

URMIA Election Candidate 2026

| Individual Profile | | | |
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| Name: | Cathy Krane | Position: | Board Member - Institution |
| Title: | Senior Director of Enterprise Risk Management | Organization: | University of Arkansas |
| Designations: | Juris Doctorate (JD), Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Associate in Claims (AIC), Associate in General Insurance (AINS), Associate in Claims Management (AIC-M), Supervisory Management (SM), and Senior Claims Law Associate (SCLA) | Years in Higher Ed RM: | 6 years |
| Gender: | Female | Race: | White/Caucasian/Euro-American (non-Hispanic) |
| Organization Profile | | | |
| Membership category: | Institutional System 6 | Student FTE of institution: | 34,161 |
| Type of institution | Public, Four-Year Institution | Two-year institution: | No |



What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

My greatest skill is my ability to be a collaborative leader. I genuinely enjoy bringing people together to solve problems, share ideas, and achieve common goals. I have been working to do this throughout my career including my previous role in commercial insurance and especially in all of my roles in higher ed risk management.

Also I value service-oriented leadership and have always tried to exhibit this in my leadership roles. URMIA played an important role in my own professional development, and I am passionate about giving back to an organization that has provided so much support, education, and camaraderie throughout my journey in higher education risk management.

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

I would bring the perspective of someone who entered higher education risk management as a second career and experienced firsthand the value of URMIA's professional network, educational resources, and welcoming community. Since joining URMIA six years ago, I have benefited tremendously from the knowledge and generosity of its members, beginning with my first virtual conference in 2021 and continuing through subsequent in-person conferences and professional connections.

As a board member, I would advocate for initiatives that support member engagement and professional development, particularly for those who are new to higher education risk management. One area I would like to explore is expanding mentorship opportunities for professionals transitioning from other industries. While experienced higher education risk managers provide invaluable guidance, I believe there is also significant value in connecting newer higher education professionals who bring extensive experience from the private sector with others making a similar transition. These connections can help

members navigate the unique challenges of higher education while leveraging the strengths and insights they gained in previous careers. Most importantly, I would bring enthusiasm for URMIA's mission, a commitment to serving its members, and a desire to help the organization continue growing as the premier resource for higher education risk management professionals.