# TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION (TAIPA)

# TWENTIETH REPORT

# FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013

**AND** 

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

AUSTIN, TX

MARCH 21, 2014

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## JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Austin, Texas March 21, 2014

The TWENTIETH Annual Meeting of the Members of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association was held at the Omni Austin Hotel Southpark, beginning at 8:40 AM, Friday, March 21, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Governing Committee Chair, Fred Strauss. Mr. Strauss asked the Association Manager, James Langford, if a quorum was present. Mr. Langford responded that there was a quorum present. The Chair then requested that the Anti-Trust Statement be read. The Association Manager, James Langford read the statement.

The Association Manager was asked to report on the selection of the trade association representatives, as prescribed in Section 36.B.1. of the TAIPA Plan of Operation. The trade association representatives selected were:

- American Insurance Association (AIA)-The Travelers,
- Property & Casualty Insurers Association (PCI)-Hochheim Prairie Insurance, and
- Association of Fire & Casualty Companies in Texas (AFACT)-Texas Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company.

The Chairman then asked the Association Manager to report the results of the non-affiliated insurers' ballot as prescribed in Section 36.B. The Association Manager responded that the Non-Affiliated member elected was Allstate Insurance Company.

In keeping with Section 36.B.3, Chairman Strauss, asked the Association Manager to announce the five companies that had requested to serve in one of the four at-large positions on the committee. Those companies were:

- Farmers Insurance Group of Companies,
- Liberty Mutual/Safeco Insurance Company,
- State Farm Mutual Insurance Company and
- United Services Automobile Association (USAA)
- Metropolitan Property & Casualty Insurance Company

Chairman Strauss asked the voting members to make sure that their ballots were cast. When it was discussed that all ballots had been cast, there was discussion about whether a break was needed. It was determined that a break was not required. At that point, Chairman Strauss asked Mike Jones to review and verify the ballot counts. Chairman Strauss stated that they would give Mike Jones time to review everything and have him report on the votes later in the meeting.

Chairman Strauss then gave the Chairman's Report.

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Chairman Strauss then asked Counsel if the At-large ballot results had been calculated. Mr. Mike Jones stated that they were. The Chairman asked Mike Jones to report the results. Mr. Jones stated that the following companies had received the highest number of votes.

• Farmers Insurance Group of Companies,

- Liberty Mutual/Safeco Insurance Company,
- State Farm Mutual Insurance Company and
- United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

Chairman Strauss stated that at the conclusion of this meeting that all of the elected Governing Committee members would begin their service.

Chairman Strauss then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and passed so the meeting was then adjourned.

The following companies will serve on the 2014-2015 Governing Committee:

American Insurance Association:

The Travelers

Kevin Curry, Marlton, New Jersey

Association of Fire and Casualty Companies in Texas:

Texas Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company

Bill Brooks, Waco, TX

Property and Casualty Insurers Association:

Hochheim Prairie Insurance

David Weber, Yoakum, TX

Non Affiliated Companies:

Allstate Insurance Company

Fred Strauss, Northbrook, IL

At-Large Members:

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies

Thomas J. Rolling, Austin, TX

Safeco/Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Jason Callahan, Boston, MA

State Farm Mutual Insurance Company

George Cooper, Bloomington. IL

United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

Corise Morrison, San Antonio, TX

## Annual Meeting Attendees:

### Committee Members:

Mary Carol Awalt, Public Member

Bill Brooks, Texas Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company

Carmelita Hogan, Public Member

Richard R. Lonquist, Public Member

Kit Morris, Producer Member

Corise Morrison, United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

Thomas Rolling, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies

Fred Strauss, Allstate Insurance Company

## Counsel:

Mike Jones, Thompson, Coe, Cousins and Irons

TAIPA Staff:

James Langford Stacy Midkiff

Nicole Morgan

## Other Attendees:

David Nardechia, OPIC

The following member companies were represented by representatives.

#### Name

ENCOMPASS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

**ENCOMPASS PROPERTY AND CASUALTY** 

**COMPANY** 

**ENCOMPASS INDEPENDENT INSURANCE** 

**COMPANY** 

ENCOMPASS HOME AND AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY

**ENCOMPASS INDEMNITY COMPANY** 

ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY

ESURANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW

**JERSEY** 

ESURANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

ALLSTATE TEXAS LLOYD'S

ALLSTATE COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE

**COMPANY** 

ALLSTATE FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

ESURANCE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

NORTHBROOK INDEMNITY COMPANY

ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY

21ST CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST

FOREMOST INSURANCE COMPANY, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

FOREMOST PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

21ST CENTURY PREMIER INSURANCE COMPANY

FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE

MID-CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY

TEXAS FARMERS INSURANCE

**COMPANY** 

TRUCK INSURANCE

**EXCHANGE** 

21ST CENTURY PREFERRED INSURANCE

**COMPANY** 

FARMERS TEXAS COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

21ST CENTURY ADVANTAGE INSURANCE

**COMPANY** 

MID-CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

FOREMOST COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY 21ST CENTURY NORTH AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY BRISTOL WEST SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY 21ST CENTURY CENTENNIAL INSURANCE COMPANY

21ST CENTURY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOREMOST SIGNATURE INSURANCE COMPANY FOREMOST LLOYDS OF TEXAS

TEXAS FARM BUREAU CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY TEXAS FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY TEXAS FARM BUREAU UNDERWRITERS

FARM BUREAU COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

HOCHHEIM PRAIRIE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY USAA COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE COMPANY

USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY COMPANY
GARRISON PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION
USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY

21ST CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY
21ST CENTURY SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY
21ST CENTURY CASUALTY COMPANY
21ST CENTURY ASSURANCE COMPANY

The following member companies were represented by proxy:

#### Name

ALL AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY

ALLIED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICA FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICA FIRST LLOYD'S INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE CORPORATION

AMERICAN ECONOMY INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN EQUITY SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

AMERICAN STATES LLOYDS INSURANCE COMPANY

AMERICAN STATES PREFERRED INSURANCE COMPANY

ARMED FORCES INSURANCE EXCHANGE

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, THE

BANCINSURE, INC.

BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

CAROLINA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

CENTRAL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

CHARTER OAK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

CHUBB INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY

CHUBB LLOYDS INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

CHUBB NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

CINCINNATI CASUALTY COMPANY, THE

CINCINNATI INDEMNITY COMPANY. THE

CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

COLONIAL COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

COLORADO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

DARWIN NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

DEPOSITORS INSURANCE COMPANY

DIAMOND STATE INSURANCE COMPANY

DISCOVER PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

ECONOMY FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

ECONOMY PREFERRED INSURANCE COMPANY

ECONOMY PREMIER ASSURANCE COMPANY

EMCASCO INSURANCE COMPANY

EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF WAUSAU

EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY

EXECUTIVE RISK INDEMNITY INC.

FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY

FARMLAND MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC INSURANCE EXCHANGE

FIDELITY AND GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

FIDELITY AND GUARANTY INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS, INC.

FIRST FINANCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FIRST LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE

FIRST NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

GERMANIA FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

GERMANIA INSURANCE COMPANY

GERMANIA SELECT INSURANCE COMPANY

GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY

GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY

HDI-GERLING AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY

HORACE MANN INSURANCE COMPANY

HORACE MANN LLOYDS

HORACE MANN PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

LIBERTY COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

LIBERTY INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS INC.

LIBERTY LLOYDS OF TEXAS INSURANCE COMPANY

LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

LM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

LM INSURANCE CORPORATION

LM PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

LUMBERMEN'S UNDERWRITING ALLIANCE

MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

MAXUM CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

METROPOLITAN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

METROPOLITAN DIRECT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

METROPOLITAN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

METROPOLITAN GROUP PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

METROPOLITAN LLOYDS INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

METROPOLITAN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

MILLERS FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

NATIONWIDE AFFINITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

NATIONWIDE AGRIBUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONWIDE GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

NATIONWIDE LLOYDS

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NATIONWIDE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

NGM INSURANCE COMPANY

NORTH AMERICAN ELITE INSURANCE COMPANY

NORTH AMERICAN SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

NORTHLAND CASUALTY COMPANY

NORTHLAND INSURANCE COMPANY

NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY

OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

OHIO SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY

PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY

PEERLESS INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY

PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY

PENN-STAR INSURANCE COMPANY

PENNSYLVANIA MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION INSURANCE COMPANY

PENNSYLVANIA MANUFACTURERS INDEMNITY COMPANY

PHARMACISTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY. THE

RAMPART INSURANCE COMPANY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIANA

SAFECO LLOYDS INSURANCE COMPANY

SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORPORATION

SAFEWAY COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

SAFEWAY INSURANCE COMPANY

SELECT INSURANCE COMPANY

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

ST. PAUL GUARDIAN INSURANCE COMPANY

ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY

ST. PAUL PROTECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

STATE FARM COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

STATE FARM LLOYDS

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

T.H.E. INSURANCE COMPANY

TEACHERS INSURANCE COMPANY

TEXAS HERITAGE INSURANCE COMPANY

TEXAS PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY

TITAN INDEMNITY COMPANY

TRAVCO INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

TRAVELERS CASUALTY COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

TRAVELERS CASUALTY COMPANY, THE

TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

TRAVELERS COMMERCIAL CASUALTY COMPANY

TRAVELERS COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS CONSTITUTION STATE INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS HOME AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY OF AMERICA, THE

TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT, THE

TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, THE

TRAVELERS LLOYDS INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

TRAVELERS LLOYDS OF TEXAS INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS PERSONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS PERSONAL SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY

TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY COMPANY OF AMERICA

TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

UAIC INSURANCE COMPANY

UNION INSURANCE COMPANY OF PROVIDENCE

UNITED NATIONAL CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

UNITED NATIONAL SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

VICTORIA FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

WAUSAU BUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY

WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY

WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

WESTPORT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WORTH CASUALTY COMPANY

XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC.

XL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

XL REINSURANCE AMERICA INC.

XL SELECT INSURANCE COMPANY

XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

- 1) Welcome to the 2014 Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association's (TAIPA's) Annual Meeting.
- 2) My name is Fred Strauss.
  - a) I am the Non-Affiliate Company representative on the TAIPA Governing Committee
  - b) and have served as the Chair for 2 years.
- 3) Since our last annual meeting in March of 2013,
  - a) the application volume has continued to decline.

**Total Applications Received** 

- (1) 2013 = 4708
- (2) 2012 = 5898
- (3) 2011 = 7364
- b) During 2013, the TAIPA Governing Committee, working through several sub-committees, achieved the following:
  - i) Continued to operate through the assistance of the Manager, James Langford.
  - ii) Had a compensation study conducted by an independent third party and has now adopted a formal compensation manual and grading system for TAIPA staff.
  - iii) Amended TAIPA Plan of Operations and Personal Auto Policy to comply with new legislation.
  - iv) Worked to get private passenger automobile insurance rates changed as of October 1, 2013.
  - v) Decreased the 2014 budget by 13.04%
  - vi) Senate Bill 733 allowed TAIPA to use teleconference for Governing Committee Meetings.
  - vii) We gained flexibility with regard to TAIPA's rate filing process.
- c) During my tenure as Chair, we have seen a lot of change. Several good friends of the Association are no longer part of our group, specifically:
  - i) Leslie Hurley (Retirement)
  - ii) Carol Berthold (Retirement)
  - iii) Dick Geiger (Passed earlier this year)
  - iv) Bill Jeter (Passed in 2012)`
- d) I want to thank the associates that provide valuable services to TAIPA in 2013:
  - i) Mike Jones
  - ii) Mike Miller

- iii) Texas Dept. of Insurance (TDI) notably Mark Worman
- e) As Chair, I appreciate the efforts of the 2013 Governing Committee.
  - i) Each Governing Committee member is very valuable to the overall effectiveness of TAIPA and I am glad to have had the privilege to serve as your Chair over the past year.
  - ii) Thanks to my fellow officers, Thomas Rolling, Bill Brooks, and Dick Lonquist.
  - iii) I am grateful for their assistance.
- f) Most importantly I want to recognize the efforts of
  - i) The TAIPA Manager, James Langford.
  - ii) Every member of the TAIPA staff who supported Mr. Langford and continued to provide excellent service.
- g) Thank you for attending today's meeting

Fred Strauss TAIPA Governing Committee Chair Non-Affiliate Company Representative TAIPA received 4,708 applications (4,168 private passenger applications and 540 commercial auto applications) in 2013. This was 1,190 less applications than received in 2012 (5898), a 20.18% decrease.

TAIPA continued to operate with (5) full time employees and one (1) part time manager. TAIPA ended 2013 only using 70.11% of its approved 2013 budget.

Effective October 1, 2013, rates for private passenger automobile insurance were changed as follows:

Bodily Injury Liability	+6.4%
Property Damage Liability	+5.3%
Personal Injury Protection	0.0%
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist	0.0%

The TAIPA Budget for 2014 is \$1,175,800 which is a 9.57% reduction from the 2013 budget.

The TAIPA assessment to the insurance companies for 2014 is \$1,000,000 which is \$150,000 less than the assessment for 2013, a 13.04% reduction.

Thanks for the confidence and support I have received from the TAIPA officers, the TAIPA Governing Committee, the TAIPA Operations Sub-committee, the TAIPA Strategic Planning Sub-Committee and TAIPA counsel.

Thanks also to the TAIPA staff for their support, energy, hard work, and creative approach in accomplishing the functions of TAIPA. Because of the efforts of the TAIPA staff, TAIPA has continued to function at a very high level and provide excellent service to TAIPA applicants, producers, vendors, regulators, the member of the TAIPA Governing Committee, and the TAIPA officers.

In 2013, TAIPA published the following bulletins:

Bulletin 199, published January 31, 2013, was the notice of the nineteenth Annual Membership Meeting to be held March 22, 2013.

Bulletin 200, published August 9, 2013, was notice of private passenger and commercial automobile rates effective October 1, 2013.

Bulletin 201, published September 6, 2013, was notice of Plan of Operation changes to Section 14 to comply with new legislation.

Bulletin 202, published September 20, 2013, was notice to solicit nominations for the non-affiliated member of the TAIPA Governing Committee.

Bulletin 203, published October 22, 2013, was notice that TAIPA amended its personal auto policy effective January 1, 2014.

Bulletin 204, published December 20, 2013, was notice the 2014 Annual Meeting of Insurance Company members would be held March 21, 2014 and four (4) at-large insurance company members of the TAIPA Governing Committee would be elected at the meeting.