. The Board typically meets four times a year, and again at the annual conference.

Nominees must be a member of Texas PRIMA, employed by a qualified government entity, have responsibility for risk management functions, insurance, benefits and/or safety management, and be able to attend Board meetings in accordance with the bylaws. Qualification is determined by experience, demonstrated leadership, participation in the Chapter, and proven commitment to the organization and profession.

The call for nominations will be sent in August. If you have questions before then, feel free to contact Texas PRIMA at info@texasprima.org or by calling 512-394-0719.

David Kester, Nominations Committee Chair

Texas PRIMA Conference Update: **All You Need to Know About Keeping Risk Weird**



Join us in Austin, Texas at the beautiful Renaissance Austin Hotel November 6-9 for the [2016 annual Texas PRIMA conference](#) and get ready to get weird! Mark your calendar today to make sure you do not miss out on this wonderful educational and networking opportunity. Registration opens in July.

Drawing Winner: One Beacon Government Risks

Each year, at the culmination of our annual conference, sponsors and exhibitors are asked to provide feedback by completing a short survey. Each sponsor/exhibitor completing the survey is entered into a drawing for the chance to win a complimentary upgrade to the next level of sponsorship with their Sponsor/Exhibitor commitment for the following year. The drawing was held at the January board meeting and I am pleased to announce the winner.

OneBeacon Government Risks won the drawing and will be moved up to the next sponsorship level beginning at the 2016 Conference in Austin. CONGRATULATIONS!



The Board of Directors will be visiting with all conference sponsors/exhibitors at the upcoming conference to distribute surveys and we hope all sponsors and exhibitors will complete and return for a chance to Move Up a Level for the 2017-2018 year!

Lesley Ward, Sponsor/Exhibitor Committee Chair

Texas PRIMA 27th Annual Conference Scholarship Program

The scholarship application process for Texas PRIMA's 27th Annual Conference at The Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Austin, Texas, November 6-9, 2016 will be here before you know it. There are many deserving people who may not be aware of the scholarship program Texas PRIMA offers. We are encouraging members to get the word out to any of your public entity colleagues and clients who might qualify. The scholarship program is designed to assist risk management

professionals whose public entity might not be able to afford the cost of attending the Annual Conference. Full and partial scholarships will be awarded and may include up to the following:

- Conference Registration Costs
- Costs related to attending the conference, including travel and lodging at the conference hotel
- Complimentary membership in Texas PRIMA through 2017

This will be our fifth year to include scholarship donation opportunities for our sponsors. It has been a huge success and their generosity has enabled us to bring more recipients to the conference than ever before! We look forward to their support again this year and topping last year's recipient numbers.

Look for an email in mid-July with specific details to include the application process. Applications will be accepted July 20th through September 2nd. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about the Texas PRIMA 27th Annual Conference and scholarship program.

Texas PRIMA Awards

Texas PRIMA is looking for public entity Risk Management Professionals and Risk Management Programs deserving recognition for excellence in the Risk Management field. We are looking for the cream of the crop to ensure these individuals and programs receive the recognition they deserve. Annually, Texas PRIMA recognizes excellence among its Risk Management members with three awards:

Risk Manager of the Year and Risk Management Associate of the Year honor individuals who exemplify the title through continual innovation and commitment to the Risk Management field. **Risk Management Program Achievement Awards** honor public entities with creative and successful risk management programs.

The nomination process is easy. Nomination forms and qualifications for all three awards can be found by on our [awards page](#). Previous winners and programs can also be found on the website in the Awards Section. Award recipients for Risk Professional and Associate will be announced and recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference in Austin, receive a wall plaque, be recognized in the PRIMA Press newsletter, be recognized on the Texas PRIMA web page and be reimbursed for the conference registration and one night of hotel accommodation costs.

Please take a moment today to nominate successful individuals and programs in the risk management field and nominate your own programs for the Risk Management Program Achievement Award by [clicking here](#).

The nomination deadline is September 2, 2016. Any questions concerning the award process can be addressed to Christina Ford, Chairman of the Awards Committee at cford3@mesquiteisd.org or call Texas PRIMA at 512-394-0719. See you at the next Texas PRIMA Conference in Austin on November 6-9, 2016.

Sponsor Highlight: York Risk Services Group & AS&G Claims Administratin, Inc.



York Risk Services Group is proud to be a Platinum sponsor of Texas PRIMA. York Risk Services Group's Texas Team continues to believe in and support the mission of Texas PRIMA to strengthen the quality of public entity risk management

through continuing education and networking. We have been a proud supporter of Texas PRIMA since its inception, and over the past decade, this support has been reflected in our sponsorship at the platinum and diamond levels, funding scholarship opportunities, volunteering to help with conference planning, and providing industry expert speakers at the regional and annual conferences.

York Risk Services Group provides leading-edge integrated claims, managed care and risk management solutions to Public Entities. We have a deep understanding of risks in Texas, and that allows us to develop claims solutions that are tailored to the specific needs of Texas Public Entities. We deliver the expertise and resources of the third largest TPA through local relationships, custom solutions and accountability at all levels. Whether you are looking for workers' compensation administration; managed care; property and liability administration; pool program administration; loss control; or a reinsurance intermediary, York is the long-term partner you seek.



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service the Gulf Coast, South East and Mid-Atlantic states. Their goal is to reduce clients' costs through proactive claims handling and experienced decision making.

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