

**Insurance Continuing Education Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, December 21, 2022**

The meeting of the Insurance Continuing Education Advisory Council was called to order at 9:34 a.m. on December 21, 2022.

Members Present

David Dachs, State Auditor's Office non-voting member and meeting chair
Misty Kriskovich, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana member
Chris Campbell, Professional Insurance Agents of Montana member
Mary Arnold, Public Member
Bob Sewell, title insurance industry member
Ric Holden, adjuster member

Members Absent

Dan Rust, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – Montana member
DeAnna Anderson, unaffiliated member

Staff Present

Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance

Members of the Public

None present

CSI Updates

Bob Biskupiak discussed legislation being brought in the legislative session that would change the course reviews to a vendor and eliminate the Continuing Education Advisory Council. If passed the legislation will be effective upon passage. David Dachs noted that the CSI will retain review of course providers and instructors. Initially a vendor will only be doing course reviews and the CSI will retain approval and denial authority. This will help improve speed to market of courses and efficiency with current staffing levels.

Approval of Minutes

Mary Arnold moved to approve the November 22, 2022, meeting minutes. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation of Course Summaries

Course information was distributed by e-mail to all Advisory Council members in advance.

Bob Biskupiak prepared the course summaries. Bob Biskupiak noted numerous course submissions this month. Discussed Stewart Title Guaranty ethics course submission, titled Year in Review 2022. Bob Biskupiak provided an overview of the course outline and that it appeared to be general credit and not ethics. Advisory Council members agreed that the course was general credit.

Bob Biskupiak noted the 2023 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar course submission from the Bureau of Business and Economic Research did not appear to contain insurance information. Mary Arnold discussed seeing submissions for this course in prior years. In the past the course was reviewed and there were similar concerns about the content in relation to improving insurance knowledge, however; the course was approved in prior years. Advisory Council members agreed it might be good knowledge but not improve insurance knowledge.

Bob Biskupiak noted that while performing course reviews many course providers indicate the course is a general submission but discovered many were NAIC course submissions when reviewing the course documents attached to the submission.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discussion of Course Summaries

Mary Arnold moved to approve the courses as presented with the exception of the Stewart Title Guaranty course Year in Review 2022 being approved for 1 general credit hour and not to approve the 2023 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar course submitted by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Misty Kriskovich seconded the motion.

Motion for course approval was passed unanimously.

Other discussion items

None.

Council Direction to Staff

Currently none.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council meeting, Zoom

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.