



November Meeting at a Glance

SELF Board Votes to Move Up Deadline for Change of Retention

The SELF Board of Directors voted Friday to move the deadline for changing retention levels in SELF programs from June 1 to March 1, effective immediately.

Moving the deadline to March 1 and determining the final ADA count in each layer will enable SELF to secure firm rates much earlier in the year, easing the budgeting process for all members.

A large shift in members from the \$1 million SIR level to the \$5 million SIR level in the Excess Liability Program just prior to June 1, 2006 demonstrated the potential pitfalls of having the change in retention deadline so close to the renewal date.

The departure of members from that layer left those remaining in the pool with a much lower available aggregate and could have had a dramatic impact on their rate.

Friday's unanimous vote followed the second reading of the resolution to amend **Bylaw Article XVI 'Notice of Change in Retention Level.'** The change in the date was the only change to the Bylaw. All other requirements for making a change of retention remain the same.

A change in any SELF Bylaw requires at least a 2/3 vote of the SELF Board of Directors.

Additionally, at its annual strategic planning session in February, the Board will discuss revisiting the deadline for withdrawal from SELF programs and exploring the concept of "provisional withdrawal," which is allowed in some primary JPAs.

SELF's JPA Agreement does not currently have an allowance for provisional withdrawal from the program. Under Section VII 'Withdrawal of Party,' members seeking withdrawal must provide SELF with a signed board resolution and must have completed three fiscal years in the program. The resolution must be received in the SELF office by no later than end of business December 31. The withdrawal becomes effective on June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

If a member wishes to return to the program, it must submit a new application to the SELF board for approval.