



Arizona Captive Insurance Association

President's Message

It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as this year's President of the AzCIA. Together with my fellow officers and directors, we look forward to carrying out the mission of the AzCIA: To support, promote, foster and market the position of the state of Arizona as an attractive, competitive and vital captive insurance domicile, by providing education and networking opportunities for those who operate within the captive insurance industry.

AzCIA added one new Director to the board this year. I'd like to welcome Tricia Villarreal, who was elected by the membership earlier this month. Tricia has over 12 years of experience in risk management, and now serves as Director, Risk Management for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. in their Phoenix office. While Starwood currently has a captive domiciled in Vermont, she is very interested in developing Arizona's captive industry and her plans include forming a captive in Arizona.

AzCIA currently has 114 members and Arizona 101 active licensed captives. Our membership committee is working hard to increase membership and participation in the AzCIA.

This past year we stepped outside of the box and joined forces with the Utah Captive Insurance Association and sponsored the first multi-state captive conference. The Western Region Captive Insurance Conference (WCRIC) featured attendees from over 27 states and 3 countries, along with captive regulators from 4 western states. We featured a slate of top notch educational sessions with some of the world's foremost experts in the captive insurance arena.

We have already begun planning the 2011 conference and we hope to get more states to join as sponsors of the WRCIC. Our vision is to build a conference that parallels or exceeds the best captive insurance conferences in the world. Stay tuned for more on the 2011 WRCIC conference.

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