

# **BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

## **Administrative Policies & Procedures**

**Date Adopted: April 17, 2007**

**POLICY:** Conference Attendance

**PURPOSE:** To Establish a Protocol for Attendance at Various Training Conferences

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It is the practice of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BURLCO JIF) to encourage the further education of its members in Risk Management issues by providing a limited number of Fund Commissioners an opportunity to attend various industry conferences during a Fund Year. These conferences include those offered by Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) and the Association of Government Risk Insurance Pools (AGRIP).

Because the Fund affords a limited number of Fund Commissioners an opportunity to attend this conference, and it is possible that more Commissioners may wish to attend a conference than positions are available, it is important that the Fund have a procedure establishing clear guidelines and preferences for Commissioner attendance. Each fall, the Finance Committee shall prepare the annual Conference budget and set forth the number of available openings for conference attendance the following year.

### **ANNUAL PRIMA CONFERENCE**

The following procedure shall be followed in determining the Fund Commissioners who will attend the **Annual PRIMA Conference**:

1. **Executive Committee Members** – At the beginning of each year, the Executive Director's office shall notify members of the Executive Committee of the opportunity to attend the Annual PRIMA Conference. Members shall be given a deadline to respond. Attendees will be determined based upon their date of response on a first come first served basis.
2. **Alternate Executive Committee Members** - If after the deadline has passed, additional positions remain open, an invitation shall be extended to the Executive Committee Alternates. Responses to the invitations must be received no later than February 1st. Attendees will be determined based upon their date of response on a first come first served basis.
3. **Fund Commissioners** - In the event that positions to attend the Annual PRIMA Conference remain open after invitations have been extended to the Executive Committee members and Alternates, the Executive

Director's Office shall announce at the February Executive Committee meeting the opportunity for remaining Fund Commissioners to attend the conference with a response deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Attendees will be determined based upon their date of response on a first come first served basis.

No additional announcements regarding opportunities to attend the annual PRIMA Conference shall be made after the February Executive Committee meeting.

## **AGRIP CONFERENCE**

The following procedure shall be followed in determining the Fund Commissioners eligible to attend any of the **AGRIP Conferences**.

1. In January of each year, the Executive Director's office shall notify in writing the members and alternate members of the Executive Committee, as well as the Chairs of the Standing Sub Committees, of the AGRIP Conferences scheduled for the Fund Year requesting that each Commissioner notify the Executive Director's office in writing of any of the conferences they would like to attend. If more than one conference is requested, preference must be indicated by the individual.
2. The Executive Director's office shall keep track of the date of, number of, and specific AGRIP conference that the Commissioners wish to attend along with the date they responded.
3. In the event that more Fund Commissioners ask to attend a conference than positions available, priority shall be given in the following order:
  - Fund Chair
  - Fund Secretary
  - Executive Committee members in their order of succession
  - Alternate Executive Committee members in their order of succession
  - Committee Chairs
4. Priority among the Committee Chairs who are not Executive/Alternate Executive Committee members shall be determined based on the date of their response. However, further priority shall be given to the above individuals who are not scheduled to attend a conference during the current Fund Year.
4. Due to the AGRIP Conferences being held periodically during the year, the Executive Director's office shall send reminders of upcoming conferences to the members and alternate members of the Executive Committee, as well as the Chairs of the Standing Sub Committees, of upcoming conferences and any available positions to attend these conferences.
5. In the event that funded positions for attendance at the Spring AGRIP Conference are unused, additional members may attend one or more of the remaining AGRIP Conferences as long as the total number of attendees does not exceed that which is budgeted for the Fund Year.

## **CONFERENCE REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES**

1. Each attendee at the PRIMA conference shall be eligible for up to \$1,750 in reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable expenses are defined in the Fund's *Travel & Reimbursement Policy* adopted by the Fund at its Annual Reorganization meeting.
2. Prior to receiving a final reimbursement from the Fund, attendees at each conference shall provide the membership, at the next Executive Committee meeting following their return, with a summary report of the seminars they attended. Any written materials that the attendee brings from the conference shall be made available to the Executive Director's office for copying and distribution to any Fund Commissioner upon their request.