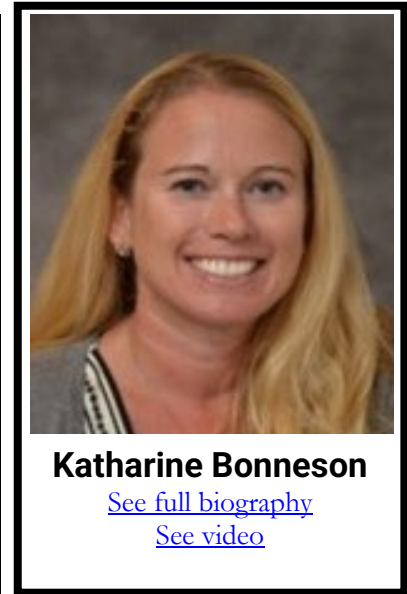


URMIA Election Candidate 2026

Individual Profile			
Name:	Katharine Bonneson	Position:	Board Member - Institution
Title:	AVP, Health, Safety, & Risk Management	Organization:	University of Minnesota
Designations:	DPA, MS, RIMS-CRMP	Years in Higher Ed RM:	16 years
Gender:	Female	Race:	White/Caucasian/Euro-American (non-Hispanic)
Organization Profile			
Membership category:	Institutional System 6	Student FTE of institution:	52,000
Type of institution	Public, Four-Year Institution, Asian/Pacific Islander College or University (AANAPISI) serving	Two-year institution:	No



What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

Some leadership skills and talents that I can bring to the table if elected to the Board include being a problem solver, creative thinker, lifelong learner, strong communicator and collaborator. I work well in a team environment through active listening and contributing when I can add value. I'm not sure that I have unique talents that are relevant but I do have years of experience serving on various Boards with the vast majority being extremely positive and a few that were learning experiences. My interest in serving is to engage in and support my professional community and hopefully learn something along the way.

What would you bring to the board (e.g., thought leadership, talent, skillset, ability, etc.)?

In my 16 years in Higher Education leadership, I have gained a lot of operational risk management experience. From managing HIPAA compliance to leading the emergency management team along with EHS and Building Codes, these are often hands-on risk management functions. This view and these connections can provide a different perspective from more traditional risk management and insurance roles thus providing more variety to the Board composition in terms of representation. Additionally, the University of Minnesota operates as a system, with small, medium and large campus communities and my portfolio includes everything from the outreach centers to our Twin Cities Campus that hosts over 55,000 students. Again, providing a wide range of representation for the URMIA Board.