

Ready...Set...Go! Risk Services Says “Hello” to the New Year and gets ready to roll out the 2020 COMPACT!

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Happy New Year to all of our members! With a quick flip of the calendar, we say good bye to 2019 and hello to 2020! Risk Services is already lacing up its sneakers, sprinting into action getting ready to roll out the 2020 programs.

Thank you to the 2019 Long Range Planning Committee which met this past September to discuss WCIA staff recommendations for the 2020 COMPACT. Members of the committee included Shelley Acero-Burlington; Arlene Fisher-Union Gap; Deborah Knight-Monroe; Kristin Banfield- Arlington; David Kline-Tukwila; Joel Walinski-Leavenworth; Bob Larson-Snoqualmie, and Adam Lincoln-Pullman.

For the **2020 COMPACT**, members will again be presented with three options for consideration and will work with their assigned Risk Management Representative to select the audit option that best meets the individual member’s needs, and in keeping with the primary goal of improving the pool’s loss experience. The three options for 2020 include the following:

Option 1: Traditional Audit

The member and Risk Management Rep together will work to choose from one of three audit questionnaires. The option 1 audit topics for 2020 is the Public Works audit developed last year, a return of the Personnel audit with a few additions, and the all **NEW** Homelessness audit.

Option 2: Targeted Risk Management Review

The Risk Management Rep will meet with the member and provide all, or part of the following Targeted Risk Management Review based upon individual member need and applicability:

- Contract Review/Right of Way Ordinance review
- Special Events Review/Facility Use Agreements review
- Premises walk through and inspection for liability exposures of select facilities (e.g. parks, senior centers, swimming pools, community centers, marinas, playgrounds)
- Risk 101 Analysis

Option 3: Loss and Exposure Reduction Plan

The member will work with their assigned Rep to review their risk profile and loss runs to identify the member's top risk management priorities based upon loss history. They will then work together to develop an action plan.

COMPACT Education Component:

For 2020, members will still be required to complete three WCIA educational sessions. Watch for more communications in January and February as we get set to roll out the 2020 COMPACT. There is an abundance of educational opportunities available; something for everyone!

The New Year always brings something to celebrate! Of course, it's just a few more months until spring....and.....more importantly, it's time for the...

WCIA Grant Program!

WCIA is pleased to be able to once again administer the Risk Reduction Grant program! Funding levels will remain steady with \$150,000 allotted for risk mitigation grants and \$15,000 for staff development grants. As you start to think of projects, please keep in mind that in years past funding per project has ranged from \$1,500-\$30,000 with an average of \$10,000-\$12,000 being awarded. For 2020, members who did not receive a mitigation grant in 2019 will be eligible to submit up to two mitigation grant applications. In addition, members may also submit one staff development grant application if a similar grant was not awarded in 2019. Applications and guidelines will be sent to delegates via email in mid-January and be due back March 2. Consideration will be given in particular to those projects linked to potential loss exposures and loss history. A list of past projects awarded grants can be found on the WCIA website under Risk Management.

And not to be forgotten...the informative and always lively **Risk Management Forums** will be back in 2020! Watch your emails for more information!

2020 looks to be a busy and exciting year; we look forward to getting out and visiting the membership once again!