

# MEMBERSHIP Matters



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## ENDURIS BUYS LAND FOR NEW OFFICE BUILDING

(Editor's note. The following article is adapted from a release prepared by Mike McLean of the Spokane, WA, *Journal of Business*).

The Spokane, WA-based **Enduris** risk pool announced plans in early March to develop a new \$3.2 million office building. According to Enduris Executive Director **Mark Kammers**, the single-story, 20,000-square-foot building will be located on 3.5 acres of land the pool purchased in the Pacific Northwest Technology Park. The pool has occupied leased space since it was formed in 1987.

The building is expected to accommodate Enduris' anticipated growth for the next 20 years. The 12 current Enduris employees will occupy about half of the new building, Kammers said, with the remaining space to be leased to others until needed for pool operations.

The project is in the early design stage, but plans for it include a 2,000-square-foot training and meeting room that will accommodate 75 people that will be available to private and public groups, Kammers said.

A general contractor will be selected through a competitive bidding process this summer, Kammers advised, with construction scheduled to start on September 15. The target completion date is May 31, 2011.

## MIABC RECEIVES AGRiP RECOGNITION

**Tom Barnes**, Executive Director of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (**MIABC**) pool, received an AGRiP RECOGNITION plaque for the pool March 23 at the AGRiP Spring Conference in Irvine, CA. There are now 42 pools with current three-year RECOGNITION status for achieved compliance with the AGRiP Advisory Standards Program. In the photo, **Sheryl Brandt**, Director, Claims & Risk Management, **Enduris** (WA) and **Cheryle Mangels**, AGRiP President and Executive Director of the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (**CSDSIP**) present Barnes the plaque on behalf of the Membership Practices Committee that shepherds the standards program and recognition process.



Pictured left to right:  
Sheryl Brandt, Tom Barnes  
and Cheryle Mangels

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Electronic copies of presentations from the March 22-24 AGRiP Spring Conference in Irvine, CA are available by contacting any AGRiP staff member.

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## Association of Governmental Risk Pools STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of December 31

<i>Assets</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>Current Assets:</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 285,287	299,186
Investments - certificates of deposits	508,532	607,291
Accounts receivable	1,526	4,704
Prepaid expenses	102,106	15,925
Inventories	5,229	3,805
Total current assets	902,680	930,911
<i>Noncurrent assets:</i>		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	18,354	24,050
Utility and lease deposits	730	730
Total noncurrent assets	19,084	24,780
Total assets	921,764	955,691
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>		
<i>Current liabilities:</i>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 59,424	57,250
Deferred revenue	307,421	341,426
Total current liabilities	366,845	398,676
<i>Net assets:</i>		
Unrestricted	554,919	557,015
Total net assets	554,919	557,015
Total liabilities and net assets	921,764	955,691
<b>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES</b>		
<i>Revenues</i>		
Dues	\$ 450,138	429,259
Spring conference	134,427	193,459
August institute	58,650	18,540
Governance conference	210,156	186,594
Quality Education Initiative	107,288	116,641
Online subscriptions	22,700	-
Interest income	11,410	27,408
Other	22,093	25,153
Total revenues	1,016,862	997,054
<i>Expenses</i>		
Spring conference	109,796	121,106
August institute	86,759	19,675
Governance conference	163,145	161,940
PRIMA conference	3,897	6,807
Salaries and wages	363,793	366,264
Payroll taxes and benefits	151,733	147,911
Administration	49,711	66,239
Research consulting	29,987	50,913
Legal and professional	10,941	14,146
Office lease	16,233	14,210
Board expense	26,182	14,532
Depreciation	5,696	6,040
Other	1,085	1,273
Total expenses	1,018,958	991,056
Change in net assets	(2,096)	5,998
Net assets at beginning of year	557,015	551,017
Net assets at end of year	554,919	557,015

## FROM THE POOLSIDE

**Matthew Brodersen** is now Executive Director of the Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (**MIRMA**). He was named to succeed Bobby Hall who passed away on February 21.



**Steve Flitton** retired December 31 as Executive Director of the Utah Local Government Trust (**ULGT**). Associate Executive Director **Steve Hansen** is the Acting Executive Director his e-mail is [shanson@ulgt.org](mailto:shanson@ulgt.org).



AGRiP pool membership now stands at 179 members with the addition in March of the Oklahoma Schools Risk Management Trust (**OSRMT**), sponsored by the state school boards association; and the Illinois School District Agency (**ISDA**), sponsored jointly by the state school board association and association of school administrators. **Nancy Rupp-Harrell**, [ruppharrelln@hpiipm.com](mailto:ruppharrelln@hpiipm.com) is the administrator for OSRMT and **James Woodard**, [woodardj@hpiipm.com](mailto:woodardj@hpiipm.com) is the ISDA administrator.



Effective April 5, **Laura Vedrin** is the new Director of Underwriting and Marketing for the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund (**TASB-RMF**). She succeeds **Doralee Thrasher** who is retiring. Vedrin joins TASB-RMF from Florida where she worked with risk pools for more than 20 years, including Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust (**PGIT**) and the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (**FMIT**).

**Roy Jacobs** has been promoted from Assistant Executive Director to Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Insurance Trust (**PSBAIT**). In that capacity, he also serves as CEO of School Boards Insurance Company of Pennsylvania. He succeeds **Wayne Smith** who retired February 3.



Recent new AGRiP Partner members include **David Luke**, Senior Consultant, Administration & Risk Management for Bickmore Risk Services and **John Chaquica**, President of George Hills Co.



**Ross Furry** is retiring April 11 as Executive Director of Public Risk Management of Florida (**PRM-FL**). The pool board is conducting a search for a successor.



The Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (**TOIRMA**) this year approved the 19th consecutive annual member dividend. A total of 1,294 members will receive a return of 15% of the contributions paid for the 2004-05 coverage year. TOIRMA currently has 1,360 township and road district members along with 313 multi-township assessing district members.



**Johnnie Miller** has returned as Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Counties Insurance Pool (**UCIP**), after a brief stint with Southwest Risk Services as administrator of the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (**AZMRRP**). His e-mail address is [jmiller@ucip.utah.gov](mailto:jmiller@ucip.utah.gov).

## KLEIN RECEIVES HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

**Noel Klein** is the 12th recipient selected by the AGRiP Board of Directors for *Honorary Lifetime Associate Membership*. He retired January 15, 2010 as the Executive Director of the CityCounty Insurance Services (**CIS**) pool in Oregon.



*Honorary Lifetime Associate Membership* may be granted by the AGRiP Board to person's no longer active in full-time service with a public entity pool, company or organization eligible for AGRiP membership who served at least ten years as an official or contract provider of an intergovernmental risk pool. To be eligible, candidates must have provided distinguished service to the pooling community and/or to AGRiP that goes beyond the normal contributions of similarly situated individuals.

**Job Postings** for positions with public entity pools are listed on [www.agrip.org](http://www.agrip.org). There is no charge for such listings. To list a position, email Harold Pumford at [hpumford@agrip.org](mailto:hpumford@agrip.org).

## Activities Calendar

**Twelveth Annual AGRiP Pooling Track**  
Held at PRIMA's Annual Conference  
June 6-9, 2010  
Orlando, FL

**AGRiP Institute for Management and Leadership**  
August 16-18 2010  
Semiahmoo, WA

**AGRiP Governance and Leadership Conference**  
October 18-20, 2010  
Nashville, TN

**AGRiP Spring Conference**  
March 14-16, 2011  
Clearwater, FL

Additional information for AGRiP Conferences and Institutes are listed in the SEMINARS area at [www.agrip.org](http://www.agrip.org).

## MAKING YOUR TAX DOLLARS COUNT AWARD

A representative from the Ohio State Auditor's office presented Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) officials with the Making Your Tax Dollars Count award for their commitment to fiscal accountability as reflected in their 2008 fiscal year audit. The award was presented during an MVRMA board meeting. According to officials, fewer than five percent of all Ohio government agencies are eligible for this award. Criteria to receive the award include:

- The entity must complete and submit a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) within six months of the end of the fiscal year audit.
- There must be no findings or issues present in the audit report involving recoveries, material citations or weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or questioned costs.
- There must be no other financial concerns involving the entity.



Pictured left to right: Tom Reilly, MVRMA President, Lisa Hayes, Regional Liaison State Auditor's Office, and Kathy St. Pierre, MVRMA Administrative Assistant.

MVRMA Executive Director Mike Hammond credited Administrative Assistant Kathy St. Pierre for her hard work and diligent financial record keeping, which allowed MVRMA to be a recipient of the award.

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