

Report of the State of the Order

The State of The Order Committee has reviewed the pre-printed reports that are included in your conference package, and we urge you not only to read each report but also to share this information with your local councils. In doing so they too will benefit from the knowledge of our ongoing fraternal efforts from coast to coast.

President's Report

We would like to thank President Mary Applegate for her thoughtful report and her leadership during this significant year of change especially during 2020 and the COVID-19 Virus. We all recognize the need for membership growth and the financial issues facing UCT and the requirement to reverse these trends.

Board of Governors

This report reflects on a very busy year, and we thank the Board for their team effort. They have faced many difficult decisions this year in part due to COVID-19. The decision to cancel the face-to-face convention in Lexington, Kentucky was not taken lightly. The health and safety of all members is too important to take the risk. The Board and management have conducted frequent conference calls to make sure UCT continues to move forward.

Home Office Operations

The home office has undergone a change since our convention in New Orleans. We have said good-bye and wished fond farewells to Vice Presidents Sandy Shafer and Ron Ives. We welcome Kate Chillinsky to the appointment of Vice President of Membership and Communications and the hiring of Kevin Roberts as Vice President of Insurance Operations and Ray Sherrick as Information Technology Director to the management team. We thank the staff for all they have done in dealing with COVID-19 and keeping themselves healthy and safe.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

We are very fortunate to have Steve Desselles and commend his report. His oversight of our functions is vital to our success.

Insurance Oversight Board

We thank Jeff and Shaun for all they have done to help UCT move forward. They have helped us to save over \$485,000 through their strategic plan. They have moved us forward with updating our computer systems and the website to allow IMO's and agents to access the website 23 hours a day. We appreciate their guidance and look forward to implementing their ideas.

Resolutions Committee

We thank the Resolution Committee of Dianna Wolfe, David Van Order, and Stanna Funk for the presentation of the resolutions.

Examining Finance Chairman

Rick Redman, along with committee members Brian Ward, Mike Brakie, and Lawrence Shafer provided an excellent report and reflected on the need to get back to a balanced budget and to increase our financial reserves.

Overview

We wish to thank the Board of Governors for their guidance this year. You have made many difficult decisions to cut the budget and cancel the session. You have worked diligently to make sure UCT continues to move forward.

We, the State of the Order Committee, feel that the obstacles we have in front of us can be overcome with a significant turnaround in the insurance operations and fraternal membership activity. It is important for councils to report on the activities they do each year. We thank those councils for all their hard work and commend all the hard work that has been put forth.

Finally, the State of the Order Committee wishes to thank each and every committee for the thoroughness of their reports. We hope you have taken the opportunity to read through all the preprinted reports. We commend President Mary Applegate on a well-run conference call meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in person next year.

Angela Goff, New England
Lauralee Funk, Colorado-Wyoming
Mark Brown, Wisconsin
Tom Rice, Iowa