MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
1:30 pm ET / 12:30 pm CT / 11:30 am MT / 10:30 am PT
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Roll Call

2. Management Committee Charter: Presentation, Discussion and Consideration of Adoption of Management Committee Charter

EXPLANATION: The independent Governance Review recommended each committee, including the Management Committee, adopt a written charter describing its purposes, composition, responsibilities, authority, governance requirements, and workplan goals. The updated Management Committee Charter was prepared by the Insurance Compact Office and reviewed by the Officers. The goal is to present, discuss and if ready, consider it for adoption at this meeting.


EXPLANATION: On January 31st, at the direction of Commissioner Birrane as Chair of the Insurance Commission pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a) of the Bylaws, the Product Standards Committee recommendation for certain Uniform Standards was issued for publication and comment. The specific Uniform Standards are the Standards for Individual Deferred Index Linked Variable Annuity Contracts (Commonly Marketed as Registered Index Linked Annuities) and amendments to the Additional Standards for Market Value Adjustment Feature Provided Through a Separate Account. The Management Committee will consider a motion to ratify this action.

4. Management Committee Consideration of Appointment to the Consumer Advisory Committee

EXPLANATION: The action item is to consider an application to serve on the Consumer Advisory Committee and the recommendation of the Compact Officers for appointment to an open seat on this Committee. Further information will be sent to the members of the Management Committee in advance of the meeting.

5. Executive Director Operational Report
6. Any Other Matters

7. Adjourn
Members of the Management Committee in Attendance:
Commissioner Kathleen Birrane, Chair, Maryland
Director Eric Dunning, Vice Chair, Nebraska
Allan McVey, Treasurer, West Virginia
CEO Barbara Richardson, Arizona
Jeff Varga as a designated representative for Director Dana Popish Severinghaus, Illinois
Tammy Lohmann as a designated representative for Commissioner Grace Arnold, Minnesota
Acting Commissioner Justin Zimmerman, New Jersey
Ted Hamby as a designated representative for Commissioner Mike Causey, North Carolina
Daniel Bradford as a designated representative for Director Judith French, Ohio
Shannen Logue as a designated representative for Commissioner Michael Humphreys, Pennsylvania
Debra Diaz-Lara as a designated representative for Commissioner Cassie Brown, Texas
Commissioner Jeff Rude, Wyoming

Members of the Commission and Department Staff in Attendance:
Yada Horace, Alabama
Sydney Sloan, Colorado
Jessica Luff, Delaware
Jason Asaeda, Hawaii
Shannon Hohl, Idaho
Victoria Hastings, Indiana
Julie Holmes, Kansas
Frank Opelka, Louisiana
Sherri Cullen, Massachusetts
Tina Nacy, Michigan
Jo LeDuc, Missouri
Adam Clayton, Nebraska
Jack Childress, Nevada
Chrystal Bartuska, North Dakota
Kurt Cagle, Oklahoma
Director Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer, Rhode Island, Past Chair
Matt Gendron, Rhode Island
Commissioner Jonathan Pike, Utah
Mary Block, Vermont
Ned Gaines, Washington
Commissioner Nathan Houdek, Wisconsin

Consumer Advisory Committee:
Fred Nepple, Retired Insurance Regulator

Industry Advisory Committee:
Wayne Mehlman, ACLI
Sarah Wood, IRI

Insurance Compact Staff in Attendance:
Karen Schutter, Executive Director  
Becky McElduff, Director of Product Operations & Chief Counsel  
Sara Dubsky, Assistant Director of Administrative Operations  
Karen Givens, Assistant Director of Product Review Operations  
Susan Ezalarab, Regulatory Coordinator Consultant  
Naomi Kloeppersmith, Actuary  
Sarah Neil, Communications and Outreach Coordinator

Commissioner Birrane called to order the meeting of the Management Committee. Ms. Schutter took the roll call of the Management Committee, the members of the Commission, Legislative Committee, and Industry and Consumer Advisory Committees.

Commissioner Birrane moved to the first item on the agenda, presentation, discussion, and consideration of adoption of the Management Committee Charter. Commissioner Birrane stated that annually the Management Committee and other committees are asked to review and adopt their charters. The charter lays out committee composition, responsibilities, purpose, work plan goals, and authority. The rulemaking process for new and amended Uniform Standards and Operating Procedures, and updating the strategic plan for another three-year period will be overseen by the Management Committee in 2024. Commissioner Rude made the motion to approve the Management Committee Charter; Acting Director Zimmerman seconded the motion. Hearing no comments or questions, the motion was passed via voice vote.

Commissioner Birrane proceeded to the second agenda item, consideration of the report of the Chair on publication of the Product Standards Committee recommendation for notice and comment. Commissioner Birrane stated that the Compact Bylaws permit the Compact Chair to take certain actions normally performed by the Management Committee between meetings. Commissioner Birrane stated she approved the receipt of the recommendation from the Product Standards Committee and permitted the Compact Office to publish for notice and comment two Uniform Standards recommended by the Product Standards Committee for formal rulemaking. On January 31st, the Compact issued Standards for Individual Deferred Index Linked Variable Annuity Contracts and Additional Standards for Market Value Adjustment Feature Provided Through a Separate Account for a 60-day comment period. Written comments are due on April 2nd. A public hearing on these standards will take place on March 18th during the in-person joint meeting in Phoenix. Commissioner Birrane asked for a motion to ratify the action taken. The motion was made by Commissioner Rude and seconded by Ms. Logue. Hearing no comments or questions, a voice vote was taken. The motion was carried to receive the report and to ratify the interim action to commence the rulemaking process on the two uniform standards.

Commissioner Birrane moved to the third item on the agenda, Management Committee consideration of appointment to the Consumer Advisory Committee. Commissioner Birrane stated the action item is to appoint retired Superintendent Eric Cioppa to one of the two open seats on the Consumer Advisory Committee. Commissioner Birrane stated that there was one open seat but retired Nebraska Director Range stepped down as member of the Consumer Advisory Committee which lead to an additional seat being open. Commissioner Birrane thanked Bruce Range for his two years on the committee and his contributions. Commissioner Birrane provided the Committee with a brief overview of Mr. Cioppa’s background. The motion was made by Mr. Bradford and
seconded by Commissioner Rude. Hearing no comments or questions, a voice vote was conducted, and the motion was carried to confirm Eric Cioppa’s appointment to the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Birrane proceeded to the fourth item on the agenda, the Executive Director’s operational report. Commissioner Birrane asked Ms. Schutter to provide the report. Ms. Schutter stated that South Dakota is the newest state to enact the Compact and the legislation was signed by Governor Noem. South Dakota becomes a member of the Compact effective on July 1st and companies will be able to make filings for South Dakota on July 16th. South Dakota opted out of long-term care and disability income product lines. Ms. Schutter reported with the addition of South Dakota, the number of Compacting States is now 48, 46 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Ms. Schutter announced the next Compact Roundtable will take place in DC on May 15th and the next joint meeting would be on March 18th in Phoenix. Ms. Schutter reiterated the Compact is accepting written comments on the ILVA standards. There were no questions for Ms. Schutter.

Commissioner Birrane proceeded to the last item on the agenda, any other matters. Hearing no other matters, Commissioner Birrane asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rude made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Director Dunning.