

# GERMANIA FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Legislative Committee (the “Committee”) is to monitor federal and state legislative initiatives as may affect the Germania Companies. The Committee will establish a position as to each initiative, and will solicit and support advocacy of such position by the directors, agents and members/insureds of Germania.

### **Specific Tasks:**

1. Be knowledgeable of all proposed federal and state legislative initiatives as may have an affect or impact on the insurance industry, and particularly on the Germania Companies.
2. Provide information on pending legislation to the directors, agents, and/or members/insureds of the Germania Companies at such times as deemed advisable by the Committee.
3. Advocate the position of the Legislative Committee.
4. Identify the particular legislators who should be contacted concerning pending legislation. Prepare “speaking points”, sample mailings, and other items containing the agreed position statement of the Committee to assist those selected by the Committee when contacting legislators.
5. Identify and solicit directors, agents and members/insureds of Germania to advocate the Committee’s position to identified legislators. Prepare those solicited to convey the agreed position of the Committee.
6. Develop philosophy for political contributions to legislative candidates and legislators. Consider formation of a Political Action Committee.
7. Perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Board of Directors of a Germania company.

**Meeting Dates:** Meetings of the Committee shall be held on an as needed basis. It is anticipated that meetings will occur more frequently when the legislature is in session. To have a quorum present, no more than two voting members may be absent from a meeting. Action shall be taken where approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members in attendance at any meeting where a quorum is present. A meeting of the committee may be conducted by means of telephonic conference or electronic means where all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other or otherwise participate. Participation in a meeting held pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

**Committee Members:** The Committee will consist of not less than six Germania District Directors and not less than one member of the Cabinet, whom shall each serve for a term of two years or until the member’s successor is elected. A Committee member may serve successive terms. Election of the Committee members shall be held at a meeting in even numbered years of the Farm Mutual Board of Directors. Each committee position shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors separately. If there be more than two nominees for any committee position to be voted upon, and if no one receives a majority vote on the first ballot, then the two receiving the highest number of votes shall enter a run off with the one receiving the most votes in the runoff election

being elected. In the event of a tie, a winner will be determined by the flip of a coin. The committee may recommend a nominee for replacement of the retiring member; and other nominations may be made by the board. If any member of the Committee ceases to be a member of the Germania Farm Mutual Insurance Association Board of Directors, then such Committee member's term on the Committee shall terminate as of the date of termination from the Germania Farm Mutual Insurance Association Board. Any vacancies on the Committee may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

At its first meeting following the election of the committee members, the committee shall select a chairperson from among its members.