

ARTICLE I

The Connecticut Insurance Marketing Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS AND PURPOSE: This organization is created to provide a forum for discussion of current issues as they exist within the property & casualty insurance industry. Those issues could include, but are not limited to:

- * fire and public safety
- * accident prevention
- * appropriate public relation activities- both within the insurance industry and externally to civic organizations and / or customer groups
- * sales techniques and marketing methods *****
- * consumer needs

In addition, this organization is created to provide a forum to promote good fellowship within the property & casualty insurance industry and provide a network of human resources that will advance the continuing education and professional development of its members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall consist only of individuals. There shall be three classes of membership: Active, Associate, and Honorary.

Active membership shall be open to anyone employed by a stock or mutual insurance company operating through the Independent Agency system. Members must be engaged in primarily underwriting, marketing, sales or loss control duties for such companies and those duties must be performed predominantly within the State of Connecticut. Only active members may vote or hold office.

Associate membership shall be open to employees of organizations operated or supported from assessments paid by those insurance companies. In addition, Associate membership shall be open to employees of companies that underwrite or market insurance products or provide consulting services to the Independent Agency system.

Associate membership may be accorded to those active members of other field organizations who also travel in the territory of this organization.

Honorary membership may be accorded members who have served the organization and have been disqualified by reason of retirement, change of occupation or territory. Honorary membership may also be accorded others whose contribution to public relations efforts merits consideration.

Associate and Honorary members, while not entitled to vote or hold office, may have the privilege of the floor at all meetings.

Application for active and associates membership shall be made to the Membership Committee and approval shall be submitted with recommendation to the general membership. Applicant shall be declared elected when receiving a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the organization.

Honorary members shall be recommended by the Executive committee and shall be declared elected when receiving a two thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the organization.

ARTICLE IV

COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW: It is intended that nothing contained in the Constitution and By-Laws or in the practices of this organization shall be contrary to laws or decisions of the state in which the organization operates or contrary to any federal law or decision and any provisions thereof which may in any way conflict with such laws or decisions shall not be binding upon the organization or its members.

ARTICLE V

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Membership in this organization shall terminate when a member no longer qualifies under ARTICLE II and III of the Constitution, or Section IX of the By Laws.

ARTICLE VI

RESIGNATIONS: Any member may withdraw from membership in the organization upon giving the Executive Committee notice in writing.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. That order shall also be their rank.

(*) There shall be an Executive Committee, appointed by the President, consisting of the Officers and four other active members who shall serve the term of one year and until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS: this Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a two thirds favorable vote of the active members present at any regular meeting or at a meeting specially called for the purpose, copies of such proposed amendments to be sent to the membership fifteen days in advance of the meeting.

BY - LAWS

SECTION I

QUORUM: To transact any business of this organization in session, ~~twenty~~ (20) active members shall constitute a quorum. *Fifteen (15)*

SECTION II

MEETINGS: Regular meetings shall be held the third friday in each month or at such times as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The time and place of such meetings to be designated by the Executive Committee.

The annual meeting shall be held at the regular meeting in May of each year.

When any ten (10) active members of this organization send a written request to the President to call a meeting, the President shall do so, and a ten day notice in advance of such meeting shall be sent to each member by the Secretary, stating the time and place and the purpose for the meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the transaction of business at all meetings, in the absence of other adopted rules.

SECTION III

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At all regular meetings the following shall be the order of business:

1. Calling the Roll or by written registration of members present.
2. Introduction of visitors
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Reports of Officers and Committees
5. Unfinished business .
6. New business
7. Election of Officers (at the annual meeting).
8. Adjournment

SECTION IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The President shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the President, the next highest ranking officer shall preside. If no officer is present, any member of the Executive Committee shall be chosen. Lastly, in the absence of all officers or other members of the Executive Committee, some other active member present shall be chosen as Chairman of the meeting.

The President shall appoint all committees as necessary, and conduct all orders of business.

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer; and perform all duties as assigned by the President.

The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the organization and shall deposit same to the credit of the organization in a bank or trust company selected by the Executive Committ. All withdrawals therefore shall be by check signed by the Treasurer or another officer. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall render a detailed statment at the annual meeting of the organization and accompany same with vouchers.

The Secretary shall keep a record of attendance and the proceedings of the business of each meeting and shall keep the roll of the members; notify all applicants of their election to membership; give notice of all regular and special meetings; make an annual report of the organization's affairs at the annual meeting; and generally care for all correspondence of the organization.

The position of Secretary and Treasurer should not be vested in one person.

SECTION V

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee together with the President shall have charge of the affairs of the organization. The President of the organization shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall keep a record of proceedings of each Executive Committee meeting and report to the organization at the next regular meeting.

The Executive Committee shall pass on the eligibility and recommend to the membership person who qualify for Honorary Membership.

SECTION VI

NOMINATIONS: At the second meeting preceding the annual meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members whose duty it shall be to nominate a candidate for each office. These candidates are to be nominated at the first meeting preceding the annual meeting. A list of the candidates so nominated shall be sent to the entire membership at least one week prior to the annual meeting. Any five members may propose another ticket by nominating a candidate for each office and by notifying the Secretary and the entire membership of such alternate ticket at least five days prior to the said annual meeting. *****

SECTION VII

ELECTIONS: Officers shall be elected and installed at the annual meeting of the organization. A majority vote of the members present and voting at such annual meetings shall be required to elect new officers. Such elected officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors have been certified and duly elected.

In the event that any office of the Club becomes vacated other than by the expiration of the normal term, each officer below the office vacated shall move up to the next succeeding office and the President shall submit to the next regular meeting for a vote the proposition of whether a special election shall be held for the office of Secretary and should the members present by the majority vote decline a special election, the Executive Committee shall elect a Secretary to complete the unexpired term. If the members present by majority vote order a special election, the following procedure shall be followed:

a. The President shall immediately appoint a nominating committee of five members whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Club at the next regular meeting a candidate for the office of secretary.

b. Nominations shall be declared closed at the adjournment of the next regular meeting, following the meeting at which the report of the nominating committee is received and the special election shall be held at the next regular meeting after the nominations are closed.

SECTION VIII

COMMITTEES AND DUTIES: There may be a need for certain committees to facilitate the business of the organization. Those committees could be:

1. Program Committee - This committee shall consist of three (3) members. It shall plan the meeting of the organization for the ensuing year. It shall arrange for speakers on topics of interest and educational value. The Chairman shall introduce all speakers at meetings. (Members of the organization are urged to bring as their guests any officer or other representative of their respective companies who may be traveling temporarily the territory and report the guest in attendance and introduce the guest to the members where such introduction is called for in the program).
2. Educational Committee- which shall conduct forums and discussions of all topics pertinent to the property and casualty insurance business including the distribution of appropriate material to the members on all matters of current educational interests. This committee shall also follow legislation introduced or passed in the state or federal legislative branches and shall report such activities of current interest to the membership. It shall cooperate with agent's organizations in the conduct of schools, forums, panels and arrange for local gatherings with agents on special educational projects.
3. Membership Committee - This committee shall consist of not less than five (3) members. It shall review and determine the eligibility of applicants for membership and shall promote the attendance of members at meetings and other activities.
4. Other Standing or Special Committees - The Preseident may appoint other Special Committee including subdivisions of existing Committees named in these By-Laws.

SECTION IX

ANNUAL DUES: The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee and confirmed by vote of the membership at regular or special meeting assembled. Dues shall be due and payable September 1st of each year. Any member not paying his membership fee by December 1st of each year shall receive a warning by the Treasurer that if annual dues are delinquent on the last day of February, membership will automatically cease.

Any applicant for membership who is first accepted on or after March 15th of any year shall not be required to pay dues for his calendar year in which he is accepted.

Refunding annual fees for any reason must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

SECTION X

AMENDMENTS: The by laws shall not be altered or amended except by a regular two thirds favorable vote of the active members present at any regular meeting specially called for the purpose, copies of such proposed amendments to be sent to the membership fifteen days in advance of the meeting.