GET INVOLVED IN 2020!

SILA Committees, Subgroups, Task Groups

SILA continually seeks volunteers and we especially need you! Time required is minimal, and the benefits are enormous. Unique networking opportunities surface when you serve in this capacity. You’ll share, learn and grow as you work with colleagues on specific topics. Select a Committee or Task Group that matches your interests and talents, and then get ready to make a contribution, have fun and meet exciting new people.

SILA’s expectation for volunteers is that you will actively participate, share your expertise and contribute to the topics being defined whether it is research, discussion, and/or the sharing of the workload being distributed within the Task Group/Committee. There may be times when you are asked to lead or take on a particular project. Volunteering is a great networking opportunity, and we ask that volunteers be active contributors within the group(s) that they have selected.

Select how you want to get involved at:  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JYS9PZ

Working Committees

2020 Conference Planning Committee

Kathy Halverson, Farmers Insurance, Chair

Join this committee and help plan, budget, organize, and generally oversee the SILA National Conference.

Education Committee

Cindy Davidson, Exam FX, Chair

SILA’s educational component is the focus of this committee. Join this group to help expand and improve SILA’s educational offerings that includes the webinars, Designations and Foundation Certification programs.

Finance Committee

Donna Robinson, Physicians Mutual, Chair

This Committee meets monthly and reviews monthly financial reports and policies/procedures.
Communications Committee

**Diana Ivey, Marsh & McLennan, Chair**

Join this committee to help develop policies and procedures around Communications to include SILA’s Social Media site(s).

Membership Committee

**Nikki Brown, Asurion, Chair**

This group will be working on a membership needs and growth for 2020.

Nomination Committee

**Paul Willis, AXIS, Chair**

This group oversees award and Board nominations including the SILA Spotlight program.

SILA Subgroups

**SILA Agency-Carrier Communications Subgroup (SACS)**

- Paul Willis, AXIS
- Sandy Von Ruden, Nationwide

The SILA Agency and Carrier Subgroup (SACS) purpose is to provide an open forum for agency-carrier members to discuss challenges and roadblocks when communicating with one another. This Subgroup works together to identify issues and develop best practices to prevent gridlocks in agency-carrier communications.

**Working Task Groups:**

- **Commissions** - This Task Group identifies the commission topic for discussion and will document best practices approaches to its treatment.
- **Background Investigations** - This Task Group devoted to background investigation topics.
- **Third Party Administrators (TPA) Task Group** - This specialized license type is complex and working with others on their processing and compliance tracking will help educate and document TPA requirements.
- **Appointment Task Group** - Focus will be on the various requirements dealing with appointments (who needs to be appointed, timing of appointments, appointment renewals and appointment terminations, etc.).
SILA Adjuster Licensing Subgroup (SALS)

- Matt Patterson, State Farm

The SILA Adjuster Licensing Subgroup (SALS) primary purpose is to be the forum for adjuster licensing education and awareness. SALS continued goal is to provide accurate information for everything that pertains to the Adjuster Licensing world, covering Company and Independent adjusters.

**Working Task Groups:**

- **Subrogation** - Task force to provide a resource outlining the state licensing requirements for Subrogation adjusters.
- **Best Practices Handbook Adjuster Content** – Continued review of existing content for updates and re-writes as needed.
- **Adjuster Charts Review** - Review existing Adjuster Charts to determine if information contained in the charts need to be consolidated, refined, updated, etc.

SILA Education & Training Subgroup (SETS)

- Barb Gavitt, AD Banker
- Brandi Brown, RegEd

The SILA Education & Training Subgroup provides a forum to address issues related to areas of CE and prelicensing regulation, administration, communication, and other matters impacting the level of service offered producers and the quality of educational programming available to the industry as a whole.

**Working Task Groups:**

- **Class Conduct** - This Task Group will continue its work to facilitate a more standardized approach for course instructors and rosters.
- **Annuity Suitability** - This group will focus on monitoring and educating requirements surrounding the updated annuity suitability model laws.
- **Prelicense Online Course Guidelines** - The focus on this Task Group will be on recommending online course guidelines for prelicense education.

SILA Securities Industry Subgroup (SSIS)

- Sherri Coleman, Nationwide
- Deirdre Patten, Patten Training

The goal of the Securities Subgroup is to provide an open forum for Broker Dealers and Investment Adviser members to communicate with each other and interact with FINRA senior staff and other regulatory bodies. The securities membership is a subset of the SILA membership that continues to grow each year.
Working Task Groups:

- **NASAA Engagement Task Group** - This Task Force goal is to identify and drive improvements / efficiencies in processing state securities registrations; to promote uniformity by reducing varied (non-uniform) state-specific requirements (where possible) and to achieve more timely state registration approvals.

- **Branch Registration Management Task Group** – Will work to identify issues impacting branch registrations in order to promote and coordinate better efficiencies with FINRA’s systems.

**SILA Surplus Lines Subgroup (SSLS)**

- Tina Wirtz, IMA Financial
- Julia Van Buren, Market Scout

The Surplus Lines Subgroup provides an information exchange to educate members involved in surplus lines licensing, tax filings and rules and regulations surrounding surplus placements. Participation in the subgroup is open to all SILA members who have an interest or concern about surplus lines licensing.

**No Working Task Groups identified for Surplus Lines Subgroup in 2020**

**SILA Foundation Committees**

- **Development Committee**
  The Development Committee, led by the Development Trustee, oversees all fund raising activities of the Foundation including donations, grants, fellow/member programs, corporate gifts, and so forth.

- **Education Committee**
  The Education Committee, led by the Education & Services Trustee, oversees the research, development and administration of the Foundation’s public and SILA, Inc. members’ education and other services related to the Foundation’s purpose. This Committee works in-conjunction with SILA, Inc.

- **Finance Committee**
  The Finance Committee, led by the Treasurer, consists of only five (5) additional members approved by the Board of Trustees. Duties include review of monthly financial status reports, fundraising oversight, development of annual budgets, recommendations for audits and Foundation investment oversight.

- **Nominating Committee**
  The Nominating Committee, led by the Immediate Past President and the Compliance Trustee, develops members in organizational leadership roles across the span of their careers and mentor members to assume organizational Board and Officer Positions within the organization.

- **Promotions Committee**
  The Promotions Committee, led by the Communications & Public Relations Trustee, promotes
the Foundation’s brand, create communications and a social media presence, and attract increased participation in Foundation events, programs, courses, webinars, and conference and fundraising activities.

☐ **Scholarships & Grants Committee** [Join between 1/1-3/31 for 2020 Season]
The Scholarship & Grants Committee shall be led by the Scholarships & Grants Trustee oversees the research, development and administration of the Foundation’s activities related to providing scholarships and grants to the general public and also members of SILA, Inc.