



## **AGRiP The Association of Governmental Risk Pools**

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### **Brooks Inaugural Recipient of the AGRiP Excellence in Leadership Award**

David Brooks, Managing Director, of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Property and Casualty Insurance program will be awarded the 2012 AGRiP Award for Excellence in Leadership during AGRiP's Institute for Leadership and Management in Colorado Springs, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Brooks, selected from amongst a number of excellent nominees by a group of seven independent judges, is being honored for leadership that has played a pivotal role in resolving challenges, for providing mentorship which enhanced intergovernmental pooling, and for continued personal professional development. Excellence in Leadership recipients must provide transformative leadership to an AGRiP member pool for at least three consecutive years.

Described as a “connector” who encourages interaction between all of the Ohio Pool CEO's, and an “innovator” having been instrumental in forming several successful Ohio pools, Brooks is noted as embracing new ideas and positioning his pools to meet member need's and industry challenges through coverage language, underwriting and program changes.

“Over the years, Dave Brooks has quietly emerged as a true leader in the pooling community, and we are excited that he plans to continue to serve. With this award, the next generation of pool leaders now know they have another resource to guide them as they take pooling into the next quarter century,” said Jenny Emery, AGRiP's Executive Director.

Larry Long, Executive Director for the County Commissioners of Ohio said, “Dave has been a transformative leader in making both our P and C and Health Pool successful. Dave’s creative problem solving and research skills have given him the ability to meet contemporary challenges that meet the needs of counties during times to significant fiscal stress. Many of the initiatives he has implemented here in Ohio are the direct result of his involvement with his peers at AGRiP. I am proud of Dave and believe that he is very deserving of the Award.”

Associated with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) since its creation in 1987, Brooks was named its Executive Director in 1995. During his tenure, CORSA has grown from 9 to 63 counties and 17 county-related public entities. CORSA has earned AGRiP RECOGNITION since 2005. Brooks also manages the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan and Group Retro Rating Plan. Brooks was instrumental in the creation of the County Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) in 2004. Today 25 of Ohio’s 88 counties participate in CEBCO which provides coverage for nearly 10,000 county employees and approximately 25,000 insured’s.

The Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP) was organized in late 1998 as a membership organization for public entity risk and benefits pools in North America. AGRiP promotes pooling as a practical extension of local government’s obligation to be a good steward of public funds. AGRiP provides a forum for intergovernmental issues of mutual interest in the administration and operation of self-funded and group insurance purchasing programs, and other group programs associated with the funding and operation of intergovernmental risk and benefit pools.

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