



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS

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Re: NAIC 2010 Funded Consumer Liaison Program

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The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Funded Consumer Liaison Program. Grants for expenses associated with NAIC travel will be provided to the qualified consumer liaison representatives chosen to participate in the 2010 program.

The NAIC is a non-profit voluntary association of insurance regulators from 50 states, the District of Columbia and five United States territories. The NAIC serves several functions including coordinating efforts among the states in the area of insurance regulation and solvency oversight; providing technical assistance to the states; promoting consistency in the examination of multi-state insurance companies; valuing, on a uniform basis, securities held by insurance companies; and facilitating the drafting and adoption of model insurance laws and regulations. Since the regulation of insurance is a function of state governments, the NAIC serves a critical function by providing centralized support services to the states.

To promote consumer activity and representation in NAIC deliberations, the NAIC established the consumer participation program in 1992. The Consumer Liaison Committee traditionally meets at the NAIC National Meetings on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The NAIC will dedicate a fund of approximately \$120,000 from its budget to operate this program and to reimburse selected consumer representatives for expenses associated with participation in and traveling to NAIC meetings. These expenses include airfare, lodging and meals. Through this program, we hope to bring more consumers into the decision-making process at the NAIC. In 2009, 16 consumer representatives received funding for travel. Attached are the Criteria for Selection of the NAIC Funded Consumer Representatives.

The NAIC provides an equal opportunity for all applicants and does not discriminate based on gender, age, race or physical impairment. If you are interested in participating in the 2010 Funded Consumer Liaison Program and you meet the qualifications, please complete the application, attach the relevant requested documents and return them to me by December 31, 2009.

The 2009 Funded Consumer Liaison representatives must reapply in order to be considered for the 2010 program year.

The Consumer Participation Board of Trustees, which consists of six state insurance regulators and six consumer representatives, will review the applications and may interview some applicants by telephone. In early February of 2010, the Board will select candidates to receive funding for 2010. Successful applicants will be notified immediately following completion of the selection process.

If you would like additional information about the NAIC and its committee processes, please access the NAIC's web site at www.naic.org or feel free to contact me by telephone at (816) 783-8517, e-mail at LAlexand@naic.org or facsimile at (816) 460-7632.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures:

2010 Selection Criteria

2010 Funded Consumer Representative Application Form

2010 NAIC Committee Structure

2010 NAIC Proposed Committee Charges

2010 NAIC National Meetings Schedule