## TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION (TAIPA)

# TWENTY-SIXTH REPORT

## FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

AND

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

AUSTIN, TEXAS

MARCH 27, 2020

# TAIPA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2020 AT 8:45am CALL-IN MEETING

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association was held via phone conference, beginning at 8:45 am, Friday, March 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Governing Committee Chair, David Weber. Mr. Weber stated that a quorum was present. Mr. Weber requested that the Anti-Trust Statement be read. The Association Manager, Stacy Dutton, read the statement.

Mr. Weber reported on the selection of trade association representatives as prescribed in Section 36.B.1 of the TAIPA Plan of Operation. The trade association representatives selected were:

- American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCI) The Travelers Insurance Company
- National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) Hochheim Prairie Insurance
- Association of Fire & Casualty Companies of Texas (AFACT) Texas Farm Bureau

Mr. Weber reported the results of the Non-Affiliated insurers' ballot. The Non-Affiliated member elected was Allstate Insurance Company.

In keeping with Section 36.B.3, Mr. Weber announced the four companies that had requested to serve in one of the four at-large positions on the committee. Those companies were:

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

Mr. Weber asked if there were any member company representatives on the phone who has not completed a proxy or ballot and sent it to the Association manager. No one responded.

Mr. Weber stated that for all companies who sent in their ballots, by participating in this call, we assume you are confirming your ballot. He asked if anyone disagreed. No one responded.

Mr. Weber stated that based on the ballots that we have and the companies confirmation of those ballots by participating in this call, the following companiest:

Farmers Insurance

Safeco/Liberty Mutual

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.

United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

are elected for a term of one year or until their successor is elected.

- Mr. Weber indicated that both the Association Manager's and Chair's Reports were sent out with the agenda as exhibits and will become part of the record.
- Mr. Weber asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Brooks made the motion. Corise Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Weber then stated that concludes our annual meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 am

Annual Meeting Attendees:

**Company Members:** 

Ryan Shapiro, Travelers Bill Brooks, Texas Farm Bureau David Weber, Hochheim Prairie Michael Schalk, Allstate Corise Morrison, USAA Matt Schneider, Farmers Todd Feltman, State Farm Stephen Hyllka, Liberty Mutual/Safeco Becky Jackson, Public Member Carmelita Hogan, Public Member Mary Carol Awalt, Public Member Adam Payton, Producer Member Ramon Montalvo, Alternative Producer Member

Counsel:

Michael Jones, Thompson Coe, Cousins & Irons

TAIPA Staff:

Stacy Dutton, Association Manager Mimi Leece Mishayla Twyman

#### Other Attendees:

Doug Beck, Farmers John Lusardi, Carol Berthold, GEICO Kim Donovan, OPIC John Mooney, TDI Anh Vo, State Farm Ann O'Ryan, Auto Club County Mutual David Nardechia, Kaitlyn Marek, TDI Melissa Herman, TDI

The following member companies were represented:

# Companies Represented by a Company Representative at TAIPA's March 27, 2020 Annual Meeting

21st Century Assurance Company 21st Century Casualty Company 21st Century Centennial Insurance Company 21st Century Insurance Company 21st Century North America Insurance Company 21st Century Premier Insurance Company Allstate County Mutual Insurance Company Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company Allstate Indemnity Company Allstate Insurance Company Allstate Northbrook Indemnity Company Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company Allstate Texas Lloyd's Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company America First Insurance Company America First Lloyd's Insurance Company American Economy Insurance Company American Equity Specialty Insurance Company American Federation Insurance Company American Fire and Casualty Company American States Insurance Company American States Insurance Company of Texas American States Lloyds Insurance Company American States Preferred Insurance Company AmGuard Insurance Company Auto Club Casualty Company Auto Club County Mutual Insurance Company Auto Club Indemnity Company Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut Berkshire Hathaway Direct Insurance Company Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Insurance Company Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company Bristol West Specialty Insurance Company Catastrophe Reinsurance Company

Central States Indemnity Co. of Omaha Carter Oak Fire Insurance Company Colorado Casualty Insurance Company Columbia Insurance Company Discover Property & Casualty Insurance Company EastGuard Insurance Company Employers Insurance Company of Wausau Encompass Home and Auto Insurance Company **Encompass Indemnity Company** Encompass Independent Insurance Company Encompass Insurance Company of America Encompass Property and Casualty Company Esurance Insurance Company Esurance Insurance Company of New Jersey Esurance Property and Casualty Insurance Company Farm Bureau County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas Farmers Insurance Exchange Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Company Farmington Casualty Company Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Finial Reinsurance Company Fire Insurance Exchange First Liberty Insurance Corporation, The First National Insurance Company of America Foremost County Mutual Insurance Company Foremost Insurance Company Grand Rapids, Michigan Foremost Lloyds of Texas Foremost Property and Casualty Insurance Company Foremost Signature Insurance Company Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company **GEICO** Advantage Insurance Company **GEICO** Casualty Company **GEICO** Choice Insurance Company **GEICO** County Mutual Insurance Company **GEICO** General Insurance Company **GEICO** Indemnity Company **GEICO** Secure Insurance Company General Insurance Company of America General Reinsurance Corporation General Star National Insurance Company Genesis Insurance Company GoAuto Insurance Company

Government Employees Insurance Company Hochheim Prairie Casualty Insurance Company Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club Ironshore Indemnity Inc. 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 Mid-Century Insurance Company Mid-Century Insurance Company of Texas National Indemnity Company National Insurance Association National Liability & Fire Insurance Company Netherlands Insurance Company Norguard Insurance Company Northland Casualty Company Northland Insurance Company Ohio Casualty Insurance Company **Ohio Security Insurance Company** Peerless Indemnity Insurance Company Peerless Insurance Company Phoenix Insurance Company Radnor Specialty Insurance Company Redwood Fire and Casualty Insurance Company Safeco Insurance Company of America Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois Safeco Insurance Company of Indiana Safeco Lloyds Insurance Company Select Insurance Company 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 State Farm County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas State Farm Fire and Casualty Company State Farm General Insurance Company State Farm Lloyds

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### Companies Represented by Proxy at TAIPA's March 27, 2019 Annual Meeting

Acadia Insurance Company Addison Insurance Company Admiral Indemnity Company AGCS Marine Insurance Company

Alamance Insurance Company Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc. Allied Insurance Company of America Allied Property and Casualty Insurance Company AMCO Insurance Company American Agri-Business Insurance Company American Automobile Insurance Company American Business & Mercantile Insurance Mutual, Inc. American Empire Insurance Company American Family Connect Insurance Company American Family Connect Property and Casualty Insurance Company American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company American Insurance Company, The American Zurich Insurance Company Amtrust Insurance Company of Kansas, Inc. Associated Indemnity Corporation Atlantic States Insurance Company Avemco Insurance Company Berkley Casualty Company Berkley Insurance Company Berkley National Insurance Company Berkley Regional Insurance Company **BITCO** General Insurance Corporation **BITCO** National Insurance Company Carolina Casualty Insurance Company Centre Insurance Company Chicago Insurance Company Clermont Insurance Company Colonial American Casualty and Surety Company Colonial County Mutual Insurance Company Continental Western Insurance Company **CorePointe Insurance Company** Crestbrook Insurance Company **Depositors Insurance Company** Developers Surety and Indemnity Company Donegal Mutual Insurance Company Economy Fire & Casualty Company Economy Preferred Insurance Company Economy Premier Assurance Company EMC Property & Casualty Company **EMC** Reinsurance Company

EMCASCO Insurance Company **Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company Employers Mutual Casualty Company** Endurance American Insurance Company Federated Mutual Insurance Company Federated Reserve Insurance Company Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange Federated Service Insurance Company Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, D.C. First Financial Insurance Company First Nonprofit Insurance Company Freedom Specialty Insurance Company General Automobile Insurance Company, Inc. Great American Alliance Insurance Company Great American Assurance Company Great American Casualty Insurance Company Great American Insurance Company Great American Insurance Company of New York Great American Security Insurance Company Great American Spirit Insurance Company Great Divide Insurance Company Great West Casualty Company Harleysville Insurance Company Heritage Indemnity Company Home Insurance Company Homesite Indemnity Company Homesite Insurance Company Homesite Lloyd's of Texas Houston Casualty Company Intrepid Insurance Company Jefferson Insurance Company Key Risk Insurance Company Manufacturers Alliance 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 Mid-Continent Assurance Company Mid-Continent Casualty Company

Midvale Indemnity Company Midwest Employers Casualty Company Milford Casualty Insurance Company Mountain States Indemnity Company National American Insurance Company National Casualty Company National Interstate Insurance Company National Surety Corporation Nationwide Affinity Insurance Company of America Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company Nationwide Assurance Company Nationwide General Insurance Company Nationwide Insurance Company of America Nationwide Insurance Company of Florida Nationwide Lloyds Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company NGM Insurance Company Oklahoma Surety Company Old Republic General Insurance Corporation Old Republic Insurance Company Old Republic Lloyds of Texas Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Insurance Company Pennsylvania Manufacturers Indemnity Company Permanent General Assurance Corporation Permanent General Assurance Corporation of Ohio Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company Republic Indemnity Company of America Republic Indemnity Company of California Republic Lloyds Republic Underwriters Insurance Company **Riverport Insurance Company Rochdale Insurance Company** Safety National Casualty Corporation Safeway Insurance Company Scottsdale Indemnity Company Security National Insurance Company Selective Insurance Company of America Selective Insurance Company of the Southeast Sequoia Insurance Company Sompo America Fire & Marine Insurance Company

Sompo America Insurance Company Southern County Mutual Insurance Company Southern Insurance Company StarNet Insurance Company Technology Insurance Company, Inc. **TNUS Insurance Company** Tokio Marine America Insurance Company Toyota Motor Insurance Company Trans Pacific Insurance Company Trexis Insurance Corporation Trexis One Insurance Corporation Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota Triumphe Casualty Company **U.S. Specialty Insurance Company** UFG Specialty Insurance Company Union Insurance Company Union Insurance Company of Providence Union Standard Lloyds United Fire & Casualty Company United Fire & Indemnity Company United Fire Lloyds Universal Insurance Company of North America Universal North America Insurance Company Universal Underwriters Insurance Company Universal Underwriters of Texas Insurance Company Vanliner Insurance Company Victoria Fire & Casualty Company Wesco Insurance Company White Pine Insurance Company Zurich American Insurance Company Zurich American Insurance Company of Illinois



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# **ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) Annual Meeting – March 27, 2020

The following are the number of applications TAIPA assigned in 2019, 2018, 2017, and 2016:

2019	2606	(2211 private passenger apps and 395 commercial)
2018	3,338	
2017	3,508	
2016	3,089	

The number of applications assigned in 2019 was 732 less than assigned in 2018, a 21.93% decrease.

The TAIPA budget for 2020 is \$845,500 which is \$21,300 less than the 2019 budget of \$866,800. This is a 2.46% decrease.

The TAIPA assessment to the insurance companies for 2020 is \$760,000 which is \$40,000 less than our 2019 assessment of \$800,000. This is a 5.0% decrease.

A rate change to TAIPA rates for both private passenger and commercial rates were approved in 2019 to be effective March 1, 2020.

The commissioner ordered that TAIPA revise its rates to be charged for private passenger automobile insurance by coverage, territory, and class by:

- Plus 5.0 percent for bodily injury liability
- Plus 4.9 percent for property damage liability
- Plus 4.0 percent for personal injury protection
- Plus 4.3 percent for uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury liability
- Plus 1.7 percent for uninsured/underinsured motorist property damage liability

The commissioner ordered that TAIPA revise its rates to be charged for commercial automobile insurance policies by coverage, territory, and vehicle type by:

- Plus 4.8 percent for bodily injury liability,
- Plus 5.0 percent for property damage liability,
- Plus 1.3 percent for personal injury protection,
- Plus 3.6 percent for uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury liability
- Plus 3.2 percent for uninsured/underinsured motorist property damage liability

TAIPA completed a benefit study comparing TAIPA's benefits to those of insurance carriers that had members sitting on our Governing Committee. From this study, it was decided to:

- 1. Adopt a Total Rewards philosophy,
- 2. Change the Name of TAIPA's time off policy from All Purpose Leave (APL) to Paid Time Off (PTO).
- 3. Revise TAIPA's Educational Assistance Policy
- 4. Updated our Employee Handbook in November of 2019.
- 5. Begin to award employees with \$25 per year of service at every major anniversary 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.
- 6. Close TAIPA's defined benefit plan, grandfather the current participants in that plan.
- 7. Create a Non-contributory Savings Plan and making a 6% Employer Contribution to that plan for employees not in the defined benefit plan.

TAIPA operated with between 2 to 4 full time employees in 2019. We had a long term employee leave in March and a recent hire leave in September. I would like to thank Mimi Leece for sticking with me through the period of time where it was just the two of us. During that time, Mimi was still in the process of learning her new position while doing the work of the entire front office as well. In addition, Mimi had just come out of 2018 training a new hire in the front office duties. We were very fortunate to find Mishayla Twyman in October of 2019 and Ruth Wise in December. Their abilities combined with their attitudes made such a difference in rebuilding our team.

I would again like to thank you all for the support and encouragement that I received from our Chair, David Weber, the TAIPA officers, the TAIPA Governing Committee, as well as the TAIPA sub-committees. I had to lean on David and our attorney, Mike Jones, more than usual when our staffing went down to 2 and I am very appreciative of their support during that time.

Through the combined efforts of all of the TAIPA staff, TAIPA continued to provide excellent service to TAIPA applicants, producers, vendors, regulators and members of the TAIPA Governing Committee in 2019.

# TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION (TAIPA) CHAIR'S REPORT MARCH 27, 2020 TAIPA ANNUAL MEETING

I'm David Weber with Hochheim Prairie, and for my prior years on the board, I have been the representative for PCI. Going forward, I will represent NAMIC on the governing board. I had the privilege to serve as the Chair of the TAIPA Governing Committee in 2019.

In 2019, the TAIPA Governing Committee took on the task of evaluating TAIPA's benefits and coming up with a way that we could still provide a good benefit package for our employees but limit the long term liability on the organization. In that vein, we closed the pension plan while leaving the vested employees in the plan and created a new savings plan for the new employees. We also redid the TAIPA policy in 2019 due to legislative changes. The Governing Committee also asked the Operations Subcommittee to study ways that will make TAIPA more efficient, and I expect that a number of new ideas and methods will come out of that.

I'd like to offer thanks to all of the other members of the Governing Committee, Corise Morrison, Anise Mulkey, Becky Jackson, and Bill Brooks who all served as officers for the past two years, as well as Mike Schalk, Stephen Hylka, Todd Feltman, Carmelita Hogan, Mary Carol Awalt, Laura Hausman, Leslie Hurley, Pete Hamel, Adam Payton, Ramon Montalvo, and Alisha Darden.

I want to recognize and thank the TAIPA staff, Stacy Dutton, Mimi Leece, Mishayla Twyman and Ruth Wise for working to rebuild the TAIPA team in 2019.

I would like to thank you all for your support and direction. And, thanks to TAIPA's legal counsel, Mike Jones for his contributions.

It has been a pleasure serving as chair for the past 2 years.