



CIRCULAR LETTER 1269—SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

WISCONSIN GOVERNING BOARD and RATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Wisconsin Governing Board and Rating Committee meetings called to convene in the office of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau, 20700 Swenson Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186 on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

A list of attendees at the Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings follows. The Chair of the Rating Committee was Brian Bent from SFM Mutual Insurance Co. Chair of the Governing Board was George Busche from General Casualty Insurance Co.

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 Co of Wausau	Diana Trent	X	X
Employers Mutual Casualty Co.	Joe Hanssen	O	X
	Jim Slaski	O	X
General Casualty Insurance Co	George Busche	X	X
Lindgren, Lester & Associates, LLP	Mike Lester	X	X
SFM Mutual Insurance Co.	Brian Bent	X	X
	Rhonda Wills	X	X
	Jen Wolf*	X	X
Secura Insurance, A Mutual Co.	Joe Schmidt	X	O
Sentry Insurance Co.	Scott Lange	X	X
	Gail Brown	X	X
Society A Mutual Company	Tricia Wood	X	X
Travelers Indemnity Co.	Eric Belk	X	X
United Wisconsin Insurance Co	Janelle Krainz	X	X
West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.	Scott Beaver	X	X
	Jason Lanza	X	X
Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau	Bernie Rosauer	O	O
	Tad Cleveland	O	O
	Beth Nickel	O	O
	Laura Vande Hey	O	O
	Donna Knepper	O	O
	Andrew Stoughton	O	O
	Michelle Swessel	O	O
	Stephanie Staring	O	O

Also Present:

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Erie Insurance	Fred Johnson*	O	O
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)	David Haushalter	O	O
	Christina Keeley*	O	O
Riegel Law	Paul Riegel	O	O

X = Committee member
 O = Non-committee member
 *Virtual

WCRB Rating Committee Meeting

Antitrust Statement - "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."

NEW BUSINESS

- NCCI Proposal Item B-1449 – Revisions to Basic Manual Rules Related to Service Charges and Automatic Gratuities – This proposal defines the inclusion/exclusion rules for service charges and automatic tips for consideration for premium basis. This proposal was approved for filing with the OCI to be effective January 1, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NCCI Item E-1409 – Enhancement to NCCI’s Experience Rating Plan Methodology - This item was approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance effective with the October 1, 2024 rate revision. With all business complete, this item was removed from the agenda.
- Wisconsin Land Surveyors – Hearing – No appeal of the Committee’s decision was filed with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.

NCCI has been contacted to review the current countrywide application of code 8602 for surveyors.

- NCCI Proposal Item B-1448 – Revisions to Basic Manual Rules Related to Payroll Inclusions and Payroll Exclusions – WCRB provided a draft of revisions to WI Basic Manual Rule V Premium Basis incorporating the proposed NCCI changes. The Committee voted to adopt the changes for filing with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to be effective January 1, 2024.

ACTUARIAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Actuarial Subcommittee is scheduled for November 8, 2023.

WCRB Governing Board Meeting

Antitrust Statement

- Adopted the minutes for the June 14, 2023 meeting.
- Bureau Operations – Industry Issues
 - Budget Update - The Board members were presented with the following budget reports and were given the opportunity to ask questions on the information presented.
 - 2023 Estimated Year-End/2024 Preliminary Budget
 - Income Report that included years 2021 through 7-31-23
 - Notice to Carrier Fine Comparison
 - Unit Stat Fine Comparison

The Board voted to levy an assessment in the amount of \$2,379,820 for the general operating expenses for the WCRB for the fourth quarter of 2023.

- Administrative affairs
 - Michael Mann, CIO is retiring after many, many years of dedicated service to the WCRB. His devotion and hard work over the years was recognized. Best Wishes for an exciting new adventure!
 - Work to update the WCRB website to make WCRI CompScope available to member carriers continues.
 - WCRB will meet with other states' residual market personnel to discuss application processing and procedures.
 - Bernie Rosauer will participate in a panel to discuss how the worker's compensation system works in WI.
 - Update on the premium suppression task force and plans for 2024.
 - WCRB training modules will be available on the WCRB website.
- Legislative Update
The Advisory Council met in July. Management and Labor exchanged proposals. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

- WWCIP Activity
 - RFP Process – Enhancements - The Board was updated on the ongoing WWCIP RFP discussions with the OCI.
 - Request for Depopulation Report enhancement - The WWCIP Depopulation Report has been updated to include the current agent information.
 - WWCIP Actuarial Analysis-Milliman – Pool Fund Rules – Assessment/Disbursements - The Board discussed the impact of the upcoming distribution of Pool Funds.
 - Charge-off Request- Hector Arnodo DBA Arnodo Construction – \$53,080 - Society Insurance A Mutual Company. The Governing Board approved the recommendation to charge-off the uncollectible balance. Society Insurance abstained from voting.

Following the adjournment of the Governing Board meeting, the Board will meet in Executive Session.