

**Position:** Institutional Board Member  
**Candidate:** Sandy Mitchell  
**Institution:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
**Title:** Director, Office of Insurance



**Biography:** Sandy has 30+ yrs experience in risk management. She has worked on the client, carrier, consultant and brokerage sides of the industry. At MIT since 2013, Sandy is responsible for setting the Department's strategy as well coordinating the insurance protection and risk services that assist MIT in these endeavors. She represents the department on various committees across the Institute. Sandy is a speaker at various industry events and was a past faculty member at Babson College, teaching course in Risk Management. She has participated as a Risk Manager in Residence teaching at universities across the country. Designations include MBA, ARM and DRM. Sandy was a tri-chair of the 2019 Annual conference and currently serves as a member of the URMIA Board of Directors (18-21).

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

I have been an URMIA member since joining MIT over eight years ago. During this time, I have found that the more you give to URMIA, the more you get out of it. I have been a speaker at both URMIA's national and regional conferences on wide range of topics, a member of the scholarship committee several times, a committee member for the URMIA 2018 Utah conference and a tri-chair for the URMIA 2019 Boston. I have served as the URMIA representative on several ACUHO working groups related to Covid-19 issues.

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

My ability to collaborate with both peers and volunteers, managing and leading in various capacities to accomplish stated goals has been a hallmark throughout my professional career. I actively listen and participate in discussions to create solutions that work for the group at large.

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

Between COVID-19 and the state of the insurance market, risk managers are challenged more than ever and their time is limited. Breaking down volunteer efforts into smaller task specific activities will be important to allow members to get and stay involved without the fear of over-extending themselves. Educating members on the various ways to get involved will also be important. From helping out on a task force, to participation in a podcast, webinar or at a conference are all different avenues where members can help out.

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

At its core, URMIA is about education and furthering the practice of risk management in the educational sector. Despite the challenges created by COVID-19, URMIA responded to the challenges providing and quickly converting the 2020 conference to on-line as well as a hybrid approach for 2021 - all while providing high level content. Continuing to 'think outside the box' and providing different ways to access content will be key as we move forward.