

SECTION V
NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, TERM OF OFFICE
AND POWER AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

- 5.1** **NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF TRUSTEES.** The operation and administration of the Trust shall be the joint responsibility of a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) Trustees. No Trustee may be elected who is, or continue to serve as a Trustee after becoming, an owner, officer, or employee of a service provider to the Fund. Each Trustee shall be an elected official of a Member. No two (2) Trustees may be elected officials from the same Member. Each Trustee shall serve for a period of four (4) years, or the balance of such Trustee's term of office as an elected official of the Member, whichever shall first occur. A Trustee may serve successive four (4) year terms provided such Trustee continues to remain an elected official of a Member. Each and every Trustee named, and each successor Trustee, shall acknowledge and consent to their election as a Trustee by giving written notice of acceptance of such appointment to the chairman, or acting chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- 5.2** **RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF A TRUSTEE.** A Trustee may resign and become and remain fully discharged from all further duties or responsibilities hereunder, by giving at least sixty (60) days prior written notice sent by certified mail, overnight delivery or other appropriate method of delivery to the chairman or acting chairman of the Board of Trustees. Such notice shall state the date said resignation shall take effect, and such resignation shall take effect on the date designated unless a successor Trustee has been elected at an earlier date as herein provided, in which event resignation shall take effect immediately upon the election of such successor Trustee. Additionally, oral notice of resignation may be given at any duly convened meeting of the Trustees, which said oral notice of resignation shall be incorporated, and made a part of, the minutes of such duly convened meeting. A Trustee may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees or by a majority vote of the Members. Any Trustee, upon leaving office, shall forthwith turn over and deliver to the chairman or the secretary of the Trustees at the principal office of the Trust any and all records, books, documents or other property in such Trustees possession, or under such Trustees control, which belongs to the Trust.

- 5.3 **ELECTION OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES.** Successor Trustees shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Nominations for the election of Trustees may be made by the Board of Trustees or by any Member of the Fund.
- 5.4 **TRUSTEE TITLE.** In the event of death, resignation, refusal or inability to act by any one or more of the Trustees, the remaining Trustees shall have all the powers, rights, estates and interests of this Trust and shall be charged with its duties and responsibilities; provided, however, that in such case(s), no action may be taken unless it is concurred in by a majority of the remaining Trustees.
- 5.5 **TRUSTEE OFFICERS.** The Trustees shall elect from among themselves a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the Board of Trustees. Such officers shall be elected annually at the end of the fiscal year of the Trust, and may succeed themselves.
- 5.6 **POWER AND AUTHORITY.** The Board of Trustees shall be charged with the duty of the general supervision and operation of the Fund, and shall conduct the business activities of the Fund in accordance with this Agreement, its by-laws, rules and regulations and applicable federal and state statutes and rules and regulations. In connection therewith, the Board of Trustees may exercise the following authority and powers:
- (a) To collect premiums from participating Members in an amount individually agreed to by the Fund and said Members for the purpose of paying for or providing the coverages provided in this Agreement to participating Members.
 - (b) To pay for or provide such excess insurance or reinsurance coverage as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Fund.
 - (c) To borrow funds, issue bonds and other certificates of indebtedness, and arrange for lines or letters of credit to assist in providing the coverages provided in this Agreement to participating Members.
 - (d) To pay for or provide appropriate liability and other types of insurance to cover the acts of the Board of Trustees of the Fund.
 - (e) To contract with appropriate professional service providers to meet the purposes of the Fund, and to expend funds for the reasonable operating and administrative expenses of the Fund, including but not limited to, all reasonable and necessary expenses which may be incurred in connection with the establishment of the Fund, in connection with the employment of such administrative, legal, accounting, and other expert or clerical assistance to the Fund, and in connection with

the leasing and purchase of such premise, material, supplies and equipment as the Board, in its discretion, may deem necessary for or appropriate to the performance of its duties, or the duties of the Administrator or the other agents or employees of the Fund.

(f) To pay claims the Fund becomes legally obliged to pay pursuant to the Coverage Agreements entered into by and between the Fund and participating Members.

(g) To establish and accumulate as part of the Fund adequate reserves to carry out the purposes of the Fund.

(h) To pay premiums on, and to otherwise secure or provide, insurance products that are ancillary to the coverages authorized by this Agreement.

(i) To invest and reinvest funds that may come into the possession of the Fund.

(j) To assume the assets and liabilities of the Fund.

(k) To take such actions and expend such funds as are reasonably necessary to facilitate the cessation of the business of the Fund.

(l) To exercise such powers that are authorized to be exercised by trustees under and pursuant to the laws of Florida.

(m) To take such other action and expend such funds as are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Fund.

5.7 APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. The Board of Trustees, after the inception of the Fund, shall receive applications for membership from prospective new participants in the Fund and shall approve applications for membership in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, any Participation Agreement, applicable federal and state statutes and rules and regulations, and the rules and regulations established by the Board of Trustees for the admission of new members into the Fund; provided, however, no prospective member may participate in the Fund unless such prospective member is a public agency of the state. As used herein, the phrase "public agency" includes, but is not limited to, the state, its agencies, counties, municipalities, special districts, school districts, and other governmental entities; the independent establishments and constitutional officers of the state, counties, municipalities, school districts, special districts, and other governmental entities; and corporations primarily acting as instrumentalities or agencies of the state, counties, municipalities, special districts, school districts, and other governmental entities. The Board of Trustees shall be the

sole judge of whether or not an applicant for membership shall be eligible to participate in the Fund; provided, however, the Board of Trustees may delegate the functions associated with approval of Members to the Administrator.

- 5.8** REPORTING. The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for and shall cause to be prepared and filed such annual or other periodic audits, reports and disclosures as may be required from time to time pursuant to applicable federal and state statutes and rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, periodic payroll audits, periodic summary loss reports, periodic statements of financial condition, certified audits, appropriate applications filed by prospective new members, reports as to financial standings, payroll records, reports relating to coverage, experience, loss and compensation payments, summary loss data statements, periodic status reports, and any other such reports as may be required from time to time to accomplish the purpose of the Fund or to satisfy the requirements of appropriate governmental entities.
- 5.9** TRUSTEES' LIABILITY. The Trustees and their agents and employees shall not be liable for any act of omission or commission taken pursuant to this Agreement unless such act constitutes a willful breach of fiduciary duties nor shall any Trustee be liable for any act of omission or commission by any other Trustee or by any employee or agent of the Fund. The Fund hereby agrees to save, hold harmless and indemnify the Trustees and their agents and employees for any loss, damage or expense incurred by said persons or entities while acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Fund, unless such action constitutes a willful breach of fiduciary duties.
- 5.10** RELIANCE ON COUNSEL'S OPINION. The Board of Trustees may employ and consult with legal counsel concerning any questions which may arise with reference to the duties and powers of the Board of Trustees or with reference to any other matter pertaining to this Agreement or the Fund created thereby; and the opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability arising out of or in respect to any action taken or suffered by the Board of Trustees or an individual Trustee acting hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the opinion of such counsel.
- 5.11** BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Board of Trustees may adopt and enforce such by-laws, rules and regulations as between the Members of the Fund and the

Fund governing the operation of the Fund as are consistent with the terms of this Agreement and as are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Fund.

SECTION VI

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

- 6.1 RESPONSIBILITIES. The Administrator shall have the power and authority to implement the directives of the Board of Trustees and the policy matters set forth by the Board of Trustees as they relate to the on-going operation and supervision of the Fund, the by-laws, rules and regulations established by the Board of Trustees, the provisions of this Agreement, and applicable federal and state statutes, rules and regulations. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the Administrator retained by the Board of Trustees shall be set forth in an Administrative Agreement executed between the Board of Trustees and the Administrator.
- 6.2 CONTRIBUTIONS. The Administrator shall deposit into the account or accounts designated by the Board of Trustees, at the financial institution or institutions designated by the Board of Trustees, all contributions as and when collected from the Members and said monies shall be disbursed only in the manner provided by this Agreement, the Coverage Agreements, the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Board of Trustees, and the Agreement entered into by and between the Board of Trustees and the Administrator.

SECTION VII

MEMBERS

- 7.1 MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION. The Board of Trustees shall be the sole judge of whether membership in the Fund may be cancelled, or whether a member may be suspended or expelled from the Fund; provided, however, the Board of Trustees may delegate the functions associated with cancellation, suspension or expulsion of a Member to the Administrator. Written notice of any such cancellation, suspension or expulsion shall be provided by the Fund to the member no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation, suspension or expulsion, and no liability under this Agreement or any other

agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Fund and the member pursuant to this Agreement, shall accrue to the Fund following the effective date of such cancellation, suspensions or expulsion. The minimal notice provisions of this paragraph shall not apply in the event a member fails to make the requisite contributions for coverages under this Agreement when such contributions are due.

7.2 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.** By execution of a Participation Agreement agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Amended Interlocal Agreement, each Member agrees to abide by the following rules and regulations:

(a) The Trustees have the sole responsibility to govern and direct the affairs of the Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) Any Member who formally applies for Membership in this Fund, and who is accepted by the Board of Trustees, shall thereupon become a party to this Amended Interlocal Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein. The Participation Agreement shall constitute a counterpart of this Amended Interlocal Agreement, and this Amended Interlocal Agreement shall constitute a counterpart of the Participation Agreement.

(c) To maintain a reasonable loss prevention program in order to provide the maximum in safety and lawful practices as such may relate to the potential liability assumed by the Fund under this Agreement or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Fund and the Member pursuant to this Agreement.

(d) To comply with the conditions of the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.

(e) To provide immediate notification in the event an accident or incident occurs which is likely to give rise to a claim within the scope of this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Fund and the Member pursuant to this Agreement.

(f) To promptly make all contributions for coverages arising under this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Fund and the Member pursuant to this Agreement, at the time and in the manner directed by the Board of Trustees. Said contributions may be reduced by any discount, participation credit, or other contribution reduction program established by the Board of Trustees.

(g) In the event of the payment of any loss by the Fund on behalf of the Member, the Fund shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all the rights of the Member against any party or other entity legally responsible for damages resulting from said loss, and in such event, the Member hereby agrees, on behalf of itself, its officers, employees and agents, to execute and deliver such instruments and papers as is required, and do whatever else is reasonably necessary, to secure such right to the Fund, and to cooperate with and otherwise assist the Fund as may be necessary to effect any recovery sought by the Fund pursuant to such subrogated rights.

(h) The Board of Trustees, its Administrator, and any of their agents, servants, employees or attorneys, shall be permitted at all reasonable times and upon reasonable notice to inspect the property, work places, plants, works, machinery and appliance covered pursuant to this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, and shall be permitted at all reasonable times while the Member participates in the Fund, and up to and including two (2) years following the termination of its membership in the Fund, to examine the Members' books, vouchers, contracts, documents and records of any and every kind which show or tend to show or verify any loss that may be paid or may have been paid by the Fund on behalf of the Member pursuant to this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, or which show or verify the accuracy of any contribution which is paid or payable by the Member pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

(i) The Fund is to defend in the name and on behalf of the Member any claims, suits or other legal proceedings which may at any time be instituted against the Member on account of bodily injury liability, property damage, property damage liability, errors and omissions liability or any other such liability, monetary or otherwise, to the extent such defense and liability has been assumed by the Fund pursuant to his Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, subject to any and all of the definitions, terms, conditions and exclusion contained in said agreements, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instruments,

although such claims, suits, allegations or demands are wholly groundless, false, fraudulent, and to pay all costs taxed against the Member in any such legal proceedings defended by the Fund or the Member, all interest, if any, legally accruing before and after entry of judgment in such proceedings, and all expense incurred in the investigation, negotiation or defense of such claims, suits, allegations or demands. Such defense shall be subject to the control of the Fund and its Administrator, which may make such investigations and settlement of any such claim, suit, or other legal proceeding, monetary or otherwise, as they deem expedient. The Member agrees to cooperate fully with the Fund, its administrator and their agents, with respect to the investigation, adjustment, litigation, settlement and defense of any claim, suit, or other legal proceeding, monetary or otherwise, which would be covered by the terms of this Agreement and/or any policies of insurance, excess insurance or re-insurance which have been purchased to provide protection against such claims and liabilities. The Member acknowledges that failure to cooperate fully in the investigation, defense or litigation of such claims, suits, or liabilities may constitute grounds for denial of coverage pursuant to this Agreement and/or the applicable policies of insurance.

(j) The liability of the Fund is specifically limited to the discharge of the liability of its Members assumed pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement; the coverage of the Fund does not apply to punitive or exemplary damages.

(k) Unless the Fund and the Member otherwise expressly agree in writing, coverage by the Fund for a Member under the terms of this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, shall expire automatically on the last day of September of each calendar year, and no liability under this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, shall accrue to the Fund beyond such expiration date unless such Member renews its coverage.

(l) Except as otherwise provided herein, a Member's coverage may be cancelled by the Fund or the Member at any time upon no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice by the Board of Trustees or Administrator to the Member, or by the

Member to the Board of Trustees. The notice shall state the date such cancellation shall become effective.

(m) Excess monies remaining after the payment of claims and claims expenses, and after provision has been made for the payment of open claims and outstanding reserves, may be distributed by the Board of Trustees to the Members participating in the Fund in such manner as the Board of Trustees shall deem to be equitable.

(n) There will be no disbursements out of the reserve fund established by the Fund by way of dividends or distributions of accumulated reserves to Members until after provision has been made for all obligations against the Fund and except at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

(o) Qualified service providers, including attorneys selected by the Fund, shall defend, investigate, settle and otherwise process and dispose of all claims, suits, allegations or demands that may result in liability assumed by the Fund on behalf of the Member pursuant to this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

(p) The Member, through the Board of Trustees, does hereby appoint the Administrator as its agent and attorney-in-fact, to act on its behalf and to execute all necessary contracts, reports, waivers, agreements, excess insurance contracts, service contracts, and other documents reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes and to fulfill the responsibilities of the Fund; to make or arrange for the payment of claims, claims expenses, and all other matters required or necessary insofar as they affect the matters covered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, and the rules and regulations now or hereafter promulgated by the Board of Trustees.

(q) To make prompt payment of all contributions and penalties as required by the Board of Trustees, said contributions or penalties to be determined by the Board of Trustees. Any disputes concerning contributions or penalties shall be resolved after the payment of said contributions or penalties.

(r) To pay reasonable penalties as determined by the Board of Trustees for late payment of contributions required under this Agreement, or any other agreement,

certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

(s) Coverage by the Fund under the terms of this Agreement, or any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, shall expire and be cancelled, upon no less than ten (10) days prior written notice from the Fund to the Member, for nonpayment of contributions.

(t) To abide by all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Participation Agreement, the Fund's by-laws, the rules and regulations, the terms of any coverage document issued by the Fund to the Member, and any other agreement, certificate, document, or other instrument executed by the Member and the Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

(u) Each Member voluntarily transfers to the Trust any rights and privileges such Member enjoys under the laws of the State of Florida, including Sections 163.01, and 768.28, Florida Statutes, and specifically those statutory provisions pertaining to such Member's sovereign immunity and the applicable limitations of the Member's liability to \$100,000.00 per individual claim, and to \$200,000.00 for multiple claims, arising out of the same transaction. The purchase of insurance or indemnity hereunder shall not be deemed or be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Members.

SECTION VIII

ACCOUNTING

True and complete accounts shall be kept of all transactions and of all assets and liabilities of the Trust. The accounts of the Trust shall be audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants, which shall be selected by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION IX

DURATION

This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until it is terminated by the mutual consent of all the Members; provided, however, that this Section IX shall not be construed to preclude the termination and winding up of the Trust within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, or the amendment of this Agreement pursuant to Section X.