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SRIA Members,

During the Southern Risk and Insurance Association meeting last November in Bay St. Louis, the board reviewed and approved a proposal from the WRIA board regarding the co-sponsorship of the *Journal of Insurance Issues* (JII). At the business meeting, the membership in attendance voted to ratify the board's decision.

The primary change for SRIA members is that SRIA membership now includes an annual subscription to the JII. Since 2009 dues were included on the 2008 registration form, the board decided to delay the change in dues until January 2010. The registration form for the 2009 meeting in Orlando will reflect the increase in membership dues from \$10 to \$60 per year. If an SRIA member also belongs to WRIA, then that member's dues will remain at \$10 as he/she will not be required to purchase two subscriptions to the JII (Please note that we certainly are not discouraging this option!). All doctoral students who attend the SRIA meeting will receive a complementary annual subscription to the JII for the following year. SRIA will appear on the JII's masthead with WRIA as a cosponsoring association and SRIA will appoint representatives to the JII board. Through representation on the JII board, both WRIA and SRIA will be involved in the review of the current JII editor(s) and the selection of future editors.

In joining with WRIA to co-sponsor the journal, our goal is to ensure that the JII remains a strong and viable outlet for insurance and risk management scholarly research and that it continues to grow in stature. In agreeing to co-sponsor the JII, SRIA does have a commitment to provide financial support to the journal if necessary. At this point, the \$50 subscription fee adequately covers the cost of producing the journal and an alternative production outlet has been identified that should lead to a reduction in production costs. As such, the SRIA board does not perceive a need to provide direct financial support to the JII for the foreseeable future. The spring edition of the JII will be the first to include the Southern Risk and Insurance Association on the cover. This is an important event in the history of SRIA and we hope that you will consider the *Journal of Insurance Issues* as YOUR journal when identifying outlets for future research.

Best regards,



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President



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Immediate Past-President

