

BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION 2021 - 15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TRAVEL

WHEREAS, N. J. S. A. 40A:5-16.1 permits the governing body of any local unit to authorize payment in advance toward expenses for authorized official travel, and;

WHEREAS, up to a total of four (4) Fund Commissioners of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as the BURLCO JIF, may need to travel to or electronically participate in the PRIMA Conference or AGRIP Conferences during Fund Year 2021 for the purpose of attending or electronically participating in a seminar on public entity risk management and pooling; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the BURLCO JIF has certified that funds are available from the 2021 expense budget in the amount of \$2,500 per attending commissioner, including seminar registration costs which will be pre-paid by the BURLCO JIF, and;

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the BURLCO JIF is authorized to issue payment in the amount of \$25 per conference attendee to the Executive Director for payment of Fund Commissioners' meals, if the expense is so incurred, at the PRIMA and AGRIP Conference, and;

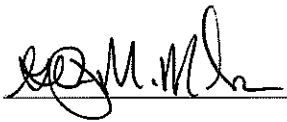
WHEREAS, the authorized Commissioners representing the BURLCO JIF at either conferences will verify their expenses in accordance with the attached Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy and Conference Attendance Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with a detailed bill of items or demands, and the certification of affidavit required by N. J. S. A. 40A:5-16 which will be submitted within a reasonable period of time after the completion of the travel for which the advance was made.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to reimburse authorized Fund Commissioners up to \$2,500 in expenses, including seminar registration costs which will be pre-paid by the BURLCO JIF, for attendance at the PRIMA and AGRIP conferences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue payment in the amount of \$25 per conference attendee to the Executive Director for payment of Fund Commissioners' meals, if the expense is so incurred, at the PRIMA and AGRIP Conferences.

This resolution was duly adopted by the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on January 19, 2021.

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BY:  _____

CHAIR

ATTEST:  _____

SECRETARY

DATE: Jan 19, 2021

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

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 1st. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy

Persons authorized to travel on official business are encouraged to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that they would if traveling on personal business at their own expense. Excessive and unnecessary travel and other expenses shall not be approved or reimbursed. Travel routes should be planned so that minimum amounts of travel and expense are involved. Participants shall be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Expenditures for official travel are reimbursable if incurred in accordance with these guidelines.

I. Conference Registration

Cost of registration for any conference or seminar shall be paid in advance by the Fund.

II. Transportation¹

A. Air Travel

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the full cost of travel by air (if appropriate). The maximum amount reimbursable for air travel shall be the standard fare for travel commencing the day before the conference begins and end on the day after the conference ends.

B. Car Travel

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the actual costs of all tolls and parking expenses. In addition, the Fund shall reimburse members at the prevailing IRS rate of reimbursement per mile for each mile traveled.

III. Lodging²

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the cost of lodging at conference rates. The maximum amounts reimbursable for hotel accommodations shall be conference rates for evenings commencing day before the conference begins and ending the day after the conference ends. Expenses for laundry, valet, entertainment, room service, and other charges of a similar nature are considered personal charges and shall not be reimbursed.

IV. Meals

The Fund shall reimburse participants for all meals incurred during the course of travel and while attending the conference. Meal reimbursement is subject to a maximum rate per diem. Maximum per diem is \$70.00.

V. Related Expenses

The Fund shall reimburse participants for necessary incidental expenses incurred during the course of travel. These shall include airport shuttle services to and from airports; shuttle services to and from hotels to airports, portage, and parking expenses (if appropriate). The Fund will reimburse taxi expenses for transportation to and from hotels and airports and for transportation to and from conference events only in cases where shuttle services are unavailable. All other taxi expenses are considered personal charges and shall not be reimbursed.

VI. Reimbursement

Under normal conditions, persons authorized to travel on official business shall provide themselves with sufficient funds of their own to cover all current expenses. To receive reimbursement for travel related expenses, participants shall submit all receipts and other evidence of allowable expenses to the Fund's Treasurer with a completed voucher. The Treasurer shall approve all expenses in accordance with the Fund's guidelines.

¹ Maximum expenses for both transportation and hotel lodging expenses shall not exceed the combined total cost of standard airfare and lodging at conference rates.

² See 1.