

# **ABOUT PIRMA**



## **PIRMA's Commitment**

Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA) is a group self-insurance pool that offers comprehensive liability and property coverages to Pennsylvania public entities. The program's philosophy differs from that of a traditional insurance program in that PIRMA is owned by its membership and serves only the interests of its members. PIRMA has grown steadily since its formation in 1987 and is over 600 members strong, making it the largest public entity pool in Pennsylvania.

Each PIRMA member is provided with \$10,000,000 liability coverage limits.

Broad employment practices, pollution, and punitive damage coverages protect the Pool's members in areas where insurance carriers leave significant gaps.

In addition, PIRMA members receive specialized Loss Control and Claim services. The Loss Control Division works with the members to decrease losses through the identification and analysis of risk and the implementation of loss control measures. PIRMA provides personalized Loss Control services. resources, training, and education to the member's public officials and employees. The Claims Division provides an outstanding hands-on approach utilizing extremely experienced staff to assist the members. PIRMA's claim staff is committed to excellent customer service while providing fair claim settlements. As a result of PIRMA and its value added services, Pennsylvania's public entities and communities are safer for everyone.

PIRMA WAS FORMED AS
A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
RISK-SHARING POOL
TO PROVIDE RISK
MANAGEMENT SERVICES
AND RISK SHARING
FACILITIES TO ITS
MEMBERS AND TO
PROVIDE THEM WITH

A COMPREHENSIVE

PROGRAM AT A

COMPETITIVE COST.

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CONTINUATION.

ITS MEMBERS.



Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2020 was an unprecedented year in many ways. With contentious elections and the COVID Pandemic, we were all inundated with events happening on the national and global stage which seemed out of our control. Due to COVID, those of us in local government became "essential personnel" and had to change the way in which we conduct municipal government operations.

reetings PIRMA Members.

PIRMA stepped up to the challenge presented by the pandemic. We recognized that COVID may have had a negative financial impact on local government and approved a 5% rate reduction on 2021 renewals of liability coverage. Because PIRMA is owned and operated by its members, we are able to give back at a time when our members need it the most.

As the primary local government risk sharing pool in Pennsylvania, PIRMA strives to be on the leading edge in terms of services offered to our members. Throughout 2020, the PIRMA Board continued to conduct business through virtual meetings where we approved new programs and improved existing programs for our membership, including:

- program, all members are eligible for up to 120 minutes of free legal consultation annually on a wide range of matters including employment issues, wage and hour questions, zoning and land use matters, law enforcement civil liability issues, open records and open meetings laws, public works liability issues, contract review and recommendations, governmental immunities and much more.
- The Third Thursday Webinar Series provides educational opportunities on hot topics to fit member needs. The webinars are presented by attorneys from Siana Law and cover topics ranging from personnel issues, to fiscal planning, to cyber crime. Watch for PIRMA e-blasts with information on how to participate.



- Loss Control Grants. While not new, this year
  PIRMA has increased the amount of funds
  being offered in the grant program. A record 31
  members submitted grant applications in 2020
  with awards being made to Tioga Township
  (Tioga County), Upper Yoder Township Authority
  (Cambria County), New Milford Borough
  (Susquehanna County) and Larksville Borough
  (Luzerne County). Each municipality will receive
  up to \$5,000 in grant funds to supplement a
  project in their loss control program.
- The PIRMA Loss Control and Resource eLibrary
  continues to expand with thousands of resources
  in a variety of formats to assist members.
  The eLibrary provides members with access
  to online safety training courses, streamed
  videos, employment and HR forms, policies and
  procedures, as well as webinars and Public Entity
  University online courses.

I encourage you to visit the PIRMA website to learn more about these programs. As we attempt to return to "normal" operations in these unsettling times, you can feel confident that PIRMA will continue to offer you the highest quality of attention and service upon which you have come to rely.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL

IRMA continues to bolster its loss control and risk management efforts by enhancing its online resources. Recent postings have included information and guidance relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic (and the variety of ways that it has impacted the regulatory environment, personnel management and other operations of the members). PIRMA's legal team continues to conduct webinars, provide training, and publish materials providing content and guidance on this evolving situation.

PIRMA's defense counsel have also presented at educational seminars to public officials and municipal employees through local, county and statewide municipal associations, including the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. These programs have continued (if not expanded) during the pandemic through the use of remote webinar programs and the need for officials to react quickly to these unprecedented times. 2021 has also seen the rollout of PIRMA's Third Thursday sessions and the Legal Access program. Both set PIRMA apart, demonstrating its proactive approach to risk management and protecting member interests. These educational programs promote loss control by sensitizing officials on the various risks and pitfalls associated with their dayto-day operations. I encourage you to attend these programs; the education they afford will be a significant benefit to you and assist you in fulfilling your municipal roles. PIRMA's service providers are happy to provide assistance, training, risk management and loss control training.



The coming year will undoubtedly present many new challenges and opportunities for PIRMA and our member municipalities. The issues arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic will continue to impact municipalities and their employees. Separately, national news events have increased sensitivity to claims of bias and use of force incidents, prompting calls for legislative reform and resulting in a stigma faced by municipal police departments. Claimants are also continuing in their efforts to abuse the Right to Know Act process to further their claims and an increase in state-mandated requirements has increased the financial challenges facing municipalities. PIRMA's defense counsel continue to put forth formidable, member-driven defenses and provide knowledgeable representation to effectively meet these challenges.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



# 2020 – A year we will never forget!

Year after year, PIRMA looks for new ways to provide its members with expanded coverages, new resources and unparalleled member services to ensure PIRMA remains the leading insurance alternative for municipalities in Pennsylvania. The COVID-19 Pandemic presented challenges in 2020 unlike any PIRMA members have experienced before. And, while the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted how PIRMA members served their residents, it also impacted the many ways PIRMA serves its members.

#### COVID-19 Relief Rate Reduction

PIRMA's philosophy differs from that of a traditional insurance program in that PIRMA is owned by its members and serves only the interests of its members. In these most challenging of times, PIRMA looked for new ways to serve its members. Therefore, beginning January 1, 2021, members renewing their membership in PIRMA will receive a 5% rate reduction on their liability contribution. Because it is owned and operated by its members, PIRMA is able to give back to its members at a time when they need it the most.

#### **New Member Services**

PIRMA regularly reviews the services it provides and looks for opportunities to enhance and expand the benefits offered to its members. PIRMA is mindful that its members were facing unique legal challenges as a result of the pandemic. In order to assist members with those legal issues, or on an existing aspect of governmental operations or general municipal law, the PIRMA Board

of Directors launched a new initiative, the PIRMA Legal Access Program. Beginning January 1, 2021, PIRMA members are eligible for up to 120 minutes of free legal consultation annually on a wide range of matters including employment issues, wage and hour questions, zoning and land use matters, law enforcement civil liability issues, open records and open meetings laws, public works liability issues, contract review and recommendations, governmental immunities and much more.

To further assist its members in addressing the pressing and emerging issues facing its members, PIRMA will now offer its members monthly webinars. Beginning January 2021, and on the third Thursday of each month thereafter, PIRMA will host a Third Thursday webinar on issues such as new requirements relating to law enforcement policies and procedures, the latest cyber security threat or the changing employment landscape during the pandemic. These webinars are virtual educational sessions that will address a wide range of hot topics throughout the year, with an interactive Q&A session to follow.

#### **New Resources**

PIRMA also provided its members with relevant and timely risk control resources to assist members as they navigated the pandemic. Best practices, waivers, articles, assistance with grants, and guidelines for returning equipment to use after the shutdown were just some of the documents added to the Resource eLibrary. Online training modules covering topics such as contact tracing, pandemic response, and returnto-work, were offered. On the human resources front, a number of federal laws were impacted by pandemic guidelines such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act; webinars, seminars, articles and best practices addressing these and other laws were made available to help guide PIRMA members through these unprecedented times.

Sedgwick is honored to have served as PIRMA's administrator for the past 33 years and would like to thank PIRMA members for their continued participation and dedication to the program. We look forward to serving you in the years to come as together we create safer communities in Pennsylvania.

# MARKETING REPORT

ince 1987, H.A. Thomson has had the privilege of marketing and servicing the largest liability and risk management public entity pool in Pennsylvania. The growth and success of the pool can be credited to the dedication of all parties involved; from the membership itself for their loyalty to the program, the various service providers for their expertise, and to the Board of Directors for their commitment to protecting the membership through thoughtful decision-making. We are proud to be a part of this successful and dedicated program.

As Pennsylvania's largest provider of municipal coverage, H.A. Thomson has the resources to offer the PIRMA membership a full range of services including coverage form analysis, contract review, loss control assessments, safety inspections, updates on the municipal legal environment, risk management reviews, and more.

H.A. Thomson continues to employ a highly experienced staff with leading insurance industry educational achievements. This includes multiple staff members that hold various prominent designations including: Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), Associate in Risk Management (ARM), and Certified Insurance Services Representative (CISR). Our commitment to education allows us to stay on top of developing issues such as cyber exposures and drone use.

H.A. Thomson would like to thank the membership and the Board of Directors for their long-lasting trust and be assured that they will continue to receive the excellent service they have grown to expect.

# H. A. Thomson Company Service/Marketing/Loss Control Team



# PIRMA'S MEMBERSHIP

# We thank the following Members of PIRMA for their continued support:

Adams County

Abbottstown Borough & Municipal Authority

Bendersville Borough

Cumberland Township

Cumberland Township Authority

Eastern Adams Reg. Police Department

Fairfield Borough

Fairfield Municipal Authority

Freedom Township

Hamilton Township

Latimore Township

Liberty Township

Possum Valley Sewer Authority

York Springs Borough & Municipal Authority

#### Allegheny County

Avalon Borough

**Avonworth Municipal Authority** 

**Bradford Woods Borough** 

Crafton Borough

Emsworth Borough

Fawn Township

Fawn Township Sewer Authority

Indiana Township

Marshall Township

Marshall Township Sanitary Authority

Northern Regional Police Department

Northern Tier Regional Library Association

Richland Township

Rosslyn Farms Borough

West Elizabeth Borough

Wexford Vol. Fire. Co.

#### Armstrong County

Bradys Bend Township

Elderton Borough
Ford Cliff Borough

Manorville Borough

Sugarcreek Township

Worthington Borough

Worthington-W. Franklin Joint Parks

Worthington-W. Franklin Jt. Mun Auth

#### **Beaver County**

Baden Borough

Baden Borough Municipal Authority

Baden Borough Volunteer Fire Co.

**Economy Borough** 

**Economy Borough Municipal Authority** 

Fallston Borough

Franklin Township

Hopewell Township

Independence Township

Ohioville Borough

West Mayfield Borough

#### **Dedford County**

Hyndman Borough Municipal Authority

#### **Derks County**

Berks County Emergency Response Team

Bern Township

Bern Township Municipal Authority

Bernville Borough

**Brecknock Township** 

**BWB Emergency Management Agency** 

Laureldale Borough

Lower Alsace Township

Lyons Borough & Municipal Authority

Lyons Borough Municipal Authority

Maidencreek Township

Maidencreek Township Authority

North Heidelberg Township

Northern Berks Regional Police

Oley Township

Ontelaunee Township

Pike Township

Ruscombmanor Township

St. Lawrence Borough

Sinking Spring Borough & Authority

Union Township

Union Township Municipal Authority

Upper Tulpehocken Township

Washingtown Township Municipal Authority

Windsor Township

Wyomissing Valley Joint Municipal Authority

#### **Blair County**

Blair Region Code Administration

Committee

Blair Township

Catharine Township

Frankstown Township

Frankstown Township Sewer Authority

Huston Township

Snyder Township

Taylor Township

Woodbury Township

#### **7** Bradford County

Monroe Township

Wells Township

#### **Bucks County**

Bristol Borough

**Bristol Recreation Authority** 

Central Bucks Emergency Response Team

Doylestown Township

Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority

Morrisville Borough

Morrisville Municipal Authority

Nockamixon Township

Pennridge Regional Police Department

Telford Borough

**Telford Borough Authority** 

Wrightstown Township

Yardley Borough Sewer Authority

#### **Butler County**

Brady Township

Center Township

Clay Township

Franklin Township

Municipal Code Association

Valencia Borough

Washington Township

#### **♥ Cambria County**

Ashville Borough

Brownstown Borough

Chest Township

Dean Township
East Conemaugh Borough

East Hills Recreation Commission

Franklin Borough

Gallitzen Township

Gallitzeri Township

Gallitzin Borough & Water Authority
Gallitzin Borough Sewer Authority

Middle Taylor Township

Southmont Borough

Upper Yoder Township

Upper Yoder Township Municipal Authority

West Hills Regional Police Dept

#### **T** Cameron County

Emporium Borough

#### **Carbon County**

Develor Torrestor

Banks Township Beaver Meadows Borough

Coaldale-Lansford-Summit Hill Sewer

Authority

Franklin Township

Lausanne Township

Mahoning Township

Nesquehoning Borough
Parryville Borough

Penn Forest Township

# Towamensing Township

Centre County
Centre Hall - Potter Sewer Authority

Curtin Township

Huston Township Authority

Milesburg Borough & Authority

Mountaintop Area Municipal Authority

Mountaintop Regional Water Authority Penn Township

Snow Shoe Borough

Union Township

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#### Chester County

Atglen Borough & Sewer Authority

Birmingham Township

Chest-mont Emergency Response Team

Downingtown Area Regional Authority

East Bradford Township

East Fallowfield Township

East Nantmeal Township

East Nottingham Township

East Pikeland Township

Elk Township

Elverson Borough

Franklin Township

Honey Brook Borough Authority

Honeybrook Township

Kennett Area Park Authority

Kennett Township

Londonderry Township

Lower Oxford Township

Malvern Borough

New London Township

North Coventry Township

Northwestern Chester County Municipal

Authority

Oxford Area Recreation Authority

Penn Township

Sadsbury Township

Sadsburyville Fire Co. No. 1

Spring City Borough

Thornbury Township

Upper Oxford Township

Valley Forge Sewer Authority

Wallace Township & Sewer Authority

West Bradford Township

West Brandywine Township

West Brandywine Township Mun. Auth

West Caln Township

West Grove Borough

West Marlboro Township

West Nantmeal Township

West Pikeland Township

West Whiteland Township

Westtown East Goshen Police Department

Westtown Township

#### Clarion County

**Brady Township** 

#### **United** County

**B.C.I. Municipal Authority** 

Burnside Borough & Water Authority

Chest Township

Greenwood Township

Jordan Township

Morris - Cooper Regional Police

Department

#### **Ounty** Clinton County

Bald Eagle Township & Authority

Mill Hall Borough

Noyes Township

Porter Township Municipal Authority

Porter Township

Renovo Borough

South Renovo Borough

#### Columbia County

Benton Borough & Municipal Water &

Sewer Authority

Briar Creek Borough

Catawissa Borough

Madison Township & Authority

Millville Borough

North Centre Township

Pine Township

#### Crawford County

**Bloomfield Township** 

Bloomfield Township Sewer Authority

Cochranton Borough

Conneaut Lake Municipal Authority

Hydetown Borough

Linesville Borough & Municipal Authority

Meadville Area Recreation Authority

North & South Shenango Joint Municipal

Northwest Crawford County Sewer

Authority

Rome Township

Townville Borough

West Fallowfield Township

West Shenango Township

#### Cumberland County

Cooke Township

Penn Township

Shippensburg Township

Southampton Township

Upper Frankford Township

Upper Frankford Volunteer Fire Company

West Shore Regional Police

#### Dauphin County

South Hanover Township & Authority

Steelton Borough

Williams Township

#### Delaware County

Chaddsford Township Sewer Authority **Delaware County Housing Authority** 

Rutledge Borough

#### **♥ Elk County**

Ridgway Borough

Ridgway Township Municipal Authority

#### Erie County

Albion Borough & Authority

Amity Township

Concord Township

Conelway Regional Emergency Mgmt

Agency

Elgin Borough

Girard Township

Haborcreek Township Sewer Authority

Union City Borough Municipal Authority

Union Township

Waterford Borough

Wattsburg Borough

Wayne Township & Wayne Township

Sewer Authority

#### Fayette County

Belle Vernon Borough

**Brownsville Township** 

Newell Municipal Authority

North Fayette County Municipal Authority

Southwest Regional Police Board

Springhill Township

#### Forest County

Green Township

#### Franklin County

Fannett Township

Metal Township

Mont Alto Borough

St. Thomas Township Municipal Authority

Warren Township

#### Fulton County

Bethel Township Sewage Authority Thompson Township

#### Greene County

Greensboro Borough

Monongahela Township

#### Huntingdon County

Birmingham Borough

Cassville Borough & Authority

Miller Township

Oneida Township

Petersburg Borough

Smithfield Township Walker Township & Walker Township

Municipal Authority

## Indiana County

Armstrong Township

Cherry Tree Borough

Clymer Borough

Glen Campbell Borough North Mahoning Township

Jefferson County

Big Run Area Municipal Authority

Eldred Township

Washington Township Winslow Township

## Juniata County

Delaware Township

Fermanagh Township

Greenwood Twp Mifflin Borough

Mifflintown Borough

Milford Township

Port Royal Borough

Port Royal Borough Municipal Authority

Susquehanna Township Thompsontown Borough

Twin Boroughs Sanitary Authority

## Lackawanna County

North Abington Township

**Newton Township** 

Walker Township

Ransom Township Springbrook Township Sewer Authority

#### Lancaster County

**Bainbridge Water Authority** 

**Brecknock Township** 

Christiana Borough & Christiana Borough

**Authority** 

Colerain Township

Columbia Borough & Authority

Conoy Township

Donegal-Elizabethtown Area Appeals

Board

**Drumore Township** 

East Donegal Sewer Authority

East Donegal Township

Eden Township

Elizabeth Township

Elizabethtown Area Park Authority

Elizabethtown Borough

Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority

Ephrata Area Joint Authority

Little Britain Township

Marietta-Donegal Joint Authority

Maytown - E. Donegal Township Fire Co.

Millersville Borough

Mount Joy Township

Northwest Regional Lancaster County

Police Department

Peauea Township

Sadsbury Township Municipal Authority

Strasburg Borough & Authority

Susquehanna Regional Police Department

Terre Hill Borough

Weaverland Valley Fire Department

West Donegal Township

West Lampeter Township

#### Lawrence County

Bessemer Borough & Authority

**Enon Valley Borough** 

Hickory Township Park Authority

Lawrence County Land Bank

Little Beaver Township

New Beaver Borough

Pulaski Township Municipal Authority

Slippery Rock Township

Washington Township

Wilmington Township

Wilmington Township Sewer Authority

#### Lebanon County

Heidelberg Township

Jonestown Borough

Millcreek Township

Mt. Gretna Borough & Authority

Northern Lebanon Co. Authority

Palmyra Area Recreation & Park

Commission

South Annville Township & Authority

Union Township

West Cornwall Township

#### Lehigh County

Coopersburg Borough & Authority Lehigh County Authority

#### **Userne County**

Bear Creek Village Borough Black Creek Township **Dorrance Township** Hollenback Township

Larksville Borough

Larksville Borough Sewer Authority

Luzerne Borough

New Columbus Borough

Rice Township

Shickshinny Borough

Twin County Joint Municipal Authority

Union Township

#### Lycoming County

Armstrong Township

**Bastress Township** 

Cogan House Township

Franklin Township

Gamble Township

Hughesville-Wolf Authority

Jordan Township

Lewis Township

Muncy Creek Township

Muncy Township & Muncy Township Water

Authority

Susquehanna Township

Washington Township

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Co.

Wolf Township

**Woodward Township** 

#### McKean County

Ceres Township

Hamilton Township & Ludlow VFC

Hamlin Township

**Keating Township** 

Lafayette Township

Lafayette Township Sewer Authority

Otto Township

Port Allegany Area Recreation Authority

Port Allegany Borough & Municipal

Authority

Sergeant Township

#### Mercer County

Coolspring, Jackson, Lake Latonka Joint

**Authority** 

Fairview Township

Hempfield Township

Jackson Township Liberty Township

Perry Township

Sandy Lake Borough

Sandy Lake Township Sheakleyville Borough

Wheatland Borough

#### Mifflin County

**Brown Township Municipal Authority** 

**Decatur Township** 

McVevtown Borough

Menno Township

Mifflin County Regional Police

Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority

Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown

Union Township Municipal Authority

Wayne Township

#### Monroe County

Eldred Township

Paradise Township

Pocono Jackson Jt. Water Authority

**Price Township** 

Stroud Region Open Space & Rec

Commission

West End Park & Open Space Commission

#### Montgomery County

Bryn Athyn Borough

Collegeville Borough

Collegeville Trappe Joint Public Works

Department

Collegeville Trappe Municipal Authority

Green Lane-Marlbrough Joint Authority

Limerick Township

Limerick Township Municipal Authority

Lower Pottsgrove Sewer Authority

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Pennsburg Borough

Perkiomen Municipal Authority

Perkiomen Township

Pottstown Borough & Authority

Rockledge Borough

Royersford Borough

Schwenksville Borough

Trappe Borough

Upper Hanover Authority

Upper Merion Township Upper Pottsgrove Township

Upper Providence Township & Sewer

Upper Salford Township

West Conshohocken Borough & Municipal

**Authority** 

West Pottsgrove Township

#### Montour County

Cooper Twp Municipal Authority

Danville Borough

Danville Borough Municipal Authority Limestone Township

Mahoning Township

Mayberry Township

Montour County COG

Montour Area Recreation Commission Northern Montour Reg. Planning Comm.

Valley Township Mun. Authority

Valley Township

Washingtonville Borough

Washingtonville Borough Municipal Authority

#### Northampton County

Allen Township

Bath Borough

Chapman Borough

Colonial Regional Police Department

First Regional Compost Authority Forks Township

Glendon Borough

Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority

Walnutport Borough

Jordan Township

Wilson Borough

Wind Gap Municipal Authority

#### Northumberland County

East Cameron Township East Chillisquaque Township

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Ralpho Township Municipal Authority

Rush Township

Upper Mahanoy Township

West Chillesquaque Township

Zerbe Township

#### Perry County

Howe Township

Howe Township Municipal Authority

Liverpool Township

New Buffalo Borough

Rye Township

Tyrone Township

#### Pike County

Dingman Township

Lehman Township

Milford Borough

Milford Borough Authority

Milford Township

Porter Township

Shohola Township

#### Potter County

Allegany Township

Homer Township

Oswayo Borough

Oswayo Township

Sharon Township

Summit Township

#### **♥** Schuylkill County

Auburn Borough

Auburn Municipal Authority

Blythe Solid Waste Authority

Branch Township

Butler Township

City of Pottsville

City of Pottsville Hospital Authority

Coaldale Borough

Cressona Borough

Cressona Borough Authority

Deer Lake Borough

Delano Township

East Brunswick Township

Frailey Township

**Hegins Township** 

Mahanoy City Sewer Authority

Mechanicsville Borough

Mount Carbon Borough

New Philadelphia Borough

Palo Alto Borough

Pine Grove Borough

Port Clinton Borough

Reilly Township

Ringtown Borough & Municipal Authority

Rush Township

Schuylkill Township

Shenandoah Borough

Shenandoah Borough Municipal Authority

South Manheim Township

Tremont Borough

Tremont Township

Walker Township

Wayne Township

Wayne Township Municipal Authority

West Brunswick Township West Penn Township

#### **♥** Snyder County

Adams Township

Adams Township Municipal Authority

Beaver Township

Kreamer Municipal Authority

#### **▽** Somerset County

Indian Lake Borough

#### Sullivan County

Eagles Mere Borough & Authority Laporte Township

#### **♥** Susquehanna County

**Great Bend Borough** 

Jackson Township

Montrose Municipal Authority

New Milford Borough

New Milford Municipal Authority

Oakland Borough

Thompson Borough

#### ▼ Tioga County

Deerfield Township

Elk Township

Elkland Borough

Morris Township

Tioga Township

#### Union County

Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority

Gregg Township Municipal Authority

Mifflinburg Borough & Municipal Authority New Berlin Borough

New Berlin Municipal Authority

Seda-Cog Joint Rail Authority

#### Venango County

Allegheny Township

#### Warren County

Cherry Grove Township

Columbus Township & Authority

Limestone Township

Southwest Township

Sugar Grove Borough

Sugar Grove Township

#### Washington County

Beallsville Borough

California Borough
Carroll Township

Clavsville Borough

Deemston Borough

Donegal Township

Dunlevy Borough

East Finley Township
East Washington Borough

Elco Borough

Houston Borough

Long Branch Borough

Mid-Mon Valley Regional Planning &

Zoning Comm

Mid-Mon Valley Water Pollution Authority

Morris Township

R.E.S. Regional Police Department

Roscoe Borough

South Franklin Township

South Strabane Township Authority

Speers Borough

West Pike Run Township

#### Wayne County

Buckingham Township

Cherry Ridge Township

Clinton Township

Dyberry Township

Hawley Area Authority

Mt. Pleasant Township

South Canaan Township Waymart Borough

#### Westmoreland County

East Vandergrift Borough

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority

Penn Trafford Area Rec. Commission

#### Wyoming County

Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority

#### York County

Crossroads Borough

Dallastown Borough

Dallastown Yoe Water Authority

**Dover Borough** 

East Hopewell Township

Management Agency

Eastern York County Emergency

Eastern York County Sewer Authority

Fawn Township

Franklintown Borough & Municipal Authority

Glen Rock Borough

Hellam Township Hopewell Area Park & Recreation Board

Hopewell Township

Jacobus Borough

Lewisberry Area Joint Authority

Lewisberry Borough

Lower Chanceford Township

Manchester Township & Municipal Authority Manheim Township

New Freedom Borough & Authority North Codorus Township Authority & VFC

North Hopewell Township

Red Lion Borough

Red Lion Municipal Authority

Shrewsbury Township Southern Police Commission

Southwestern Regional Police Department

Springfield Township York County Sewer Authority

Springfield Township

West Manchester Township & Sewer

Authority

West Manchester Water Authority

West Shore Recreation Commission

# FINANCIAL STABILITY



# **Evaluation and Oversight**

PIRMA has contracted with two firms to obtain independent analysis and audit of its financial operations.

Crowe LLP prepares an audited financial report on an annual basis and, in 2020, provided an unqualified opinion of the Pool's financial statements.

Demotech, Inc. an independent financial analysis services firm, provides a Financial Stability Rating<sup>®</sup> (FSR). PIRMA's FSR is based on four specific areas of analysis: financial stability, loss reserves, administration, and overall performance. For 2020 Demotech has, for the thirty first consecutive year, assigned PIRMA the highest rating of AAA (unsurpassed) in each area.

# **Membership Stability and Growth**

Review by independent organizations such as Crowe LLP and Demotech is an important tool to analyze the financial integrity of a Pool such as PIRMA, but it is also appropriate to evaluate a Pool's success by its growth and maintenance of membership. Since its inception in 1987, the Pool has enjoyed both steady growth and loyalty from its members, that totaled 611 at the end of 2020.

#### Reinsurance

Adequate and appropriate reinsurance is essential to protect the financial integrity of a group self-insurance program. PIRMA reinsures its casualty claims through APEEP, Genesis Reinsurance and Markel Global Reinsurance. Property and vehicle losses are reinsured through APEEP, Travelers and Travelers BoilerRe.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,230,642	\$ 2,398,598
Investments, at fair value	27,068,071	25,361,113
Restricted assets	1,000,000	1,000,000
Member contributions to be billed in the future	19,857,718	21,217,079
Other assets	1,021,571	914,239
Total assets	51,178,002	50,891,029
Liabilities		
Claims and claim adjustment expense reserves	20,340,675	21,890,261
Unearned premium reserves	127,913	164,789
Other liabilities	963,241	800,049
Total liabilities	21,431,829	22,855,099
Net Position		
Restricted	1,000,000	1,000,000
Unrestricted	28,746,173	27,035,930
Total Net Position	\$ 29,746,173	\$ 28,035,930

# REVENUE, EXPENSES AND **CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

	2020	2019
Operating Revenue:		
Member contributions	\$ 16,318,633	\$ 16,484,801
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(3,156,143)	(2,890,407)
Change in contributions that will be billed in the future		
to pay unpaid claims	(1,359,361)	(716,173)
Total operating revenue	11,803,129	12,878,221
Operating Expenses:		
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	6,486,917	7,970,449
Marketing and administrator fees	4,516,817	4,540,931
Other	722,657	680,370
Total operating expenses	11,726,391	13,191,750
Operating Income (Loss)	76,738	(313,529)
Nonoperating Revenue:		
Investment earnings – interest and dividends	310,838	535,662
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	1,381,616	2,177,653
Total nonoperating revenue	1,692,454	2,713,315
Withdrawals - member capital	(58,949)	(6,950)
Change in Net Position	1,710,243	2,392,836
Net Position, beginning of year	28,035,930	25,643,094
Net Position, end of year	\$ 29,746,173	\$ 28,035,930



# SERVICE PROVIDERS

# Administration

PIRMA has contracted with Sedgwick to provide administrative services to the Pool. Sedgwick's responsibilities include the general administration of PIRMA and oversight of operations including claims, underwriting, marketing and risk control. Sedgwick is located in Southfield, Michigan, and operates as the Administrator for numerous other public entity risk sharing programs.

#### Sedgwick

300 Galleria Officentre Suite 310 Southfield, MI 48034

Michele Chandler michele.chandler@sedgwick.com

# Marketing and Customer Service Administration

PIRMA has contracted with H.A. Thomson Company of Chester Springs to market the PIRMA program to local governments in Pennsylvania. In addition to marketing the program, H.A. Thomson provides support services on a statewide basis, working directly with the PIRMA members or their insurance representative.

H.A. Thomson meets with the members on an annual basis to review changes in operations or exposures and to discuss property and liability coverage questions. Additionally, they arrange for payment of contributions, issue coverage documents, and provide assistance with any concerns of the members.

#### **H.A. Thomson Company**

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#### **Loss Control**

H.A. Thomson Company is the loss control service provider responsible for working with PIRMA members to implement effective loss control programs. Loss Control is an organized and continuous effort to prevent and decrease claims and losses through the identification and analysis of risk and implementation of loss control measures. This is accomplished by:

#### **On-site Member Service Visits**

- Loss Control face-to-face meetings with managers and department heads
- Loss exposures are identified and specific loss control needs are addressed
- New members to PIRMA are visited within 90 days of joining the Pool
- Existing members are visited regularly with their individual loss control needs in mind
- Members with large claim severity and frequency are seen annually
- Loss Control provides assistance in implementing safety practices and programs

#### PIRMA's Resource eLibrary

PIRMA maintains a website, www.pirma.org. The site not only provides information on PIRMA and answers to frequently asked questions, but also contains updates of safety articles and copies of the PIRMA Newsletters. Members who have obtained a password from the Administrator, have access to a vast library of loss control information and can order loss control resources at no cost:

- Access to DVDs, streamed videos, and webinars
- Hundreds of documents including manuals, loss control policies, job descriptions, and checklists
- Online training programs, which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Certified Continuing Education Courses for wastewater treatment operators

Loss control consultants are only a phone call or email away.

#### **Loss Control Service Provider**

#### **H.A. Thomson Company**

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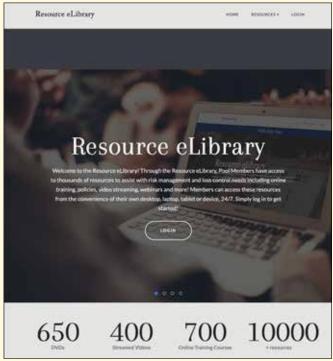
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#### **Loss Control Administrator**

#### Sedgwick

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#### **General Counsel**

Stephen Siana, Esq. is General Counsel to PIRMA. Mr. Siana has been involved with PIRMA since its inception. In addition to serving as General Counsel, Mr. Siana provides litigation management services to the Pool, consisting of oversight to and consultation with PIRMA's administrator, claims service provider, and various law firms providing legal defense to members, in an effort to ensure a coordinated response to third-party claims against the members of PIRMA.

#### Siana Law

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# Claims Service Provider and Claims Administrator

PIRMA utilizes a network of approved attorneys who have complete familiarity with the Pool coverage and the available immunities. They operate under the close supervision of the PIRMA General Counsel and Sedgwick Claims Legal Staff who also oversee the operations of IRM, a specialty claims service firm, which has been retained to provide initial response to, and investigation of, members' claims.

#### **Claims Administration**

#### Sedgwick

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#### **Claims Service Provider**

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### **Auditing**

Since the inception of PIRMA, the Board of Directors has contracted with an independent auditing firm to conduct an audit in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Each year of the Pool's operation has resulted in the issuance of an unqualified "clean" opinion at completion of the audit. This is the highest level of opinion that is permitted to be issued.

#### **Crowe LLP**

155 W. Nationwide Boulevard #500 Columbus, OH 43215 (860) 470–2123

Joseph W. Kowalczyk, CPA

## Financial Stability Rating® (FSR)

The PIRMA Board of Directors contracts, on an annual basis, with Demotech, Inc., an independent financial analysis services firm, to provide a Financial Stability Rating® (FSR). PIRMA's FSR is based on four specific areas of analysis: financial stability, loss reserves, administration, and overall performance. For thirty one (31) consecutive years, PIRMA has earned the highest available FSR of AAA (Unsurpassed).

#### Demotech, Inc.

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# PAST BOARD MEMBERS

**Appreciation is** extended to the following individuals whose knowledge and commitment have contributed to the success of PIRMA.

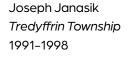
Paul Kahler Bath Borough 1987-1999

Rodney Jarinko Moore Township 1987-1988

Charles Feindler Telford Borough 1988-1998

Henry Pennline Carroll Township 1988-1995

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Sterling Smith Red Lion Borough 1994-2006

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**Donald Carman** Elkland Borough 2008

Helen Jackson New Beaver Borough 2009-2010

Carol Sambol Baden Borough 1987-2012

Stephanie Mason Doylestown Township 2003-2016

From 1988-2000 a representative of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) also served on the Board of Directors. At various periods, Charles Feindler and Sterling Smith were appointed as the PSAB representative.

