

Meeting At A Glance

When Bad Things Happen to Good Schools – Risk Management Workshops Announced

Are school shootings and harassment lawsuits unique to California? Not likely.

We will host a Northern and Southern California risk management workshop focusing on hot topics such as school violence, cyberlaw, and employers liability. Our speakers will present information about schools from a national perspective of what's happening and how schools are coping.

Our speaker panel is provided by our reinsurer, School College University Underwriters Ltd (SCUUL) and features Mr. Jeff Chasen, Senior Counsel as our moderator. Jeff's humorous and informative presentation style will keep you and your members engaged throughout the day.

The workshops qualify for credit as set forth in Section II Risk Management under CASBO's CBO Certification Program.

October 29 Cerritos Sheraton
November 9 Sacramento Convention Center

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for SELF members and \$35 for non-members. You will receive lunch and a binder of material.

We will mail brochures to all of your members shortly. We would appreciate any promotion of this event among your members. This is an event you will not want to miss.

Bickmore and Associates Selected as SELF's Actuary

On completion of the RFP process and interviews, the Board selected Mark Priven of Bickmore and Associates as the actuary for SELF's Excess Liability and Excess Workers' Compensation Programs. Bickmore and Associates will succeed Armtech Inc who had provided actuarial services to SELF for the past six years.

Mr. Priven provides a fresh eye on the actuarial process with new ideas for analyzing our data. He has experience with excess programs and teaches courses to actuaries on various topics. The firm is offering discounted actuarial studies for members who submit data.

We will continue to use the California Institute for Public Risk Analysis to assist us in the data collection.

Increased Liability Program Limits?

Is \$25 million in liability coverage enough for schools as we enter the new millennium? The Board discussed the possibility of offering members of the Excess Liability Program increased limits. Our insurance consultant, Marilyn Kelley of Driver Risk Services is checking the market.

A survey is in the works to determine whether you think SELF's coverage is adequate. We hope that you will participate in the survey.



FEMA UPDATE

As reported in our last SELF Awareness newsletter, we have been following the events in Washington D. C. In order to qualify for emergency assistance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has proposed a requirement for public agencies to purchase all risk insurance covering 5% of the insurable value up to \$150 million.

The proposal will increase the insurance costs for schools. We received a report in early September that the House Appropriations Committee blocked the FEMA proposal until its financial implications are studied. It appears that we have a reprieve, yet FEMA has no intention of dropping the issue altogether.

We will continue to monitor these events.