

**Position:** Institutional Board Member  
**Name:** Mark J. Logel, MBA, ARM  
**Institution:** University of Southern Indiana  
**Title:** Assistant Director of Risk Management



**Biography:** Mark joined the University of Southern Indiana (USI) as assistant director of risk management in November 2017. He handles all insurance and risk management functions, serves on USI's COVID-19 operations/logistics, international study abroad travel and safety committees. Mark left the University of Evansville (UE) as director, administrative services and risk management overseeing insurance and risk management, worker's compensation, EH&S, and purchasing. Mark, with over 28 years of service at UE, chaired the risk management committee and participated on various campus committees. Mark has presented to USI and UE board of trustees, senior management, and at URMIA annual and regional conferences.

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

In 2004-05, I was told I was going to be the university's risk manager. Knowing very little about what I was getting into. I looked to our insurance consortium for assistance and any other resources available. I was pointed towards the many URMIA resources and became a member. I learned from the "ground up" how to develop a risk management program utilizing a team building approach through developing working relationships with key campus contacts. My first annual conference was 2007 in Denver. I have been able to attend all but two since then. I co-presented at the 2013, 2014, and 2019 annual conferences and the 2019 mid-west regional conference. I am currently on the program committee for the 2020 virtual conference.

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

From building a risk management program essentially from scratch, I found cultivating good working relationships with key people across campus and within the industry are essential. Being able to listen, understand issues, finding alternatives for potential positive outcomes, and making decisions are skills necessary to be an effective risk manager and a potential board member.

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

As a small risk management office, making time for extra duties is always a challenge. However, getting risk management professionals to understand they each have something to share and there is no better time to do so than now, is important. I would do my best to identify current members who are interested in URMIA and reach out to them by phone or email to discuss how they could get more involved, by giving back to the higher education risk management community.

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

URMIA's members face more challenges in today's environment than ever before. URMIA leaders and membership, collectively, need to continue to expand, develop and provide resources to educate its members how to become more efficient and effective risk managers with less financial support and human capital but still be effective and impactful on our campuses. URMIA's future maybe challenging but it is the bright light for our industry!