

2023 Board of Directors Nominees



Nominee Name: Jenniffer J. Alvarado

Title: Deputy Pool Administrator

Pool Name: Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool

Employer Name (if different): McGriff Insurance Services, Inc.

Years in Pooling: 25+

Years in Current Position: 22

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

Administration of: MCCF Pool (MT) 1987-1991; SDAO (OR) 1999-1995; CSD Pool (CO) 2000-Current; CFH Trust (CO Heart Program) 2014-Current; CFHC Trust (CO Cancer Program) 2017-Current; MFFCIP (MO Cancer Program) 2022-Current;

Experience/Committees: CSD Pool Expulsion Committee Member (CO) 2001-Current; CSD Pool Legislative Committee (CO) 2010-Current; CFHC Trust Recording Secretary (CO) 2014-Current; AGRiP Board Member 2021-Current.

Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

Member of: OR PRIMA; CO PRIMA; National PRIMA; AGRiP

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

Pool staff retention, business continuity planning, and keeping up/ahead of technology

Is there any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling?

As an outsourced TPA assisting in the administration of 5 separate Pools/Trusts (and fingers crossed soon to be an additional 2 Trusts), I feel that I have a unique perspective representative of other similarly run Pools in regards to full administration that I can share with fellow AGRiP board members for consideration. Likewise, I feel it is in fact an equal exchange of education into the PE association and Pool Board Governance that I can take back and advance within the different Pool's that I assist in running in CO and MO.

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Nominee Name: Megan Chorlton

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Pool Name: Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia

Employer Name (if different): n/a

Years in Pooling: 9+

Years in Current Position: 0

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

BACHELOR OF LAWS With distinction
University of Alberta 2002 - 2005

CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED GENERAL MANAGEMENT Sauder School of Business
University of British Columbia 2016 - 2018

MASTER OF EDUCATION Special Education
University of Alberta 1996 - 1998

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION Elementary Education
McGill University 1992 - 1996

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

CHAIR, ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING COMMITTEE

Canadian Association of Insurance Reciprocity (CAIR) 2017 – Present

- Lead a committee of seven pooling executives to design a program for the annual members meeting including seminars, benchmarking initiatives and opportunities for networking relevant to a wide range of pools across Canada. Pivoted the in-person program to a virtual webinar series, creating additional value for members.

FACULTY, POOLING BASICS

Association of Government Risk Pools (AGRiP) 2020 – Present

- Assisted with the redesign and delivery of the member services module during AGRiP's Pooling Basics workshop, which is presented at its annual Governance Conference for pool directors. Assisted in the development and delivering content for AGRiP's online Pooling Academy program.

National League of Cities Risk Information Sharing Consortium (NLC-RISC)

- Shared pooling knowledge and experience with the new learning and development manager from an American pool through a formal mentorship program.

MENTOR, POOLING PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM National League of Cities Risk Information Sharing Consortium (NLC-RISC) 2020-2021

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Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

BOARD PRESIDENT

CivicInfo BC

2017 – 2022

- Provide oversight and set strategic direction for British Columbia's local government information hub which offers a wide variety of tools and information resources for those who work in the BC local government sector.

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

Staff and governing body members of intergovernmental pools are typically propelled by some variation of a common mission and vision: to support their public entity members so those members can focus on delivering valuable services to the public. One of the key challenges that will intensify for pools in the future is determining how to best leverage our limited resources to anticipate and address the rapidly evolving myriad of risks we and our members will face. In the past five years, we have been repeatedly tasked to quickly develop and deploy innovative solutions to mitigate new risks for our members. Risks such as climate change, cyber security, and succession have long been forecasted, but the magnitude of their impacts seemed to hit with a greater velocity than many of us anticipated.

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One key to addressing any new risk is being able to turn to our pool community for ideas and opportunities to collaborate and develop customized solutions for our members. Whether those solutions are focused on coverage, risk management, or creative ways to help members finance or offset rising costs, together we can learn from each other, springboard off work our colleagues have started, and create solutions that best meet our public member entities' needs. My legal and education background were the perfect combination to enable me to lead the MIABC's Member Services Team for nine years where my team developed many new initiatives aimed at addressing members' evolving risks. My background, skills, and enthusiasm for collaborating with others to find innovative solutions to complex problems would be a true asset to the AGRiP Board in helping to build valuable programs for AGRiP members.

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Nominee Name: David Cook

Title: Executive Director

Pool Name: Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC)

Employer Name (if different): n/a

Years in Pooling: 32

Years in Current Position: 9

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

Illinois Life and Health Insurance Producer

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

Prior to becoming the Executive Director for the IPBC, I was employed by the Village of Hinsdale and participated in IRMA (property casual pool) and IPBC (health pool) from 1990 through 2013. I served as the Delegate to both organizations and served as Treasurer for IRMA. I was the Village Manager of Hinsdale from 2005 through 2013.

Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

Served as President of the IL Government Finance Officers Association, Chairman of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Trust, President of the Chow Chow Club of America

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

There are many issues currently impacting intergovernmental pooling including the ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, the rising costs of coverages and meeting the demand for new products and services.

Is there any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling?

I have been active in local government since 1984 and have a great deal of experience in Finance, Human Resources, Risk Management and Management and strongly believe that my experience will provide value to the AGRiP Board.

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Nominee Name: Lisa J. Duquette

Title: Chief Executive Director

Pool Name: New Hampshire School Health Care Coalition

Employer Name (if different): dba SchoolCare

Years in Pooling: 26

Years in Current Position: 16

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

Bachelor's degree in Business and a Master's degree in Accounting; completed certifications for Achievement in Public Plan Policy (CAPPPTM), Essentials of Risk Pool Management (ERPM) and Certified Healthcare Reform Specialist (CHRS).

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

From 1994 - 2004, Director of Finance & Administration for two multi-line pools. Since 2006, served as Executive Director for SchoolCare, an employee benefits pool providing medical, dental, vision, and ancillary coverages.

Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

Currently, participate in the AGRiP Health Pool Resource Group and previously served on the Membership Practices Committee.

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

There are a myriad of issues facing pooling. Currently, some of the most significant issues are the long-term impacts of the national pandemic. It has influenced board and executive leadership turnover, mental health-related claims, insurance market volatility, and more. In addition, there are changing norms that pools need to anticipate and address.

Is there any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling?

I am extremely passionate about pooling and have demonstrated this commitment throughout my career. As an AGRiP board member, I would support and promote the interests of pooling through active engagement at meetings and regular communications with membership including bringing feedback and new ideas to leadership.

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Nominee Name: Dave Pfeifle

Title: Executive Director

Pool Name: South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance

Employer Name (if different): SD Municipal League

Years in Pooling: 20

Years in Current Position: 5

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

J.D.

Certified Mediator

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

From 1995 to 2010, I served as SDPAA panel counsel representing pool Members in hundreds of claims across South Dakota and I also served as a panel counsel for our state government's risk pool. During those years I held part-time City and County attorney positions while gaining an appreciation of the issues facing local governments. From 2010 to 2017, I was appointed the in-house City Attorney for the SDPAA's largest municipal Member. In 2017, I joined the SDPAA's internal team as Executive Director.

Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

Almost three years ago, I reestablished the Public Sector Lawyers Section of the State Bar of South Dakota, an organization which had been dormant for years. In two months, I grew its membership from zero to sixty members and continued in its formation which consists of over 120 members today. Like AGRiP, the Section provides training seminars and networking opportunities for its membership to share ideas to better serve the public at large. In almost three decades of public service, I have served on various boards, task forces, and organizations for the benefit of local governments.

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

Intergovernmental pooling is facing its most trying times since its inception during the “insurance crisis” of the 1980’s. A hardening reinsurance market and increasing challenges facing local governments are combining to create new “opportunities” for intergovernmental pooling to assist its members and the public they serve. Public entity pools must be ready to quickly pivot to seize these opportunities. Pools are uniquely situated to serve their local government members with innovative solutions. These solutions can only be tested via trial and error. Intergovernmental pools must share their wisdom gleaned from their experiences with other pools so ultimately the public at large may benefit. AGRiP is perfectly situated to facilitate this sharing of wisdom. These new opportunities for intergovernmental pooling are not daunting when considering this current reinsurance climate is like the climate which created public entity pooling. Innovative solutions, along with opportunities for recruitment and retention of members, can arise from such a climate. The glass is half full, not half empty!

Is there any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling?

AGRiP is a fantastic organization and I would be honored to serve on its Board of Directors! My blended experience of almost three decades working for local governments and for two decades working for intergovernmental pools would offer unique perspectives on the challenges facing intergovernmental pooling. South Dakota is a rural state with limited resources. We are accustomed to overcoming financial and logistical challenges to creatively address SDPAA Members’ needs. The SDPAA has greatly benefited from its membership in AGRiP while gaining much wisdom from AGRiP and its member public entity pools. We would like to “pay it forward” by helping AGRiP facilitate the sharing of those ideas with all other public entity pools.

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Nominee Name: Brennan Quintus

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Pool Name: North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund

Employer Name (if different): n/a

Years in Pooling: 7.5

Years in Current Position: 4.5

I am: An employee or contractor providing service to the pool



Do you hold any relevant professional certifications?

I hold bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. I also hold a law degree from Concord LawSchool, an affiliate of the Purdue University System. I have obtained the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and Associate in Underwriting (AU) designations.

Please describe your experience with pooling organizations or associations.

I began my pooling career with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) in 2015, overseeing the underwriting and loss control departments. I was appointed to the role of CEO on January 1, 2018. The NDIRF currently provides coverage to over 2,550 North Dakota local governments. During my tenure as CEO of the NDIRF, we have expanded our operation to include the administration of a property and bonding program that the ND Insurance Department had previously administered. That program provides coverage to 1,188 state agencies and local governments. I also played an integral role in creating the North Dakota Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT), created in 2021 to provide health coverage and other benefits to North Dakota local governments. NDPHIT's membership includes over 100 local governments and serves over 7,000 individuals. I currently serve as the Chairperson for NDPHIT.

Do you have experience with other professional associations or service organizations that would assist you in your AGRiP responsibilities?

I am the past president of the North Dakota Roughrider Chapter of the CPCU Society. I have also spoken and taught insurance-related courses around the country, including for the Insurance Journal's Academy of Insurance, the National Alliance for Education and Research, and various organizations, including the ND League of Cities, ND Association of Counties, ND School Boards Association, ND Parks and Recreation Association, and AGRiP.

What would you consider to be the most significant issues facing public entity pooling?

In the near term, the hardening reinsurance marketplace is a very significant issue for intergovernmental pooling, especially when you combine that hard market with deteriorating investment returns and the inflationary pressures on loss results. AGRiP serves an integral role in helping governmental pooling through the hard market by fostering opportunities for pools to collaborate to discuss how each pool handles these challenges.

In the long term, the biggest challenge facing intergovernmental pooling is the exodus of experienced talent. This exodus includes not only pooling leadership positions but also pool board and staff positions and leadership and staff positions within each pool's membership. Pools must continue to foster talent within their organizations to ensure that their long-term staffing and leadership needs are met. AGRiP has implemented excellent tools to assist pools with training staff and board members, and I think AGRiP needs to continue to focus on ways to help pools with this challenge. Further, pools need to continue to tell their story. When many pools were formed, communicating the pool's "why" was easy because each pool's membership likely felt the pain of being abandoned by the commercial insurance marketplace. However, that pain no longer exists for many local governments, so pools must evaluate their current "why" and communicate that to membership. AGRiP can continue to assist pools with collaborating and providing resources to ensure new ideas for communicating and training are developed, and those ideas are shared within the pooling community.

Is there any additional information that would be useful to those voting in the election, including what you bring to AGRiP and how you would assist in promoting the interests of intergovernmental pooling?

I began in pooling at the start of the challenges I described above. My unique background and skillset will assist with ensuring that AGRiP continues to develop resources and foster collaboration among pools to assist pools with these challenges and other challenges they may face in the future.