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*Special Edition*





## **ANNOUNCING THE NEW HYBRID MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN**

### **New program provides enhanced coverage's and dividend plan**

The Michigan Township Participating Plan is **extremely** pleased to advise our membership that a significant number of coverage enhancements will go into effect for all new and renewal members on their coverage anniversary date as of July 1, 2011.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, with the return of David Kensler as our program administrator, there has been an extremely ambitious effort to analyze and determine what steps needed to be taken to reaffirm the Par-Plan as the obvious choice for townships and smaller public entities.

The Plan's Program Enhancement Committee, headed by Chairman Terry Wright, has been working diligently in reviewing the structure and coverages the plan currently offers to its members. One of the driving factors of this review process was the consideration the downward spiral of the economic climate that all public entities are facing and the need for comprehensive property and casualty coverage. The board comprised of public officials just as you, began the daunting exploration of determining how the program can further help our membership and help them maintain their long-term obligations to their communities.

Every public entity is unique unto itself, and that is why the Michigan Township Participating Plan was formed in 1985 to provide comprehensive property and casualty coverage to public entities throughout the State of Michigan. Traditional insurance providers were reluctant to underwrite public entities due to the diversity of operations. Now in its twenty-sixth year of operation, this move demonstrates once again, that **evolution** is the key to success and why the Michigan Township Participating Plan is the most comprehensive and best program for townships and government entities across the state of Michigan.

With concentrations of expertise in the public arena from our board of directors, regional risk managers, in-house risk control, claims handling and legal services allows the Par-Plan to build on specialty needs and give back to the community something of real value.

*The new Par- Plan program structure is now offering our members enhanced coverage, grant options, and a group experience dividend plan.*

The inclusion of a group dividend feature to the Par-Plan is unique. No other non-pool program offers this feature.

After the upcoming annual meeting, the Plan will be introducing to our members instructions on the process of applying for grants and the qualifying requirements to obtain a grant, in addition to further explaining the dividend plan.

All of us affiliated with the Par-Plan are extremely excited with the unveiling of the New Hybrid Par-Plan. In these economic times, in addition to a competitive price, the value added benefits offered by the Par-Plan are clearly what sets it apart from everyone else. We thank our members for their continued support.

For more information on this topic, please contact your Michigan Township Participating Plan Regional Risk Manager (see on page 4), or Rita Evans of the Par -Plan administrative office at 1.800.783.1370.



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In the coming months the Par-Plan will be introducing to our members instructions on the process of applying for grants and the qualifying requirements to obtain a grant, in addition to further explaining the dividend plan.

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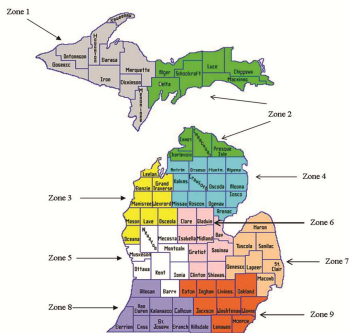
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# Michigan Township Participating Plan 2011 Par-Plan Board Election Results

On April 1, 2011 election nomination forms were mailed to all Par-Plan members in Zones 1,4,7 to receive nominations for the regular election of the board of directors serving a three year term.

On May 6, 2011 the Par-Plan Election committee confirmed nomination forms, member resolutions and candidate disclosures statements. The following candidates were confirmed and placed on the election ballots that were mailed out May 27, 2011.

Zone 1: Incumbent Paul Lehto, Supervisor- Calumet Township, Houghton County

Zone 4: Incumbent Terry Wright, Supervisor- Charter Township of Grayling, Crawford County

Zone 7: Incumbent William H. Walters IV, Council member- City of Brown City, Sanilac County

The Par-Plan Election committee met on June 28, 2011 to count and certify ballots. With no opposition, the following directors were re-elected to their respective zones.

Zone 1: Incumbent Paul Lehto, Supervisor- Calumet Township, Houghton County

Zone 4: Incumbent Terry Wright, Supervisor- Charter Township of Grayling, Crawford County

Zone 7: Incumbent William H. Walters IV, Council member- City of Brown City, Sanilac County

New directors of the Par-Plan program are selected based on the highest number of votes. Elected positions require directors to attend at least four (4) board meetings per year in addition to the Par-Plan’s appointed committee meetings.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan is a tailored property and casualty risk management program developed to meet the needs of public entities. The Par-Plan is the only risk management program controlled by public officials that understand the needs of local governments and the confined guidelines that governments have to work within.

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