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Betsy Kutska Awarded AGRiP Excellence in Service Honors

Betsy Kutska, retired President and Chief Executive Officer of the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA), an intergovernmental risk management pool based in Lisle, Illinois will be awarded the 2012 AGRiP Award for Excellence in Service during AGRiP's Fall Governance and Leadership conference in Newport Beach, California, October 15, 2012.

Betsy is recognized by the pooling movement as the person *most* responsible for the creation and early stewardship of the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP). Betsy and fellow pool executives organized a 1998 Assembly, "Pooling at a Crossroads," from which AGRiP was launched. Unanimously selected by that Assembly, Betsy was charged with creating a new national association, now known as AGRiP. Betsy's aggressive campaign to engage pools from across the nation on the merits AGRiP culminated in support and authorization to create the new national association on July 29, 1998. She continued on, serving on the Board and providing administrative leadership, until AGRiP engaged its first CEO.

"Pools have always had a 'can do' attitude and it is gratifying to see that the vision of AGRiP's early organizers has become reality" said Betsy, when she learned of the award. "I am so happy to have had a part in creating this outstanding organization which serves the needs of pools throughout the country."

"Betsy was an early pioneer for pooling," said Jenny Emery, AGRiP Executive Director. "She had the audacity to envision a national association for pools, and a short 14 years later, AGRiP serves 200 pool members, hundreds of partner members, and the entire pooling community. The pooling

movement is stronger today, and is better prepared to face challenges tomorrow, thanks to Betsy Kutska.”

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. As the recognized authority on and resource for information on intergovernmental pools, AGRiP is the leading national association for pool management. AGRiP promotes pooling as a practical extension of local government’s obligation to be a good steward of public funds and is an advocate intergovernmental pooling as the most appropriate risk and employee benefits financing mechanism for most local governments. AGRiP members have access to information, knowledge and skills necessary to effectively govern and manage their pools.



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