

## Protecting the interests of self-insurers in the state of Arkansas

### Vice President's Message

HDeAr Members,

As we reflect on the past months, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to each of our self-insured employers across Arkansas. Your commitment to maintaining a safe and compliant workplace not only benefits your organizations but also contributes significantly to the strength and reputation of our state's self-insurance community. Your dedication is truly appreciated, and it is an honor to serve alongside such forward-thinking and responsible employers.

In June, several of our distinguished board members had the privilege of attending the National Council of Self-Insurers' Conference. I am extremely proud to share that our representatives did an outstanding job representing Arkansas on the national stage. Their participation highlighted our state's leadership and innovative approaches in self-insurance, reinforcing Arkansas's reputation as a leader in this industry. During the national conference, it was determined that ASIA has a higher number of members than most other state self-insurers' organizations. Additionally, our program boasts the lowest membership fee of any state participating in the event, further highlighting its value. We are setting a high standard, and it is inspiring to see our efforts recognized across the country.

Looking ahead, we will soon be conducting elections for new board members. This is a vital opportunity for members to have a voice in shaping the future direction of our association. I encourage all eligible members to consider participating in this process, as your involvement ensures that our organization continues to serve your needs effectively and remains aligned with our shared goals.

Additionally, I want to commend the Legislative Committee for their diligent work. Their efforts in monitoring and engaging with legislative developments are instrumental in safeguarding the interests of our members. Thanks to their dedication, we are well-positioned to navigate the evolving regulatory landscape and advocate for policies that support the growth and stability of self-insurance in Arkansas.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and leadership. Together, we are making a difference and advancing Arkansas's reputation as a leader in self-insurance.

Sincerely,

Misty Petrus

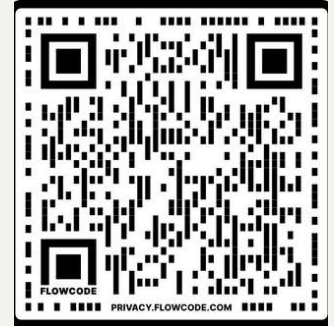
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In addition, we are collaborating with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (AWCC) to propose revisions to Rule 099.30, which governs the Medical Fee Schedule. The ASIA Board has compiled a list of recommended changes and will present these to the Committee in the coming weeks. Should amendments to other Rules be considered, we will address them as they arise.

Carol Lockard Worley

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### Save The Date

Mark your calendars to join ASIA for our annual educational conference by stepping back into the Roaring Twenties, where Arkansas's Self Insurers community comes together for an unforgettable exchange of ideas, innovation, and insight.

DATES: Wednesday, 4/8/26 and Thursday, 4/9/26

LOCATION: Hot Springs Convention Center

You will not want to miss this chance to be a part of ASIA: The Great Collaborate Conference, where the past inspires the future.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE 1/31/2026

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