

Position: Institutional Board Member
Name: Craig McAllister, CPCU, ARM, AIC, AIS
Institution: University of Miami
Title: Executive Director Risk Management



Biography:

Craig McAllister has been the Executive Director of Risk Management for the University of Miami for the past year. He was previously at Cornell University for 18 years in a similar role and has over 25 years of risk management experience in both industry and higher education. Craig's duties include providing strategic risk management direction for the University and advice, training, and consultation to the academic and medical units of the institution. Craig has oversight for the University's self-insured and purchased property, liability, medical malpractice and workers compensation programs, including management of claims. Craig is a regular presenter at national conferences, he is the past president of the Upstate NY Chapter of RIMS, a board member of the Greater Miami Chapter of RIMS, and has served on the Board of URMIA since 2017. Craig holds the CPCU, ARM, AIC and AIS designations.

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

I have been a member of URMIA since I started in higher education risk management and have enjoyed advancing my involvement through the years. I started reading the list serve and attending conferences, and through the encouragement of other members, became a presenter at URMIA conferences and eventually representing URMIA through presenting to other higher education associations.

I have been a member of the programming committee for several annual conferences and as one of my board duties, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee for the past three years.

What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

I bring my experience working with non-profit boards, the ability to reach consensus and passion for quality programming and education in higher education risk management to the URMIA board. I value the different voices we have within our organization and appreciate the varying perspectives.

How would you get the membership more active in URMIA?

Increased outreach to members and showing them the value and professional growth they can achieve through involvement in URMIA. Providing members many ways to participate through conference committees and short-term task forces can lead to greater enthusiasm and engagement. This will help members understand the value of the educational offerings and ideas that they can bring back to their home institutions

Briefly outline your vision for continuing to move URMIA forward.

Our purpose, and ultimately the heart, of URMIA is education. By continuing to provide expanded and higher level educational opportunities using many different platforms, such as education on demand, we can meet this goal. Bringing together the URMIA Core Competencies, risk inventory and extensive risk library to provide easy access to the needed tools, techniques and education are now more important than ever. It's necessary for Higher Education risk management to be prepared and nimble to manage the emerging risks our institutions face.