

URMIA Election Candidate 2023

Individual Profile			
Name:	Mya Batton	Position:	Board of Director
Title:	Senior Director, Risk and Insurance Management	Institution:	Vanderbilt University
Designations:	JD, MBA, ARM, CPCU, AINS	Higher Ed RM Start Year:	2020
Gender:	Woman	Race:	White
Institution Profile			
Membership category:	Tier 4	Student FTE of institution:	13,796
Type of institution	Private	Two-year institution:	No



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

My name is Mya Batton, I am a Senior Director at Vanderbilt University and lead the risk management team there. Thank you for your consideration of my board candidacy and for reading my written response. I welcome the opportunity to be considered as a board member.

I bring to the table over a decade of risk management, insurance, and compliance expertise. I am a skilled communicator, successful negotiator, and strategic thinker capable of balancing the need for progress and growth against the desire to ensure organizational stability and continuity. Beyond that, I am a service driven and kind person who is looking for an opportunity to contribute and give back to an organization that has been so helpful to my professional growth. I would love the opportunity to bring my skills to the URMIA board and to continue to support the growth of the organization and to meaningfully contribute to our community.

I am committed to contributing to the growth of the higher education risk management discipline and to helping drive a multidisciplinary approach to risk management that extends beyond the purchase of insurance. I believe that the higher education risk management landscape is changing quickly and that we need to be thoughtful in identifying and adapting to changing and emerging risks AND to the increased volatility in the insurance risk transfer space. I would like to help my peers be more risk aware and to support the development of member resources designed to foster thoughtful discourse and a more analytical approach to our discipline.

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Share how you would add value or new ideas to URMIA's strategic plan?

URMIA is a wonderful organization with a strong voice and commitment to growing the discipline of higher education risk management. As an individual contributor in this space, I've been pleased to be included in the URMIA Journal and to contribute to URMIA Insights as an author. I've also contributed to thought leadership within the organization by leading & contributing content to URMIA webinars, regional, and the annual conference. I plan to continue these contributions in the future and to do my best to lead by example.

Within the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) space, I am pleased to be a leader at an organization committed to EDI and I was thrilled to champion the success of our first risk management team intern and Be the Change Scholarship recipient. I appreciated the opportunity to teach a member of an underserved group about higher education risk management and to contribute to the knowledge and subject matter expertise in this space. I think there is an opportunity for URMIA to further highlight and grow awareness of this excellent scholarship opportunity and to encourage students to consider a career in risk management. I would love to champion more inclusion of LGBTQI+ persons within our community – this is a personal passion of mine as I've been a foster parent to transgender children who suffered trauma and abuse from nonaccepting biological family.

I'm also pleased to serve on the new member welcome committee. I welcome the opportunity to help drive member enrollments and to be an URMIA champion among our higher education peers. Through my participation in this committee, I've met several interesting people at peer organizations, and it has helped me get out of my introvert comfort zone. Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to be of service and to grow with and through URMIA.