

**Position:** Affiliate Board Member  
**Candidate:** Stacie R. Kroll  
**Organization:** Gallagher  
**Title:** Executive Director, Higher Education Practice



**Biography:** Stacie Kroll is the Executive Director for Gallagher’s Higher Education Practice. In this role, she serves as a practice leader and risk consultant to Gallagher’s higher education clients, offering thought leadership on “all things risk management in higher ed”. Prior to joining the brokerage firm, she served as Director of Compliance and Risk Management for Five College consortium; Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges. In that role, she had responsibility for institutional compliance program implementation, enterprise risk management, and risk management and insurance operations. She also served as Chief Operating Officer for the colleges’ captive insurance company. She holds a business management degree from Westfield State University and is a veteran of the United States Navy.

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

Prior to joining Gallagher, I served as the Director of Compliance and Risk Management for Five Colleges, Incorporated; directly served the four private institutions of the consortium; Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges. Since joining URMIA in 2012, I have been an enthusiastic volunteer within the organization, including serving as an institutional board member for 1 year (prior to transitioning to an affiliate role), membership committee member and chair, Boston annual conference co-chair, various conference programming committees, as well as speaking at regional and national conferences.

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

Being involved in URMIA, and serving in a leadership role has been invaluable in my professional leadership trajectory. I am not alone in that sentiment, and I want to make sure all of our members can see that benefit. While my transition to the affiliate side is relatively new, I still consider myself a fierce advocate for our institutional members and want to ensure that our resources and educational programming are reflective of the diversity in our membership.

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

In order to engage our membership on a deeper level, I feel as though the ‘value add’ from the organization needs to be highly visible and accessible across our entire membership base. According to our members, the most value the organization offers is professional development and networking. Continuing to curate accessible content across various communication mediums and offering meaningful networking opportunities will create an environment where our members will want to participate and engage with the association.

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

Like many businesses emerging from COVID, URMIA will have to take a strategic look at their business model and how we deliver content. URMIA is needed more now than ever, but accessing our resources will be challenging for our members who have restricted budgets. In the past, we have relied heavily on our annual conference and in person delivery of content. This presents a great opportunity to expand our offerings and make our professional development more accessible industry wide. Ultimately, this could lead to a greater membership base.