

**CSURMA AORMA****POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. A-4****SUBJECT: DIVIDENDS & ASSESSMENTS****ADOPTED: MARCH 8, 2007****AMENDED: OCTOBER 29, 2009
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Should there be any discrepancy between this document and either the MEMORANDUM OF COVERAGE or PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT between the AORMA Committee and the MEMBER, the MEMORANDUM OF COVERAGE and/or the PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT will govern.

POLICY

It is the policy of the AORMA COMMITTEE that:

1. Evaluation of the funding for each Self-Insured PROGRAM shall be made based on all coverage periods combined for that particular PROGRAM rather than on each coverage period on its own. The availability of any dividend or need for any assessment will be determined based on the PROGRAM's overall funding relative to the Target Surplus Goal detailed in the separate Policy and Procedure No. A-3.
2. Assessments and Dividends shall be allocated to the MEMBERS based on participation in "open" policy periods only.
3. Unless the AORMA COMMITTEE takes specific action to the contrary, a coverage period shall be considered "closed" for dividend and assessment purposes five (5) years from the expiration of that period (i.e. 6/30/03 for FY 07/08).
4. Assessments are a responsibility of membership and shall be allocated to all MEMBERS who participated in the open policy periods which the assessment is based on, regardless of whether they are current MEMBERS at the time the assessment is declared.
5. Dividends are a privilege of membership and shall be allocated only to the current MEMBERS in the PROGRAM at the time the dividend is declared who participated in one or more of the open policy periods which the dividend is based on.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Annual Funding Analysis** – Each year the Program Director will analyze the current funding position of the PROGRAMs in accordance with the Target Surplus Goal detailed in Policy and Procedure No. A-3. This analysis will, in part, determine whether the PROGRAM's overall funding is sufficient to consider a dividend or is depleted to the point of considering an assessment. The Program Director's analysis will be reviewed by the AORMA COMMITTEE.
- 2. Closure of Policy Periods** - Upon reaching five (5) years of maturity after the end of a coverage period, that period shall be "closed" and there shall be no further dividends or assessments allocated with respect to those PROGRAM periods. Notwithstanding the above, the AORMA COMMITTEE may take action to leave a policy period "open" even though it may otherwise qualify for closure. In addition, the last five (5) policy periods shall always remain "open" unless the AORMA COMMITTEE takes specific action to declare any of the last five (5) policy periods closed.
- 3. Dividends and Assessments** - Dividends and assessments shall be allocated to the MEMBERS based upon the proportion of all premiums paid to the PROGRAM in all "open" periods only. For purposes of allocating dividends and assessments pursuant to this subparagraph, all "open" policy periods shall be considered collectively.
- 4. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS** – Assessments will be declared as needed by the AORMA COMMITTEE, and will be collected from a MEMBER in accordance with its proportionate funding to the PROGRAM during all “open” policy periods, whether or not they currently participate in the PROGRAM at the time of the assessment.
- 5. DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS** – The AORMA COMMITTEE may declare dividends if overall funding is sufficient to support such action. Upon such a declaration, the dividend shall be allocated to those MEMBERS currently participating in the PROGRAM at the time the dividend is declared, based on the proportionate funding of all “open” policy periods. For those MEMBERS involved in federal sponsored programs, the dividend can be retained on account with CSURMA to be used to lower contributions for the upcoming fiscal year. If the MEMBER chooses to receive the dividend, then the MEMBER will be required to calculate the percentage of its payroll and salary that is attributable to federal sponsored programs to determine what percentage of the dividend will need to be returned to the federal government.

MEMBER APPEAL PROCESS

If a MEMBER wishes to appeal any decision regarding the application of the Dividend/Assessment Policy, the MEMBER must present an appeal in writing to the CSURMA Secretary-Auditor within 30 days of the disputed decision. The Secretary-Auditor shall place the MEMBER appeal on the AORMA COMMITTEE agenda at its next regularly scheduled



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meeting. The AORMA COMMITTEE will review the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting and inform the MEMBER of the final decision within 5 business days of its decision.

If a MEMBER wishes to appeal the AORMA COMMITTEE's decision, the MEMBER will notify the CSURMA Secretary-Auditor in writing within 5 business days of receipt of the AORMA COMMITTEE's decision. The CSURMA Executive Committee will then review the appeal at its next meeting or sooner. The CSURMA Executive Committee's decision will be the final determination.

DEFINITIONS:

AORMA – Auxiliary Organizations Risk Management Alliance, a group of PROGRAMs of the California State University Risk Management Authority representing auxiliary organizations.

AORMA COMMITTEE – The governing body of AORMA.

CSURMA - The California State University Risk Management Authority, a California Joint Powers Authority, comprised of the California State University and its auxiliary organizations.

MEMBER – The MEMBER is a signatory to the CSURMA Joint Powers Authority.

PROGRAM – For purposes of dividends and assessments, AORMA's PROGRAMs are the Liability, Workers' Compensation, Property and Crime.