

URMIA Election Candidate 2026

Individual Profile			
Name:	Joseph Rayzor	Position:	Board Member - Institution
Title:	Director of Risk Management	Organization:	Universities of Wisconsin
Designations:	JD, MBA, ARM	Years in Higher Ed RM:	12 years
Gender:	Male	Race:	White/Caucasian/Euro-American (non-Hispanic)
Organization Profile			
Membership category:	Institutional System 20	Student FTE of institution:	138,000
Type of institution	Public, Four-Year Institution	Two-year institution:	No



What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

I bring a collaborative leadership style grounded in listening and thoughtful consideration of diverse perspectives. URMIA’s membership spans a wide range of institutions and experiences, and I am committed to advancing member success across that full spectrum by ensuring all voices are heard and represented in decision making. I am also strategic and forward thinking. Higher education risk management is at a pivotal moment, with growing opportunities to demonstrate its value and secure a larger role at the leadership table. I am committed to helping URMIA anticipate these trends and position our members to take full advantage of emerging opportunities. Finally, I have a strong appreciation for the financial realities our members face. Budget constraints are a real ongoing challenge, and it is critical that URMIA continues to meet members where they are by delivering high-value, accessible resources and programming. I would bring a disciplined, member focused approach to ensuring URMIA remains both impactful and cost aware.

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

I would bring a broad and well-rounded perspective shaped by experience across a university system, a large R1 institution, and a regional comprehensive university. This background has given me a strong understanding of the diverse challenges our members face and how URMIA can support risk managers of all institution types in achieving success. My primary focus on the board would be advancing member success and ensuring our work remains relevant and impactful to every member. I also bring proven leadership experience, including chairing a 120-campus property insurance consortium, serving on multiple URMIA committees, and contributing to local boards and commissions in my community. Through these roles, I have developed a strong foundation in sound governance, strategic thinking, and disciplined financial decision-making. I would leverage this experience to help ensure URMIA continues to operate effectively and sustainably.