



THE PAR-PLAN NEWS

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Par-Plan's 15th Annual Business Meeting



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In recognition of the 15th anniversary of the Par-Plan, the board thought it would be proper to return to the Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island for its 15th annual meeting. We celebrated our 10th anniversary there in 1995 and felt that the 15th is a significant milestone and warranted a return visit. In addition to the current board, all past Par-Plan directors have been invited to attend.

The dates are July 12th-14th with the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Thursday July 13th at 9:00 am with a luncheon to follow. If you can fit this meeting into your busy summer schedule please plan on attending.

Par – Plan Board
Election Update

On April 13th nomination forms were mailed to all members in the Zones #2, #5, and #8. Nominations were then counted on May 12th and election ballots were mailed on June 5th.

The Par-Plan By-Laws and Election Committee will count ballots on June 30th. The following individuals are running for a Par-Plan Board seat.

Zone 2: Incumbent C. R. St. Martin, Supervisor, Seney Township, Schoolcraft County

Zone 5: Incumbent James Beelen, Supervisor, Allendale Township, Ottawa County

Zone 5: Candidate Mary Price, Trustee, Danby Township, Ionia County

Zone 8: Incumbent John Buckhout, Treasurer, Kalamazoo Charter Township, Kalamazoo County

Winners will be notified by committee after ballots are counted.

Directors

Term: July 1, 1999 through June 30,

ZONE 1

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ZONE 4

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Allendale Charter Township
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ZONE 6

Mark Harnden
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ZONE 7

John Jones, Secretary
Ira Township
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ZONE 8

John Buckhout
Charter Township of Kalamazoo
(616) 381-8080

ZONE 9

Bob Skrobola, Vice Chairman
Pittsfield Township
(734) 944-3140

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The fall Par-Plan Board of Directors meeting will be held at IRA Township in St. Clair county on **October 13th at 10:00 am**. For those members needing directions please contact the Par Plan office. (800) 783-1370

PAR-PLAN 15TH ANNIVERSARY

As everyone should know by now, the year 2000 represents our 15th full year of operation. Ever since the first year, 1985, the Par-Plan has been the #1 program for townships and small local governments. Currently, over 2/3 of all townships are members of our program, and we are the only program in Michigan that is controlled by township officials.

The balance of our 1100+ members are comprised primarily of: Villages, Cities, Fire Protection Districts, and a diverse number of special use districts and authorities.

The Plan's approach of **NOT** pooling risk has certainly proven to be the insuring method of choice for small public entities across Michigan.

The program's original goal of providing tailored broad protection at a fair price was, and is, the primary function of the Par-Plan. The protection we currently provide in the areas of zoning and sewer backup are, **BY FAR**, the broadest available in Michigan.

Providing the protection our members require and underwriting those exposures adequately, is a fundamental obligation of the program. While other programs continue to exclude coverage for more and more exposures, and say they are uninsurable, the Par-Plan exerts significant efforts in finding a solution to the problems facing our membership.

Join us in celebrating our 15 years of successful operation as Michigan's #1 Property and Liability Program!



Midwest Claims Service Twelfth Annual Claim / Attorney Seminar

Our twelfth seminar will be held on September 20th – 22nd, 2000 at Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln, Michigan. The annual seminar will be attended by the Par-Plan Board Directors, Appointed Counsel, Midwest Claim Staff, Kenrick Risk Control Staff, Risk Managers, Representatives from the Par-Plan Reinsurers and Representatives from the MTA.

This year's seminar topics will be including workshops discussing case law and actual cases involving governmental immunity and civil rights.

Material from the seminar is available to all Par-Plan members. If you are interested in receiving information on any of the seminar topics, please contact Jim Youngblood at (800) 225-6561 or jyoungblood@kenrickcorp.com



*Exciting
Times
for the
Risk Control
Department*



We are pleased to make several announcements regarding the Par-Plan Risk Control Department. Sue Rocchio, ARM, has joined the organization as Manager of the Risk Control Department. Sue brings with her many years of experience working with public entities and we are very pleased with her addition to the family.

Joe Juras will continue providing top-notch service to the membership as one of our Field Representatives operating out of his home in West Branch. Joe, along with Jerry Adair, will continue to serve our membership throughout the state. Leslie Powell's involvement with the department also has been increased which will help spread the internal workload more evenly over the entire staff.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Rita Evans was promoted to Assistant Manager, Risk Control. This well deserved promotion comes after many years of dedicated hard work in serving Par-Plan members. Most recently Rita has been responsible for designing and delivering Zoning Workshops to hundreds of our members throughout Michigan. Please join us in congratulating Rita!

These changes are part of a continued effort to improve the level of service to the membership. We are also improving the automation of the department and its interaction with the underwriting and claims departments. This will improve the departments ability to assist in the identification of problem areas members may be experiencing before they develop into significant losses.

If you have any questions or require any risk control assistance, please contact one of our capable staff. We are here to serve you!



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Risk Control has been on the road since January when we first introduced the Par-Plan training video "Avoiding Zoning Lawsuits". The response from Par-Plan members wishing to receive more information regarding zoning has been phenomenal.

We are currently compiling the requests received from our interest form and are working on a centralized location that will encompass several counties and several townships at a time. This will allow us to better serve all that are interested. Once all information is gathered another notice will go out for date, time and location of a workshop you may attend. It is the Par-Plan's goal to assist our members in controlling potential losses.