

CONSTITUTION – CENTRAL CLAIM EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Central Claim Executives Association.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association shall be:

- 1. To strive for improvement in the relationship between the public and the insurance industry.*
- 2. To promote better inter-company relationships.*
- 3. To improve working relations between the claim personnel of our member companies.*

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Member Companies:*

A member company shall be a Casualty, or Fire, or Multiple Line Company, which by invitation elects to become a member company. A member company, to be eligible, shall have its domicile in any one of the following states: ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, COLORADO, CONNECTICUT, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, WEST VIRGINIA, OR WISCONSIN.

Companies domiciled in other states, but which service the above states, may also apply for and be considered for membership if their domicile is not represented by a Claim Executives Association and they are approved by the Executive Committee and the Active and Reinsurance Members.

A Reinsurer or Reinsurance broker servicing the above shall also be considered a member company.

2. *Individual Membership:*

- a. *Active Members – An Active Member shall be a top ranking Home Office Claim Executive. Active Members shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the organization. No Company shall have more than one Active Member at any given time.*
- b. *Reinsurance Members – A Reinsurance Member shall be a top Claim Executive of a member company’s Reinsurer or Reinsurance broker. Reinsurance Members shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the organization. No broker or Reinsurer shall have more than one Reinsurance Member at any given time.*
- c. *Associate Members – An Associate Member shall be an individual approved by the Executive Committee for membership as an Associate Member, provided such individual was at one time an Active or Reinsurance Member and can no longer qualify for Active membership.*
- d. *Honorary Life Members – An Honorary Life Member shall be an individual who was an Active or Reinsurance Member of this Association in good standing and who, due to retirement, is no longer employed by any insurance company on a regular, full-time basis, and whose request for Honorary Life Membership has been approved by the Executive Committee and by a vote of the majority of the Active and Reinsurance Members in attendance at any regular meeting of this Association.*

3. *Termination of Membership*

Active or Reinsurance Membership in this Association shall be terminated if the qualifying member company withdraws from this Association; by any member upon their written resignation; by recommendation of the Executive Committee submitted to the membership and approved by a majority vote of the members in attendance at any regular meeting of this Association. Before each annual meeting the Secretary shall report to the Executive Committee the names of any Active, Associate, or Reinsurance Members who have failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without proper cause, and the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, submit the question of the termination of such membership to a majority vote of the Active and Reinsurance Members in attendance.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

The annual dues of this Association shall be Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each Active and Reinsurance Member and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each Associate Member. The annual dues can be adjusted by a majority vote of the sitting Board of the Association to account for fluctuating revenue needs of the Association.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

1. *The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary – Treasurer.*
2. *The Vice President and Secretary – Treasurer shall be elected at the Spring meeting of this Association for a term of one year, and each shall hold office until successors are elected and qualified.*
3. *The Vice President for the preceding year shall automatically succeed to the office of President during the ensuing year. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President during the ensuing year, the Vice President shall succeed to that office. Any other vacancies among the officers or Executive Committee, including that of the Vice President who has assumed the President's office, shall be filled by the President for the unexpired term of the Active or Reinsurance Member creating the vacancy. A vacancy shall exist when any officers or member of the Executive Committee shall cease to be an Active or Reinsurance Member.*
4. *The retiring President automatically becomes a member of the Executive Committee for the two following terms of office.*
5. *The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.*
6. *The Secretary – Treasurer shall report at each annual meeting and at each semi-annual meeting, if held, giving a report on the Executive Committee meetings and a financial report.*
7. *The President shall appoint a nominating committee not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meetings and at least five members must be appointed to this committee.*
8. *The President shall appoint a historian to serve for an indefinite term, with duties as prescribed by the President, as custodian or the archives of the organization.*

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *The Executive Committee shall be comprised of Active or Reinsurance Members, who shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary – Treasurer, the two immediate past Presidents if an Active Member (available for service), and an additional Active or Reinsurance Member appointed by the President who shall serve for a term of one year.*
2. *The retiring President shall automatically become a member of the Executive Committee for a term of two years or until he/she ceases to be an Active or Reinsurance Member.*
3. *The President or a member of the Executive Committee shall call meetings of the Executive Committee as frequently as he or a majority of the Executive Committee may deem it necessary.*
4. *The Executive Committee shall comprise the Membership Committee. The Secretary shall act as the Secretary of the Membership Committee, and upon direction of such Committee, shall extend an invitation to any prospective member whose qualifications have been approved by the Committee.*
5. *The President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President, shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings.*

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

1. *The Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, determine the time and place of all meetings of this Association.*
2. *The Association shall hold two meetings annually, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Active or Reinsurance Members may invite their assistants or associates to said meetings. Other guests may be approved by the Secretary on direction of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and/or Secretary shall determine a registration fee payable by such invited assistants and guests. Associate and Honorary Members are to have a standing invitation to attend the meetings.*
3. *Notice of any meetings of the Association must be given by the Secretary to all members not less than thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting date.*
4. *At all meetings of the Association, not less than fifteen (15) Active or Reinsurance Members shall constitute a quorum. There shall be no voting by proxy.*

ARTICLE VIII

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, any Active, Reinsurance, Associate, or Honorary Life Member in good standing at the time of the adoption of this Constitution shall not be disqualified by the reason of its adoption.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be repealed or amended by a two-thirds vote of Active and Reinsurance Members present and in good standing. Any proposed change must be stated in the call of the meeting.