

SIIA Endeavors

There are Many Ways to Get Involved and Help Support Our Industry

Joining SIIA is a great first step. SIIA membership represents many different areas, including self-insured entities, Third Party Administrators, Captive Managers, Excess/Stop-Loss/Reinsurance Carriers and other industry service providers.

SIIA is truly a "one-stop-shop" for companies looking for a single association to meet all of their informational, educational, networking and legislative/regulatory representation needs. To complement its role as the "umbrella" association for the self-insurance/ART industry, SIIA operates membership sections to facilitate more targeted membership benefits in Health Care, Alternative Risk Transfer, Workers' Compensation and International. Each section has a designated committee comprised of volunteers. Joining a committee is an invaluable way to contribute and support the growth of the self-insurance/alternative risk transfer industry. Look for more information soon on how to volunteer.

Supporting the Self-Insurance Educational Foundation, Inc. (SIEF), the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization affiliated with SIIA, is another way to contribute to the cause. SIEF's mission is to raise the awareness and understanding of self-insurance among the business community, policy-makers, consumers, the media and other interested parties.

Foundation-sponsored educational initiatives and projects have included:

- Produce and maintains a website that serves as an online hub for objective information about self-insurance. Learn more at www.siefonline.org.
- Self-insurance briefings for congressional staff members on Capitol Hill
- Sponsors the participation of high profile, professional and government speakers to participate at SIIA conferences
- Underwrites an annual survey report of the stop-loss marketplace
- Published: "Understanding Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Funds"
- Published: "Understanding Self-Insured Group Health Plans"
- Published: "Managing Corporate Risks Through Captive Insurance Programs"

The foundation's financial support comes entirely from voluntary contributions and from participation in various fundraising events, including the always popular golf tournaments held in conjunction with SIIA events. This year SIEF is holding a raffle. Tickets can be purchased now at www.siefonline.org. Raffle prizes include a 5 night stay on Whidbey Island in Washington, a 2 night stay at the JW Marriott

Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona, a 2 night stay at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona, a \$500 Amazon gift card and a \$100 American Express Gift Card. ■

For more information on SIIA Committees or SIEF, please visit www.sii.org and www.siefonline.org.