

Nominee Name: Jon Shull

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Employer: California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
(California JPIA)



List any relevant professional certifications you hold.

Associate in Risk Management
Certified Playground Safety Inspector

Describe any experience with pooling organizations or associations. Be specific as to offices held, board service, committee involvement, etc.

Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP)
Board of Directors: 2015 – Present
Governance Committee: 2015 – Present, Chair 2018
Education Advisory Council: 2013 – Present

California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA)
Board of Directors: 2000 – 2016, President 2004-2006
Government Affairs Committee: 1998 – 2009, Chair 2006-2009

Describe any experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities.

I enjoy participating in organizations in a manner that facilitates the success of others. In my career I have had great mentors that instilled this philosophy in me, and I have attempted to pass the same on to those I lead. I also carry that philosophy to my personal life. I have been able to contribute my time, energy and ethic to two organizations outside the pooling industry.

Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts – Den Leader 2008 – 2011, Cubmaster 2011
Boy Scouts – Assistant Scoutmaster 2012 – 2013, Scoutmaster 2014 – 2016
Long Beach Area Council of BSA – Board Member 2016 – Present

Long Beach Yacht Club

Club Secretary – 2013, 2014, Board Member – 2015 – 2016, Port Captain – 2017,
Fleet Captain – 2018

My experiences in these organizations have taught me a great deal that will assist me in my AGRiP responsibilities. Of particular importance are the concepts of consensus building, personal and organizational integrity, and patience (particularly with the Cub Scouts!).

I believe a board of directors should establish policy and allow staff to implement it. I make myself available for consultation, and I interject when necessary. I do not like to micromanage. I believe AGRiP can continue to thrive with a Board that allows our staff to operate with appropriate oversight and without micromanagement.

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing intergovernmental pooling?

The three most significant issues facing pooling are education, education, and education.

Most people don't know pools exist. This is problematic when those people serve on juries. They don't understand that their tax burden will increase when they award lottery-sized verdicts to punish a local government entity for its shortcomings.

Legislators don't understand how pools work. This gives rise to inappropriate legislation and regulation, erosion of governmental immunities, and threats by uneducated legislators who view pool reserves as resources that might be taken for other purposes.

Finally, there is a scarcity of educated professionals to sustain the success of pooling. Few universities provide risk management degrees, and those hardly touch on pooling. As pooling's leaders retire, new thought leaders will need to carry the torch.

Fortunately, AGRiP is positioned to address these educational deficits. AGRiP's "PR Toolkit" strengthens our ability to educate the public and legislators about the important role pools play in protecting public resources – resources that are better allocated to delivering services. Similarly, the Pooling Academy will fill the educational void for pooling professionals by providing structured training on the best practices of pool management and operations.

Provide any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling.

I have served the public my entire career. After earning my degree at Syracuse University, I began working in the City Manager's office of a mid-sized southern California city. The City Manager was one of the thought leaders that founded the California JPIA. I was exposed to pooling before I knew the industry even existed. His emphasis on risk management continues to resonate with me to this day.

As pool administrators, we must understand our members' needs and their exposures. In some cases, we might understand these things better than them. I support AGRiP's efforts to bring pooling's thought leaders together to address the issues facing our industry.