URMIA Election Candidate 2025

Individual Profile			
Name:	Pamela Kerney	Position:	President-Elect
Title:	Risk Management Director	Organization:	University of Tennessee
Designations:	CPCU, ARM, CRM, CIC, AINS	Years in Higher Ed RM:	10 years
Gender:	Female	Race:	White/Caucasian/Euro- American (non- Hispanic)
Organization Profile			
Membership category:	Institutional System 6	Student FTE of institution:	62,148
Type of institution	Public, Four-Year Institution, Land Grant Institution, Research Institution	Two-year institution:	No



What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

I've spent 20 years in risk management and insurance, been heavily involved in URMIA and served on the URMIA Board twice. I've seen how URMIA brings people together, opens doors, and drives innovation. But now—it's time to go even further. Our members deserve more. More opportunities. More meaningful connections. More support to rise into leadership and stay there.

As a candidate for URMIA President-Elect, I bring a clear vision for the future of our organization. I am committed to fostering growth, driving innovation, and enhancing member engagement.

Collaboration and networking are at the heart of my leadership approach. Leading the SEC URMIA Risk Management Group has allowed me to foster connections and build strong professional networks. I understand the importance of creating opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, and grow together as a community.

I am deeply committed to professional development, both for myself and others. My extensive certifications, including CPCU and ARM, reflect my dedication to continuous learning. I am passionate about empowering others to advance their careers and achieve leadership roles within the industry, ensuring that we all rise together.

Adaptability and innovation are essential in today's rapidly evolving landscape, and I embrace both wholeheartedly. My efforts to streamline workflows, expand Origami capabilities, and develop visualization tools demonstrate my ability to adapt while encouraging innovative approaches to problem-solving.

Finally, integrity is at the foundation of everything I do. I prioritize transparency, fairness, and ethical decision-making in all aspects of my work. These values resonate deeply with URMIA's mission to uphold trust within the risk management community.

With these skills and talents, I am confident in my ability to lead URMIA into its next chapter of growth and success. Together, we can build on our strong foundation and ensure that URMIA continues to thrive as a leader in Higher Ed Risk Management.

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

As a member of URMIA for almost 10 years, I've seen firsthand how URMIA can be the bridge to help all its members strive for excellence, innovation and improve networking across the organization. We must provide our members with the tools and resources they need to maximize their influence and secure a seat at the executive leadership table. This

means fostering stronger connections, delivering more engaging and impactful programming, and creating opportunities that prepare URMIA members for leadership roles that shape the future of our industry.

My mission is not only to maintain the high standards of excellence that URMIA embodies, but to exceed them. Together, we can ensure that every member has the support they need to excel in their roles, advance within the industry, and drive meaningful change. I am committed to leading URMIA into its next chapter of growth and success.