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**Bulletin 251**

To: Insurance Company Members of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association

TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION  
ELECTION OF “AT LARGE” MEMBERS  
OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

The Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held via Zoom on March 24, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. at the TAIPA Office Building Management Conference Room in Austin, Texas. At this meeting, the election for the four available TAIPA Governing Committee “at large” positions will be conducted; therefore, we are notifying all member companies of the opportunity to be considered for one of these four available positions.

Currently the TAIPA Governing Committee consists of fifteen members. Of the fifteen committee members, eight are insurance company representatives, two are insurance agent representatives, and five are public representatives. Of the eight insurance company committee members, three are appointed by insurance trade associations, one is elected by non-affiliated (non-members of insurance trade associations) insurers, and four insurance companies are elected as “at large” members.

**It is important to note that:**

- **TAIPA did not receive any nominations from the Non-Affiliated companies to fill the non-affiliated position.**
  - **Therefore, TAIPA has sent a request to change the Plan of Operation to the Texas Department of Insurance to eliminate the non-affiliated position and instead have 5 At Large Representatives starting in 2023.**
    - **The change includes a clause to encourage at least one of the At Large Representatives to be a Texas domestic insurance company that writes only in the State of Texas and is not an affiliate or a subsidiary of an insurance company or holding company system writing automobile insurance outside of Texas.**
    - **In the event a Texas domestic insurance company does not apply for the position, the position may be filled with the company that receives the next highest number of votes.**

**\*Note that the provision regarding the preference for a Texas Domestic Company was included as we would anticipate a company that only does business in Texas would be smaller and thus more likely to be more similar to the non-affiliated companies.**

- **Please note that:**
  - **If the Plan of Operation Change is approved prior to our March 24, 2023 Governing Committee Meeting, the companies will elect 5 at large members at the Annual Meeting of the Governing Committee.**
  - **If the change is not approved by the March 24, 2023 meeting, TAIPA will follow the current Plan of Operation procedure and:**
    - **the current Non-Affiliated representative will continue in the role until the change is approved,**
  - **If/when the Plan of Operation Change is approved after March 24, 2023,**
    - **The Non-affiliated position will be eliminated and**
    - **A 5<sup>th</sup> At-Large Position will open.**
    - **The remaining representatives of insurers shall select an insurer to serve in the 5<sup>th</sup> At-Large position until the next annual meeting.**

At present, the “at large” members of the TAIPA Governing Committee are:

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies  
Safeco/Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
United Services Automobile Association

If any member insurance company is interested in serving as an “at large” committee member on the TAIPA Governing Committee, please notify Stacy Dutton, Association Manager, of your company’s interest (including the name of the employee your organization is submitting that would represent your company). To be considered for one of these four (or five) positions, the employee who is submitted to represent your company must be a full time employee of your organization.

The TAIPA Plan of Operation which can be referenced at [www.taipa.org](http://www.taipa.org), outlines the responsibility of the TAIPA Governing Committee. The Governing Committee has the responsibility for the administration of TAIPA; appoints a manager, budgets expenses, levies assessments, disburses funds and performs all duties essential to the proper administration of TAIPA. The Governing Committee is currently scheduled to meet three times in the year 2023. There is a possibility that other meetings will be called on an “as needed” basis.

All responses to this bulletin should be mailed or emailed to the attention of Stacy Dutton, Association Manager and received in the TAIPA office no later than **January 23, 2023.**

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You may send your response to Stacy Dutton via:

Mail to: Stacy Dutton  
Association Manager  
P.O. Box 162890  
Austin TX 78716-2890

Email to: [sdutton@taipa.org](mailto:sdutton@taipa.org)

If you have any questions related to this process, please contact me directly at (512) 531-7271.

Sincerely,

Stacy Dutton  
Association Manager

*The Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association office must receive this nomination request **no later than Monday, January 23, 2023.***

TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION  
AT-LARGE NOMINATION  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Our company desires to serve as An At-Large company representative on the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association Governing Committee in 2023.

Please place our company on the ballot:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NAIC No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee That Would Represent Your Company on the Governing Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(The above named employee is a full time employee of our organization.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this nomination to Stacy Dutton by January 23, 2023.

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