

# **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

## **BYLAWS**

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PREAMBLE

These Bylaws are adopted, amended and restated effective October 28, 2011 pursuant to the “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement” of the California State University Risk Management Authority (the “Agreement”).

ARTICLE I - THE AUTHORITY

SECTION 1.1. Name of Entity. The name of the Entity created by the Agreement shall be the California State University Risk Management Authority (the “Entity”).

SECTION 1.2. Office of Entity. The principal office of the Entity shall be c/o CSU –Office of Risk Management, 401 Golden Shore Ave., Long Beach, CA, 90802, or at such other location as the Board of Directors may designate by resolution.

SECTION 1.3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Entity shall commence July 1 of each calendar year and end June 30 of the following calendar year.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the provisions of these Bylaws:

(a) “Agreement” shall mean the joint exercise of powers agreement creating the Entity.

(b) “Auxiliary Organization” shall mean an organization described in California Education Code § 89901 *et seq.*, which is on the approved list of Auxiliary Organizations of the University’s Chancellor’s Office.

© “Auxiliary Organization Risk Management Alliance” or “AORMA” shall mean those Coverage Programs and associated services which are directed primarily at serving the Auxiliary Organization Members.

(d) “Board of Directors” or “Board” shall mean the principal governing body of the Entity.

(e) “Bylaws” shall mean the adopted Bylaws of the Entity as amended in their latest approved form.

(f) “Coverage Program” shall mean the Entity’s programs as defined herein.

(g) “Entity” shall mean the California State University Risk Management Authority created by and existing under the Agreement.

(h) “Executive Committee” shall mean the Executive Committee of the Entity’s Board of Directors.

(i) “Member” shall mean a party to the Agreement. For purposes of the Agreement, each University campus and the Chancellor’s Headquarters shall be considered separate Members, but such University campuses and the Chancellor’s Headquarters shall not be considered parties to the Agreement separate from the University.

(j) “Pooled Coverage Programs” shall consist of Coverages Programs provided directly by the Entity under a Risk Pooling Program pursuant to a Memorandum of Coverage and/or provided by a purchased Coverage Program. These may include, but are not limited to, Property, Workers’ Compensation, Liability, and Athletic Injury coverages as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

(k) “Program Director” shall mean the individual or firm retained by the Board of Directors to administer the Entity.

(l) “Purchased Insurance Programs” shall mean those Coverage Programs in which members do not share risk of loss.

(m) “Risk Pooling Programs” shall mean those Coverage Programs in which participating members share risk of loss.

(n) “University” shall mean the Board of Trustees of the California State University.

### ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 3.1. Membership. The Entity shall be governed by a Board of Directors as set forth in the Agreement. It shall be composed of up to thirty (30) Directors appointed by or as delegated by the University Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer; and up to ten (10) Directors elected by the Auxiliary Organizations which become members of the Entity. Directors appointed by the University serve at the pleasure of the University Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer or his/her delegate, and may be replaced at any time. Should the Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer appoint fewer than 30 Directors, the voting power for unfilled appointments shall be retained by the Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer and may be delegated by the Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer to a duly appointed Director(s). Directors elected by the Auxiliary Organizations shall serve subject to terms and conditions of a policy and procedure duly adopted by the Auxiliary Organizations Risk Management Alliance Committee for election and replacement of same. Each Director of the Entity must be an officer, director or employee of the University or of an Auxiliary Organization.

All Directors shall comply with the provisions of California law which require certain public officials to file a Statement of Economic Interests, and with any applicable conflict of interest laws.

SECTION 3.2. Powers. The powers of the Board shall be as set forth in Section 9 of the Agreement.

(a) The Board of Directors shall retain overall responsibility for governance of the Entity, including the right to exercise all powers of the Entity not reserved to other persons or bodies of the Entity.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have reserved to itself the following express powers, duties and responsibilities:

i. Election of certain Entity officers and the members of its Executive Committee.

ii. Approval of the annual budget of the Entity.

iii. Approval of amendments to the Agreement and the Bylaws.

iv. Approval of new Coverage Programs of the Entity.

v. Amendment or modification of any prior actions or resolution of the Board of Directors.

vi. The exercise of powers of the Entity, including promulgation of policies, procedures and rules, with respect to all matters reserved to the Board of Directors by this Agreement, the Bylaws or otherwise.

SECTION 3.3. Meetings.

(a) Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held at least once each year at a time and place to be set by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in Section 27 of the Agreement, the notice of the meeting and agenda for each regular meeting of the Board shall be posted in accordance with the applicable public meeting laws in effect at the time of the meeting.

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called relating to pending litigation with notice of the meeting and an agenda be provided to each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

(c) Public Meeting. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except as provided by law, and may include closed sessions where permitted by law. Meetings will be held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, California Government Code §11120, *et seq.*

(d) Quorum. The presence of a majority of the Directors of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, the Bylaws or by law, no action may be taken by the Board except by affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the votes held by those Directors of the Board present and voting. A smaller number may adjourn a meeting.

(e) Order of Business. At the regular meetings of the Board, the following shall be the order of business:

- i. Roll Call.
- ii. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.
- iii. Agenda Items.
- iv. Adjournment

(f) Manner of Voting. Voting shall be by acclamation; however a roll call may be requested by a majority of the Directors present, and the ayes and noes, abstentions, and members absent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

(g) Action by the Board. All resolutions of the Board shall be in writing, signed by the Chair and attested to by the Secretary-Auditor. All other actions of the Board shall be by motion recorded in written minutes.

#### ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### SECTION 4.1. Membership.

(a) The membership of the Executive Committee shall be as set forth in Section 12 of the Agreement.

(b) The members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed or elected as individuals and not merely as representatives of a specific Member.

SECTION 4.2. Term. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, and the Treasurer of the Entity shall serve as Executive Committee members during their tenure as such officers. Terms of office are as set forth in Sections 11 and 12 of the Agreement.

SECTION 4.3. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) The Executive Committee shall conduct, direct and supervise the day-to-day business of the Entity and in doing so shall exercise the powers expressly granted to it by the Agreement, these Bylaws and as otherwise delegated by the Board of Directors.

(b) The following duties and responsibilities shall be assumed and carried out by the Executive Committee, which shall have all powers necessary for those purposes:

i. Provide general supervision and direction to the Program Director.

ii. Authorize payment of claims against the Entity; provided, however, that with respect to claims arising under Coverage Programs operated by the Entity, claim settlement authority shall be in accordance with the policies and procedures governing the particular Coverage Program.

iii. Enter into contracts, within budget limits.

iv. Make payments pursuant to previously authorized contracts, within budget limits; this authority includes the power to authorize and reimburse expenses incurred for budgeted activities, within budget limits.

v. Review and recommend a budget to the Board

vi. Act as Program Director in the absence of the Program Director.

vii. Establish policies and procedures to implement the Agreement, the Bylaws and the operation of specific programs.

viii. Appoint a nominating committee for each election of officers and Members of the Executive Committee.

(c) Subject only to such limitations as are expressly stated in the Agreement, these Bylaws or a resolution of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have and be entitled to exercise all powers which may be reasonably implied from powers expressly granted and which are reasonably necessary to conduct, direct and supervise the business of the Entity.

SECTION 4.4. Meetings.

(a) Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least twice a year and at other times as the Executive Committee deems appropriate. The time and place of regular meetings shall be set by the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors shall be notified of the meeting schedule. The notice of the meeting and agenda for each regular meeting of the Executive Committee shall be posted in accordance with the applicable public meeting laws in effect at the time of the meeting.

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called relating to pending litigation with notice of the meeting and an agenda to be provided to each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

(c) Public Meetings. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public, except as provided by law, and may include closed sessions where permitted by law. Meetings will be held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, California Government Code §11120, *et seq.*

(d) Quorum. Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise provided, no action may be taken by the Executive Committee except by affirmative vote of not less than a majority of those Executive Committee members present and voting. A smaller number may adjourn a meeting.

(e) Manner of Voting. Voting shall be by acclamation; however a roll call may be requested by a majority of the Executive Committee members present, and the ayes and noes, abstentions, and members absent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

(f) Action by the Executive Committee. All resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be in writing, signed by the Chair and attested to by the Secretary-Auditor. All other actions of the Executive Committee shall be by motion recorded in written minutes.

(g) Removal From Executive Committee. A member may be removed from the Executive Committee in the following ways:

i. Death of an Executive Committee member.

ii. Voluntary resignation; an Executive Committee member will be considered to have resigned if no longer qualified to be a Director under Section 3.1.

iii. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings unless excused by the Chair or his or her designee.

iv. Removal of the Chair or Vice Chair from the Executive Committee shall also constitute removal from office.

(h) Replacements. Upon removal of an Executive Committee member, an interim Executive Committee member may be appointed by the Chair, and the Board of Directors may hold an election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, following the procedures set forth in Section 11 and Section 12 of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

### SECTION 5.1. Principal Officers.

The principal officers of the Entity are the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Auditor and Treasurer, as provide in Section 11 of the Agreement.

### SECTION 5.2. Other Officers.

The Executive Committee may create such other offices and appoint such other officers as it deems necessary and advisable. Officers so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee and shall exercise such powers, perform such duties and assume such responsibilities as set forth in a resolution duly adopted by the Executive Committee for that purpose.

### SECTION 5.3. Powers.

The Chair, and Vice Chair in the Chair's absence, shall execute and implement directives of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. They shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) Direct employees, agents and consultants.
- (b) Negotiate contracts for services on behalf of the Executive Committee that are not specifically delegated to a committee.
- (c) Authorize work assignments under existing contracts that are within the amount budgeted.
- (d) Sign documents on behalf of the Executive Committee and/or the Entity.
- (e) Recommend agenda topics for meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- (f) Coordinate and review progress in attaining the Entity's annual goals and objectives.

## ARTICLE VI - OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES

### SECTION 6.1. Establishment of Committees.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Agreement, the Entity shall have standing committees as may be appointed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors, Executive Committee or the Chair.

### SECTION 6.2. AORMA Committee.

(a) The “Auxiliary Organizations Risk Management Alliance Committee” or “AORMA Committee” shall be a standing committee of the Entity. The committee shall consist of all Directors elected by Auxiliary Organizations. The term “Officers” shall be used to designate the following seats on the AORMA Committee: Vice-Chair and Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be elected from among the AORMA members and shall assume the seat of the Chair in the following year. Officers shall serve one, one-year term in each Officer seat. If the Chair is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice-Chair shall assume the role of the Chair and shall appoint an interim Vice-Chair from the remaining members of the committee until such time that the committee can meet to elect a new Vice-Chair. If the Vice-Chair is unable to complete his/her term, the Chair shall appoint an interim Vice-Chair from the remaining members of the committee until such time that the committee can meet to elect a new Vice-Chair. An officer completing a partial term shall be eligible to serve a subsequent full term. The AORMA Committee may also appoint alternates in accordance with the Policy & Procedure developed for the committee and adopted by the Board of Directors.

Effective July 1, 2003, the AORMA Committee members may serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year terms with half of the members’ terms expiring in the odd years and the other half expiring in the even years. After accruing AORMA Committee service of three two-year terms on the AORMA Committee or serving in Officer and alternate roles, an AORMA Committee member shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee for one year, after which time the member will be eligible for re-election.

(b) The purpose of the AORMA Committee shall be to advise the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of all operational aspects of those Coverage Programs in which Auxiliary Organizations participate and to execute and implement the directions of the Executive Committee with regard to matters within the committee’s powers, duties and responsibilities, which shall be as follows:

(c) Underwriting

i. Advise and report to the Executive Committee on matters relating to prospective new Auxiliary Organization Members.

ii. Solicit information necessary to evaluate Auxiliary Organization membership applications.

iii. Determine adequacy of information provided by prospective Auxiliary Organization Members.

(d) Coverage

i. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding those Coverage Programs in which Auxiliary Organizations participate.

ii. Review and advise on memorandum of coverage matters.

iii. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning coverage issues.

SECTION 6.3. Meetings of Standing Committees. Standing committees shall meet on the call of their respective committee chairs. Minutes of committee meetings shall be recorded. Activities of committees shall be reported upon as directed by the Executive Committee. Meetings of committees shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable open meeting law, except that meetings of the AORMA Committee, shall be conducted in accordance with California Education Code § 89920 *et. seq.*

#### ARTICLE VII - PROGRAM DIRECTOR

SECTION 7.1. Appointment. The Board shall appoint a Program Director in accordance with Section 14 of the Agreement.

SECTION 7.2. Powers. In accordance with Section 14 of the Agreement, the Program Director shall administer the business and activities of the Entity. The Program Director shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Agreement, these Bylaws and as may be provided by agreement between the Program Director and the Entity or as otherwise delegated to the Program Director by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII - REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

Subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 3.2(b) ii. of these Bylaws, members of the Executive Committee, principal staff designated by the Executive Committee and duly appointed members of standing committees may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary travel expenses when required or incurred by those persons in attending meetings of the Executive Committee or a standing committee of the Entity. Reimbursable expenses may include charges for meals, lodging, air fare and costs of travel by automobile at the rate per mile allowed as a business expense by the Internal Revenue Service. If the Board determines that travel expenses shall be reimbursed, the Executive Committee shall adopt a policy and procedure in accordance with this Article VIII. The Treasurer, upon presentation by the Secretary-Auditor, shall be authorized to pay all such expenses deemed reasonable and necessary.

#### Article IX - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A Member may be terminated from membership in the Entity or from participation in a program of the Entity, in accordance with Section 23 and Section 24 of the Agreement. The procedures for terminating a Member are as follows:

SECTION 9.1. Initiation. Proceedings for termination of a Member as a participant in a program of the Entity or as a Member of the Entity may be initiated by the Program Director, by

any Officer, Director or standing committee of the Entity or by any Member. The person initiating termination proceedings shall do so by a written report and recommendation to the Board of Directors, setting forth in detail the grounds upon which the recommendation is made.

SECTION 9.2. Notice and Hearing by Board. Upon receipt of the report and recommendation, the Board shall hold a hearing on the matter of the termination, at which hearing the affected Member shall have the right to offer written and oral testimony subject to reasonable time constraints. The Board shall give the Member at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of the hearing, and shall provide the Member with a copy of the report and recommendations required to initiate the termination proceedings.

SECTION 9.3. Action of Board. At the close of the hearing on the matter of termination, the Board shall determine whether or not the Member will be terminated. If the Board decides to terminate the Member's participation, it will set the effective date of termination as well.

#### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors duly adopted upon the majority vote of those members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board; provided, however, that no such amendment shall be adopted unless noticed to the members of the Board of Directors under the open meeting law applicable at the time of the proposed meeting. Such notice shall identify the section or sections of the Bylaws proposed to be amended.

#### ARTICLE XI - COVERAGE DOCUMENTS

Each Member participating in a program of the Entity shall be provided with either a Memorandum of Coverage or an insurance policy, as the case may be, which shall describe in detail the nature of the applicable coverage, including dollar amounts, together with any deductibles, exclusions, limitations or other provisions of the coverage.

#### ARTICLE XII - RECORDS RETENTION

All records and documents of the Entity shall be retained in accordance with a records retention policy and procedure adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XIII - LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 13.1 - INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - The Entity shall defend and indemnify its Directors, officers and employees to the same extent as any public agency of the State of California is obliged to defend and indemnify its public employees pursuant to California Government Code § 825 *et seq.* or other applicable provisions of law for actions taken for or on behalf of the Entity.

SECTION 13.2 - INSURANCE - The Entity may insure itself to the extent deemed necessary by the Board of Directors against loss, liability and claims arising out of or connected to the conduct of the Entity's activities.

SECTION 13.3 - INDEMNIFICATION BY MEMBERS- To the extent any Member's intentional or negligent acts or omissions are the cause of an injury for which other Members may be, or are sought to be, held liable pursuant to Government Code § 895 *et seq.*, the Member which is legally responsible for the injury shall, at its own expense, defend, indemnify and hold harmless such other Member or Members from any and all legal consequences of the intentional or negligent acts or omissions. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to preclude a Member having the duty to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, from resorting to any insurance or other form of coverage for losses available to the Member, including insurance or coverage for losses procured through the Entity.