



*Established 2011*

# **TEXAS-WIDE UNDERWRITING CONFERENCE**

## **ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION**

## Article I

### Name and Organization

The name of this association is Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference. Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference is designated an unincorporated nonprofit association created under the laws of the State of Texas.

## Article II

### Intent and Purpose

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference consists of three (3) or more members in the state of Texas joined by mutual consent for the common, nonprofit purpose of education and networking for fellow insurance underwriters.

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may engage in any and all activities permitted to an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code or corresponding future provisions of the federal tax law. To these ends, Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be incidental or reasonable necessary to any of this purpose, and it shall have and may exercise all other powers and authority now or hereafter conferred upon unincorporated nonprofit associations in the State of Texas.

## Article III

### Office and Duration

1. The office of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall be located at the address at which the Treasurer has official residence; or at such place as Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may from time to time determine, or as the association Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may require.
2. The duration of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall be perpetual.
3. The death, removal, or resignation of any member of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall not result in the dissolution of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference.

## Article IV

### Structure

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference consists of individuals and groups dedicated to the education of underwriters, through public education, training and skill development. The conference shall be held annually with presentations, workshops, discussion groups and other methods as needed to realize the education objective.

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference supports:

- Compliance with the letter and spirit of insurance legislation and regulations, particularly as they apply to risk classification, privacy and disclosure
- Avoiding any underwriting action which is in conflict with the obligation to act independently and without bias
- Increasing the public understanding of underwriting by providing information about risk classification
- Opportunities to share and exchange underwriting knowledge and experiences
- Participation in insurance industry examinations specific to underwriting
- Maintaining the dignity and sound reputation of the Underwriting Profession
- Networking among underwriters

## Article V

### Membership

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference is a purely voluntary association, and no membership fee or annual dues are required for membership.

Membership is open to anyone wishing to learn or enhance underwriting and related skills or wishing to render support, guidance and encouragement to those wishing to learn.

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin or any other personal factor.

## Article VI

### Association Leadership

Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall be governed by a committee comprised of volunteers from underwriting associations and members at large in Texas. At least two (2) members to be determined by the group will act as officers.

The name and total number of officer positions will be determined as the group requires and are changeable as circumstances necessitate. One person will be designated as Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference's agent in this state, as needed, following state law requirements.

## Article VII

### Accounting and Records

The fiscal year of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

All minute books, correspondence and other records of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference shall be preserved by the Officers. Records that have ceased to be of use for the conduct of the affairs of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may be turned over for preservation to a depository designated by it, or discarded.

## Article VIII

### Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference, its property, funds and other assets shall be transferred to whatever organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or scientific purposes as Texas-Wide Underwriting Conference may determine, provided such organization or organizations qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Association on this 2nd day of November, 2011.

Elizabeth A. Collier

Elizabeth A. Collier, President

02 November 2011

Date

Richard G. Odom

Richard G. Odom, Vice-President Treasurer

02 November 2011

Date