



**Risk Management Services Conference:
Leadership in Action: Building a Safer Future**

**South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust
and
South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund**

November 4 – 6, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Downtown
250 Riverplace, Greenville, SC 29601

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Meeting Information

Risk Management Services will host the Risk Management Conference and Annual Meeting November 4 – 6 in Greenville.

The three-day conference will feature motivational speaker Justin Jones-Fosu of Work. Meaningful. who will empower attendees to bring their best selves to work every day. Association staff will present an interactive discussion on root cause analysis and provide a legislative update on issues impacting the insurance pools. The director of SC Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity will present on cyber threats facing local governments. The Risk Management Services Annual Meeting will occur on the final day. Members will receive an update on the SCMIT and SCMIRF programs and the 2027 premium rate and renewal changes will be discussed.

The SC Municipal Insurance Trust and SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund strongly encourage risk management staff to attend. Attendance at all three sessions will count toward the risk self-assessment requirement for SCMIT and SCMIRF members. For Risk Management Institute participants, attendance at all of the sessions will count as RMI elective and core credits.

Registration Information

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register online by October 16 at www.masc.sc.

A dinner recognizing Risk Management award winners and Risk Management Institute graduates will take place on Wednesday evening. Attendees will need to register for the dinner in order to attend.

Special room rates are available at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Downtown. [Book online](#) to receive the group rate. The deadline to book at the group rate is October 4. The session room may be cool, so you may want to bring a sweater or jacket.

For special-needs requests, contact Amy Gillian at 803.354.4774 or losscontrol@masc.sc by October 16, and staff will accommodate if possible.



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Agenda

November 4

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Registration/Exhibitors
2:00 – 2:10 p.m.	Welcome
2:10 – 4:10 p.m.	Keynote Address
4:10 – 4:15 p.m.	Adjourn
4:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Exhibitors
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Members Reception
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Awards Dinner

November 5

8:00 – 8:55 a.m.	Registration
8:55 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Root Cause Analysis
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Break
10:10 – 10:50 a.m.	Root Cause Investigation: An Interactive Session
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – noon	Legislative Update
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Cyber Threats Facing Local Governments
2:00 – 2:10 p.m.	Break
2:10 – 3:10 p.m.	Pushed, Pulled and Paying the Price: Best Practices to Reduce Common Workplace Injuries
3:10 – 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20 – 4:20 p.m.	Finding the Story Behind the Data
4:20 – 4:30 p.m.	Adjourn (Dinner on Your Own)

November 6

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome
9:05 – 10:25 a.m.	Program Update
10:25 – 10:55 a.m.	Staff Updates
10:55 – 11:10 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m. – noon	Staff Updates
Noon – 12:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks



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Speakers

Justin Jones-Fosu, Chief Executive Officer, Work. Meaningful.

Justin Jones-Fosu brings energy, humor and insight as an international speaker and author. As chief executive officer of Work. Meaningful., he delivers 50 – 60 keynotes a year, engaging Fortune 500 companies and classrooms alike.

Author of *Your WHY Matters NOW*, *The Inclusive Mindset* and *I Respectfully Disagree*, Fosu-Jones inspires people to build bridges over barriers through meaningful dialogue. A former HR leader with Fortune 500 experience, he's been featured in NPR's "The Takeaway" and is among the 15% of speakers worldwide with the Certified Speaking Professional designation.

Beyond speaking, he's passionate about education in underserved communities in Ghana and the U.S., believing real impact matters more than accolades.

Bethany Pendley, Loss Control Manager, Municipal Association of SC

Pendley joined the Association in May 2020 as the loss control manager. Prior to coming to the Association, she worked for MetLife for 22 years in a variety of roles including senior claims adjuster, senior claims supervisor, claims manager and most recently senior business instructor and learning partner.

Pendley has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, is a licensed property and casualty adjuster, and holds numerous certifications and designations including an Associate in Insurance Services and Associate in Claims from the Insurance Institute of America.

Mark Putnam, Human Resource Director, City of Mauldin

Putnam is a seasoned human resources leader with more than 30 years of progressive experience across diverse industries, including manufacturing and corporate environments. He currently serving as the human resources director for the City of Mauldin. Throughout his career, he has held key HR roles with globally recognized organizations such as Honeywell, Fruit of the Loom, W.R. Grace and Jostens, where he developed a strong track record in organizational leadership, employee relations, and workplace safety. He has earned his Green Belt certification in Six Sigma.

Casey Fields, Director of Advocacy, Municipal Association of SC

Fields joined the Association in 2006. She oversees the advocacy department. Prior to becoming the director of advocacy, she served as the manager of municipal advocacy and was responsible for the Association's grassroots strategy for legislative issues and was the organization's primary contact with the news media. Before joining the Association, she was the legislative liaison at South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness and advocacy and public awareness coordinator at the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Fields is a graduate of the College of Charleston and holds a master's degree from the University of South Carolina in social work and public administration.

Ryan Truskey, Director, SC Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Truskey serves as chief information officer for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and director of its Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Program. With deep expertise in intrusion detection, incident response, and security management, he has led SC CIC's engagement across critical infrastructure sectors including energy, healthcare, transportation, and government services, building one of the most established state-level cyber programs in the country.



Sara Gibson, Senior Risk Control Manager, Safety National

Gibson joined Safety National in 2022 as a senior risk control manager. She is responsible for leading and facilitating risk control services for policyholders, and collaborating to provide resources and expertise to risk pool clients. Prior to joining Safety National, Gibson worked as manager of environmental, health and safety & risk at Harper College and at Northwestern University in the Office of Risk Management. Sara is an active member of the American Society of Safety Professionals.

Rebecca Mejia-Ward, Loss Control Consultant, Municipal Association of SC

Rebecca Mejia-Ward joined the Association in 2025 as a loss control consultant. She has more than 15 years of experience in employee relations, human resources, risk management and leadership development and training. Prior to joining the Association, Mejia-Ward served as the human resources director for the City of Fountain Inn and previously held the same role with the City of Hartsville. She served on the SC Municipal Human Resources Association board as chair for two consecutive terms.

General Information

The SC Municipal Insurance Trust and the SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund offer training sessions on a variety of risk management and safety and health topics. The programs also provide members a forum for sharing ideas and keeping current on state and federal laws.

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