

**Position:** Institutional Board Member

**Name:** Antona J. Curry

**Institution:** University of The Bahamas

**Title:** Director Enterprise Risk Management

**Biography:** Antona Curry has been the Director of Enterprise Risk Management at the University of The Bahamas since 2016. In her role, she oversees the risk for the University. She also sits on the Internal Audit Committee at the University. Antona is a published co-author of the Mangrove Series “Managing Risk Intelligently in the Context of Climate Change”. She has over 12 years’ of experience in many facets of higher education. She received her BA in Public Administration from Sojourner Douglass College and her Master’s of Sciences Degree from Nova Southeastern University she is also the recipient of the President’s Award.



**Please describe your past Risk Management experience and previous involvement with URMIA.**

I joined URMIA my first year of being appointed Director of Risk Management in 2016. I have had the opportunity to attend three national conferences and volunteered during each national conference.

I have taken the opportunity to gain knowledge needed for a first time risk manager through URMIA’s pre-conference workshops and conference sessions. Additionally, I have also been able to engage in networking, that has afforded me the opportunity to visit a URMIA colleague to garner valuable information on risk management.

- Participated in URMIAcares Community Services Event packaging food items San Diego, California 2016
- Assisted with the Registration & Help Desk Orlando, Florida 2017
- URMIA Living Room and Registration & Help Desk Boston, Massachusetts 2019
- Committee of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force 2019

**What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?**

I am a well-organized person, and I am a firm believer in time management. I have represented my colleagues as a unionist for over 20 years, and I have received many awards for my outstanding work in the labour movement. Furthermore, I am an advocate for fair and equitable treatment of employees, while maintaining a harmonious work environment through mutual collaboration. A member of Rotary Club of New Providence, I have a passion for service and subscribe to service above self.

**How would you get the membership more active in URMIA?**

I desire to see more of my international colleagues especially those in the Caribbean to become involved in URMIA and the many opportunities that URMIA has to offer through education and networking. I would like to build a list of potential universities to reach out to them and build a relationship with hopes of having them join URMIA's membership. I would also encourage them to attend a regional conference so they can become acclimated with URMIA and its constituents before attending a national conference. I would also encourage existing members to participate by sharing their stories and experiences in URMIA to help in building the membership globally.

**Briefly outline your vision for continuing to move URMIA forward.**

Given that globally we are in the midst of a pandemic, the way life as we know it has changed. We must adapt and change the way we interact with each other individually and collectively. I feel URMIA should conduct surveys and assessments to ascertain the membership perspectives and to secure feedback on the direction of URMIA. I also think technology is paramount to the survival of URMIA, subsequently, URMIA could expand its virtual platform by creating more virtual conferences and workshops and seek out more ways to engage more constituents using social media. As risk managers, we must be change agents and should lead the way during this global pandemic.