

North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association

Statutory Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules
(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)
December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association
Cary, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statutory financial statements of North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association (Association), which comprise the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus of North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statutory statements of operations and changes in members' surplus, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the North Carolina Department of Insurance; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these statutory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, or the results of its operations or its cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the statutory financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus of North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on the Supplemental Schedules

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic statutory financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying summary investment schedule as of December 31, 2017, and supplemental investment risks and reinsurance interrogatories as of December 31, 2017, and for the year then ended (Supplemental Schedules) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic statutory financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the statutory financial statements. The effects on the Supplemental Schedules of the variances between the statutory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, is presumed to be material. As a consequence, the Supplemental Schedules do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, such information of the Association as of December 31, 2017, and for the year then ended. The Supplemental Schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the statutory financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the statutory financial statements or to the statutory financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplemental Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the statutory financial statements taken as a whole.

RSM US LLP

Greensboro, North Carolina
April 6, 2018

North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association

Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities and Members' Surplus December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Admitted Assets		
Bonds and other debt instruments, at prescribed value	\$ 58,592,239	\$ 56,893,049
Common stock	-	5,391,135
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	14,948,908	15,312,927
Cash and invested assets	73,541,147	77,597,111
Investment income due and accrued	266,525	278,157
Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due	7,282,414	6,323,516
Electronic data processing equipment and software at cost, less accumulated depreciation (2017 – \$1,236,251; 2016 – \$1,139,194)	46,432	140,405
Receivables from affiliate	1,815,417	1,713,691
Other receivables	200	11,403
Total admitted assets	\$ 82,952,135	\$ 86,064,283
Liabilities and Members' Surplus		
Liabilities:		
Unpaid losses	\$ 5,562,697	\$ 7,853,501
Unpaid loss adjustment expenses	1,800,038	1,945,609
Commissions payable	1,531,430	1,371,722
Other expenses payable	1,064,637	1,073,642
Taxes, licenses and fees	233,257	147,102
Unearned premiums	44,555,163	40,003,348
Advance premium	2,021,872	1,946,091
Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others	54,214	284,640
Unclaimed balances	2,081,568	1,377,430
Premium suspense	223,014	397,170
Pension and postretirement liability	4,795,408	3,735,059
Other written-in liabilities	15,362	23,262
Total liabilities	63,938,660	60,158,576
Commitments and contingencies		
Members' surplus	19,013,475	25,905,707
Total liabilities and members' surplus	\$ 82,952,135	\$ 86,064,283

See notes to statutory financial statements.

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Statutory Statements of Operations and Changes in Members' Surplus Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Premiums earned, net	\$ 74,523,013	\$ 67,900,063
Losses incurred, net	34,838,733	66,841,371
Loss adjustment expenses incurred, net	6,535,772	9,933,010
Other underwriting expenses incurred:		
Commissions	13,038,232	11,800,932
Salaries and benefits	3,765,744	3,778,927
Insurance taxes, licenses, and fees	2,435,884	2,148,247
Other underwriting expenses	2,202,353	2,202,701
Total other underwriting expenses incurred	21,442,213	19,930,807
	62,816,718	96,705,188
Net underwriting gain (loss)	11,706,295	(28,805,125)
Net investment income earned	1,079,653	731,277
Net realized capital (losses) gains, less capital gains tax (2017 and 2016 – \$0)	(170,042)	181,282
Net investment gain	909,611	912,559
Other income	114,341	270,331
Net income (loss)	12,730,247	(27,622,235)
Members' surplus:		
Beginning	25,905,707	22,960,121
Change in nonadmitted assets	(802,949)	(482,399)
Change in minimum pension liability	(221,170)	505,530
Assessment to member companies	-	55,300,000
Distribution to member companies	(18,598,360)	(24,755,310)
Ending	\$ 19,013,475	\$ 25,905,707

See notes to statutory financial statements.

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Statutory Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Cash flows from operations:		
Premiums collected, net of reinsurance	\$ 78,191,711	\$ 69,745,978
Net investment income received	1,332,174	894,502
Miscellaneous income	114,341	270,331
Subtotal	79,638,226	70,910,811
Benefits and loss related payments	37,129,537	62,910,494
Commissions, expenses paid and other	27,886,699	29,004,058
Subtotal	65,016,236	91,914,552
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	14,621,990	(21,003,741)
Cash flows from investments:		
Proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid:		
Bonds and other debt instruments	14,116,323	34,805,875
Stocks	5,391,134	125,651,212
Total investment proceeds	19,507,457	160,457,087
Cost of long-term investments acquired:		
Bonds and other debt instruments	16,226,442	40,373,782
Stocks	-	130,579,989
Total investments acquired	16,226,442	170,953,771
Net cash provided by (used in) investments	3,281,015	(10,496,684)
Cash flows from financing and miscellaneous sources:		
Other cash (applied) provided	(18,267,024)	30,611,406
Net cash (used in) provided by financing and miscellaneous sources	(18,267,024)	30,611,406
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	(364,019)	(889,019)
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments:		
Beginning	15,312,927	16,201,946
Ending	\$ 14,948,908	\$ 15,312,927

See notes to statutory financial statements.

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Notes to Statutory Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association (the Association) was formed August 15, 1969, as an association of insurance companies (Member Insurers) mandated by North Carolina law. The Association is authorized to write fire, extended coverage and vandalism and malicious mischief coverage in the State of North Carolina. The North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association, also known as the FAIR (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements) Plan, is a tax exempt insurer of last resort created by law to provide adequate basic property insurance to property owners having insurable property in North Carolina. The Association is an association of insurance companies authorized to write basic property insurance coverage in North Carolina. The majority of the Association's policies are submitted by North Carolina licensed agents.

Because the Association only writes business in the State of North Carolina, it has a geographic concentration of policies written, which results in increased loss exposure for severe storms. Under North Carolina law, all insurers authorized to write basic property insurance in North Carolina on a direct basis, except town and county mutual insurance associations, certain assessable mutual companies and certain insurers who only write insurance on property exempted from taxation under the North Carolina General Statutes, are required to participate in the Association. Member Insurers share proportionately, based on premiums written, in the expenses, income and losses of the Association. Any assessment levied on Member Insurers by the Association (as ordered by the Association's Board of Directors) generally is due from the Member Insurers within 30 days of assessment.

The Association is administered by a Board of Directors and is subject to the regulation of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Carolina. The Board of Directors consists of representatives of the Member Insurers, insurance agents appointed by the Commissioner and public members also appointed by the Commissioner. The general manager of the Association is appointed by the Board of Directors.

A summary of the Association's significant accounting policies is as follows:

Risk and uncertainties: Certain risks and uncertainties are inherent in the Association's day-to-day operations and to the process of preparing its statutory financial statements. The more significant of those risks and uncertainties are presented below and throughout the notes to the statutory financial statements.

Estimates: The preparation of the statutory financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the statutory financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risk-based capital: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has developed property-casualty risk-based capital (RBC) standards that relate an insurer's reported statutory surplus to the risks inherent in its overall operations. The RBC formula uses the statutory annual statement to calculate the minimum indicated capital level to protect the Association from the various risks that it faces. The NAIC model law calls for various levels of regulatory action based on the magnitude of an indicated RBC capital deficiency, if any. The Association continues to monitor its internal capital requirements and the NAIC's RBC requirements. The Association has determined that its capital levels are in excess of the minimum capital requirements for all RBC action levels. Management believes that the Association's capital levels are sufficient to support the level of risk inherent in its operations.

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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of presentation: At the direction of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Carolina, the Association presents its financial statements on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The State of North Carolina has adopted the SAP as the basis of its statutory accounting practices. There are no state prescribed or permitted practices that differ from NAIC's statutory accounting practices (SAP) that affect items in these financial statements.

Accounting practices and procedures of the NAIC as prescribed or permitted by the insurance department of the applicable state of an insurance company's domicile comprise a financial reporting framework other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The more significant differences between NAIC SAP and GAAP are as follows:

- Investments in bonds and other debt instruments are generally reported at amortized cost, unless required to be reported at fair value by NAIC regulations. Under GAAP, investments in debt securities are designated at purchase as held-to-maturity, trading securities or available-for-sale. Held-to-maturity debt securities are reported at amortized cost, less applicable valuation allowances, and other debt securities are reported at fair value under GAAP. For debt securities designated as trading, unrealized holding gains and losses are reported in operations and for those designated as available-for-sale, unrealized holding gains and losses are reported as a separate component of equity, under GAAP.
- For loan-backed and structured securities, if the Association determines that it intends to sell a security or no longer has the ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to recover the amortized cost, that security shall be written down to fair value. For statutory purposes, if the Association subsequently changes its assertion, and now believes it does not intend to sell the security and has the ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to recover the amortized cost, that security will continue to be carried at the lower of cost or market with any future decreases in fair value charged through operations until the security is disposed. For GAAP purposes, once the Association alters its assertion, the securities' amortized cost basis will not be decreased for future reductions in fair value unless an other-than-temporary impairment is determined to have occurred.
- For GAAP purposes, other-than-temporary impairment losses (related to non-loan-backed and structured securities) related to debt securities are bifurcated between credit and non-credit with credit losses reported in operations, and non-credit reported as a component of equity, whereas, for statutory purposes, the total other-than-temporary impairment loss is reported in operations.
- Commissions, premium taxes and other costs relating to the acquisition, issuance and renewal of policies are charged to operations as incurred. Under GAAP, such costs, to the extent realizable, are deferred and amortized over the term of the policy.
- Certain assets, described as non-admitted, are excluded by direct charges to surplus. In accordance with GAAP, such assets are recorded on the balance sheet, net of valuation allowances.

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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- Comprehensive income is not determined for SAP; whereas, for GAAP, such income is determined.
- Assets and liabilities related to insurance and reinsurance activities are netted in financial statements prepared on the basis of SAP. Under GAAP, those assets and liabilities would be reported at their gross amounts.
- Under SAP, cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments represent cash balances and investments with an initial maturity of one year or less. Under GAAP, the corresponding caption of cash and cash equivalents include cash balances and investments with an initial maturity of three months or less. Further, under GAAP, the statement of cash flows requires a reconciliation of net income to net cash from operations.
- Under GAAP, certain additional information is required to be disclosed related to the liability for unpaid claims and claims adjustment expenses.

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments: Cash constitutes a medium of exchange that a bank will accept for deposit and allow an immediate credit to the depositor's account. Cash equivalents are also classified as cash for financial statement purposes, although they do not fall within the above description of cash. Examples include savings accounts and certificates of deposit in banks and other similar institutions with maturity dates of three months or less from the date of acquisition. At times, cash deposits with a financial institution may exceed federally insured limits. The Association has not experienced any credit losses related to such deposits and its management is not aware of any events or circumstances which would raise doubt about the ongoing solvency of the institution.

Investments with remaining maturities of one year or less at the time of acquisition (excluding those investments defined as cash equivalents above) are considered short-term investments.

Investment risks: The Association is exposed to risks that issuers of securities owned by the Association will default or that interest rates will change and cause a decrease in the value of the Association's investments. With Federal mortgage-backed securities, the Association is exposed to prepayment risk. As interest rates decline, the rate at which these securities pay down principal will generally increase.

Management mitigates these risks by conservatively investing in high-grade securities and by matching estimated maturities of its investments with the anticipated payouts of its liabilities.

Investments: Bonds are reported at amortized cost in the accompanying statutory financial statements. Amortization is computed using the scientific (interest) method. Prepayment assumptions for asset-backed securities were obtained from broker dealer survey values or internal estimates. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are recognized in the statutory statements of operations on a specific-identification basis. Declines in fair value that are considered other-than-temporary are charged to realized losses, and the cost of the investment is adjusted to estimated fair value in the period when the determination is made. In determining whether these losses are expected to be temporary, the Association considers severity of impairment, duration of impairment, forecasted market price recovery and the intent and ability of the Association to hold the investment until the market price has recovered.

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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

For loan-backed or structured securities, factors considered by management in determining whether an other-than-temporary impairment exists include the Association's stated intent to not sell, the Association's ability to hold such investments until the fair value recovers, and the discounted cash flows of the security based on the yield at the date of acquisition. If the Association intends to sell or if the Association does not have the ability and intent to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to recover its amortized cost basis, an other-than-temporary impairment exists, and the security is written down to fair value with the amount of the write-down recorded as a realized loss. If the Association does not intend to sell the security and has the ability and intent to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis, the Association calculates the cash flows expected to be collected. In this calculation, the Association compares the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, discounted at the security's effective interest rate at date of purchase, to the amortized cost basis. If the present value of cash flows is less than the amortized cost basis, a realized loss is recorded for the difference. The present value of cash flows then becomes the new cost basis.

Accrued investment income: The Association non-admits investment income due and accrued if amounts are over 90 days past due. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Association had no income due or accrued over 90 days past due.

Premiums in course of collection: The Association records premiums in course of collection at total unpaid balance, which approximates estimated fair value, net of any non-admitted receivables. The Association determines past due status of individual accounts receivable based on the effective date of the policy and generally does not charge interest on past due amounts. Premiums that management believes to be ultimately not collectible are written off upon such determination. Any premiums considered to be past due 90 days or more are non-admitted.

Data processing equipment: Data processing equipment is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Association provides for depreciation on these assets using the straight-line method over three to five years. Depreciation expense was \$97,057 and \$142,596 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Non-admitted assets: Certain assets designated as non-admitted assets have been charged directly to members' surplus. Amounts related to non-admitted assets for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	2017	2016
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$1,110,644 and \$1,041,920, respectively	\$ 137,353	\$ 256,189
Prepaid expenses	247,325	323,176
Prepaid assets	2,280,562	1,282,383
Accounts receivable, commission	1,555	2,098
	<u>\$ 2,666,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,863,846</u>

Depreciation on non-admitted assets (furniture and equipment) is computed by applying the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Estimated lives are three to five years for furniture and equipment. This depreciation expense of \$133,446 and \$140,359 is reflected in the statutory statements of operations and changes in members' surplus for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses: The Association estimates loss and loss adjustment expenses after consultation with the Association's independent actuary. These amounts are recorded net of estimated recoveries for reinsurance ceded. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses include an amount determined from individual case estimates and loss reports and an amount, based on past experience, for losses incurred but not reported. Such liabilities are necessarily based on assumptions and estimates and, while management believes the amount is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of or less than the amount provided. The methods for making such estimates and for establishing the resulting liability are continually reviewed, and any adjustments are reflected in the period determined.

Establishing liabilities for claims is subject to significant uncertainties that make reserve estimation difficult. In establishing liabilities for claims, the Association considers all pertinent information as it becomes available, and establishes incurred but not reported reserves where appropriate. Although the reserves are deemed adequate to cover all probable claims, there is a possibility that adverse development from prior accident years could occur in the future.

Estimates for catastrophic events are inherently more uncertain than those for non-catastrophic losses due to the unique circumstances involving a catastrophe. Due to the low frequency of historical catastrophic events, standard actuarial loss development methods are difficult to apply and may result in a wider range of estimates of ultimate catastrophic losses. Therefore, material changes to estimates related to these events are reasonably possible in the near term after these events occur, and are reflected in operations as more information becomes available.

Reinsurance: Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Association from its obligations to policy holders. Failure of reinsurers to honor their obligations could result in losses to the Association; consequently, allowances are established for amounts deemed to be uncollectible, when necessary. The Association evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers to minimize exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvencies. Management believes that any liabilities arising from this contingency would not be material to the Association's financial position.

Reinsurance premiums and liabilities related to reinsurance ceded are accounted for on a basis consistent with that used in accounting for the original policies issued by the Association and the terms of the reinsurance contracts. Premiums and losses on reinsurance ceded are reported as reductions of premiums earned and losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred, respectively, in the statutory statement of operations and changes in members' surplus.

Member participation: Each Member Insurer's participation in the Association's operations is in proportion to that member's North Carolina insurance writings for the affected lines of business in the preceding calendar year. Participation percentages vary from year to year. Assessments of Member Insurers related to each fiscal year are based on their participation. Since the Association has the authority to assess its members to cover members' deficits, members can be assessed annually to meet the liquidity requirements of the Association. Special assessments are also permitted for large unanticipated losses.

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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Premiums and related commissions: Premiums are earned over the periods covered by the policies on a daily pro-rata basis. Unearned premium reserves are established to cover the unexpired portion of premiums written. Expenses incurred related to the acquisition of new insurance business, including such acquisition costs as commissions, premium taxes and other underwriting expenses, are charged to expense when incurred. When the Association receives premium payments from policyholders prior to the effective date of the related policy, the Association records an advance premium liability. On the policy effective date, the Association reduces the advance premium liability and records written premium. The Association does not utilize anticipated investment income as a factor in determining if there is a premium deficiency.

Income taxes: In 1992, the Association received correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) indicating that it is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association's tax exempt status was examined by the IRS in 2011, and the Association's exemption was reaffirmed.

Reclassifications: Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of net income (loss) or total members' surplus.

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Note 2. Investments

Amortized cost (admitted amount), aggregate fair value and gross unrealized gains and losses pertaining to the portfolio of bonds and other debt instruments as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	2017			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized (Losses)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 10,214,006	\$ 24,202	\$ (130,000)	\$ 10,108,208
Federal agency obligations	6,406,411	56,235	(24,178)	6,438,468
Federal agency mortgage- backed securities	1,611,441	12,826	(30,882)	1,593,385
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	4,718,967	-	(133,452)	4,585,515
Other loan-backed securities	12,448,347	2,858	(57,622)	12,393,583
Corporate debt	23,193,067	21,458	(183,387)	23,031,138
	<u>\$ 58,592,239</u>	<u>\$ 117,579</u>	<u>\$ (559,521)</u>	<u>\$ 58,150,297</u>

	2016			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized (Losses)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 19,802,960	\$ 142,160	\$ (316,290)	\$ 19,628,830
Federal agency obligations	6,384,160	118,607	(43,631)	6,459,136
Federal agency mortgage- backed securities	2,026,634	16,808	(35,937)	2,007,505
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	4,135,807	-	(96,949)	4,038,858
Other loan-backed securities	3,324,327	291	(21,232)	3,303,386
Corporate debt	21,219,161	3,112	(397,799)	20,824,474
	<u>\$ 56,893,049</u>	<u>\$ 280,978</u>	<u>\$ (911,838)</u>	<u>\$ 56,262,189</u>

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Note 2. Investments (Continued)

Amortized cost and aggregate fair value of bonds and other debt instruments held as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, according to final contractual maturity dates, are as indicated below. Actual future maturities will differ from the maturities shown because certain issuers have the right to call or prepay obligations.

	2017		2016	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Amounts due in less than one year	\$ 5,640,831	\$ 5,647,978	\$ 2,006,394	\$ 2,027,960
Amounts due after one year through five years	40,511,663	40,362,470	37,814,740	37,645,759
Amounts due after five years through ten years	3,984,498	3,870,819	10,255,498	9,951,656
Amounts due after ten years	8,455,247	8,269,030	6,816,417	6,636,814
	<u>\$ 58,592,239</u>	<u>\$ 58,150,297</u>	<u>\$ 56,893,049</u>	<u>\$ 56,262,189</u>

The following tables show unrealized gross losses and fair value, for the Association's investments, aggregated by individual category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017					
	12 Months or Less		More Than 12 Months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 3,837,970	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,837,970	\$ 130,000
Federal agency obligations	998,422	1,163	1,189,602	23,015	2,188,024	24,178
Federal agency mortgage-backed securities	-	-	1,185,670	30,882	1,185,670	30,882
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	697,022	8,797	3,888,493	124,655	4,585,515	133,452
Other loan-backed securities	7,712,014	35,023	2,944,857	22,599	10,656,871	57,622
Corporate debt	3,632,885	10,691	14,923,806	172,696	18,556,691	183,387
	<u>\$ 16,878,313</u>	<u>\$ 185,674</u>	<u>\$ 24,132,428</u>	<u>\$ 373,847</u>	<u>\$ 41,010,741</u>	<u>\$ 559,521</u>

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Note 2. Investments (Continued)

	2016					
	12 Months or Less		More Than 12 Months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. Treasury obligations	\$ 4,348,795	\$ 207,440	\$ 6,898,000	\$ 108,850	\$ 11,246,795	\$ 316,290
Federal agency obligations	1,163,836	43,631	-	-	1,163,836	43,631
Federal agency mortgage-backed securities	1,535,184	33,981	67,474	1,956	1,602,658	35,937
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	4,038,858	96,949	-	-	4,038,858	96,949
Other loan-backed securities	3,003,446	21,232	-	-	3,003,446	21,232
Corporate debt	19,326,224	397,799	-	-	19,326,224	397,799
	<u>\$ 33,416,343</u>	<u>\$ 801,032</u>	<u>\$ 6,965,474</u>	<u>\$ 110,806</u>	<u>\$ 40,381,817</u>	<u>\$ 911,838</u>

The Association evaluates impairment at each reporting period for each security (other than loan-backed or structured securities) where the fair value of the investment is less than its amortized cost. It is expected that the securities would not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment, as the Association has the ability and intent to hold the investment until recovery. The Association evaluated the credit ratings of these holdings, noting neither a significant deterioration since purchase nor other factors which may indicate an other-than-temporary impairment, such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer as well as specific events or circumstances that may influence the operations of the issuer, and the Association's intent and ability to hold the investment for a sufficient time in order to enable recovery of its cost.

The Association evaluated each loan-backed and structured security for impairment where the fair value of the investment was less than its amortized cost. For those securities that the Association intends to sell or does not have the ability to hold until recovery, an impairment is recorded equal to the difference of amortized cost and fair value. For all other loan-backed and structured securities, the Association developed assumptions around prepayment speeds, expected default rates and the value of the underlying collateral. These assumptions were used to develop expected cash flows which were discounted at the effective yield at the date of acquisition (or most recent impairment). These modeled cash flows were compared against the current amortized cost basis. If the expected discounted cash flows were less than the amortized cost basis, the security was written down to the discounted cash flow amount, with the difference recorded as a realized loss.

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Note 2. Investments (Continued)

Proceeds from sales of investments in bonds and other debt instruments totaled \$11,094,522 and \$30,055,875 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Net realized losses of \$170,042 and net realized gains \$181,282 are reflected in the statutory statements of operations and changes in members' surplus for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Common stock held by the Association in 2016 is made up of money market funds recorded at reported net asset value.

In accordance with SAP, these investments are reclassified to cash equivalents on a prospective basis beginning in 2017, and are reported as a disposition of common stock in the 2017 statutory statement of cash flows.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, no securities were determined to be other than temporarily impaired.

Investment income, net of investment expenses, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is comprised of primarily interest on bonds and other debt instruments, cash equivalents, and short-term investments.

Note 3. Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

Activity in the reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is summarized as follows:

	2017	2016
Balance at January 1	\$ 9,799,110	\$ 4,982,584
Incurred related to:		
Current year	40,339,704	77,528,688
Prior years	1,034,801	(754,308)
Total incurred	41,374,505	76,774,380
Paid related to:		
Current year	(34,650,622)	(68,281,479)
Prior years	(9,160,258)	(3,676,375)
Total paid	(43,810,880)	(71,957,854)
Balance at December 31	\$ 7,362,735	\$ 9,799,110

As a result of changes in estimates related to insured events of prior years, the provision for losses and loss adjustment expenses was adjusted as indicated in the table above. The change in prior year incurred losses and loss adjustment reserves of \$1,034,081 and (\$754,308) in 2017 and 2016 respectively, resulted from claim settlements being more unfavorable (favorable) than expected. The overall increase in reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses are in relation to a significant storm occurring in October 2016. Adverse development on claims related to this storm largely resulted in the adverse development in 2017.

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Note 3. Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses (Continued)

The components of unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	2017	2016
Unpaid losses:		
Case basis	\$ 2,143,121	\$ 3,983,336
Incurred but not reported	3,419,576	3,870,165
	<u>5,562,697</u>	<u>7,853,501</u>
Unpaid loss adjustment expenses:		
Case basis	294,484	504,566
Incurred but not reported	1,505,554	1,441,043
	<u>1,800,038</u>	<u>1,945,609</u>
	<u>\$ 7,362,735</u>	<u>\$ 9,799,110</u>

Note 4. Related-Party Transactions

A related organization, North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association (NCIUA), shares the same headquartered facility and is operated by the same personnel as the Association. This arrangement periodically results in receivables or payables between the Association and NCIUA. Most expenses are allocated between the two parties with 41% allocated to the Association and the remainder to NCIUA for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 39% allocated to the Association and remainder to NCIUA for the year ended December 31, 2016, except for certain expenses (furniture, computer hardware, board fees, programming, etc.) which are shared equally. If this cost-sharing arrangement was not in place, the actual expense amounts for the Association would vary from the amounts reported in the statutory financial statements. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Association had a net receivable from NCIUA of \$1,815,417 and \$1,713,691, respectively.

Note 5. Debt

The Association entered into a trust agreement on May 1, 2016, in connection with its reinsurance contracts in which the grantor maintained a trust account in the amount of \$47,000,000. The Association was able to withdraw funds with notice from the trust account. During November 2016, the Association withdrew \$25,000,000 from the trust account at zero percent interest and had repaid the balance in full as of December 31, 2016.

The Association executed a credit agreement on August 3, 2017 that is effective through August 2, 2018. Under the credit agreement, the Association has access to a limited purpose revolving line of credit loan in the amount up to \$100,000,000. The purpose of this executed agreement is to provide the Association with funds to cover immediate cash flow needs resulting from a catastrophic event affecting the state of North Carolina.

Should a catastrophic event occur in the state of North Carolina, the Association is statutorily granted the authority to issue a Special Assessment to its Members. The Board of Directors approved Special Assessment would serve as collateral for any draws on the revolving line of credit loan up to the maximum of the approved Special Assessment amount or \$100,000,000. For any outstanding loan amounts related to the revolving line of credit, interest will accrue at a variable rate of one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) + 1.00%. Interest shall be computed and charged for the actual number of days elapsed on the basis of a year consisting of 360 days. As of December 31, 2017, the Association had not drawn against the line of credit nor incurred any related interest expense.

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Note 6. Lease Commitments

The Association and NCIUA jointly rent home office facilities under an operating lease agreement, which expires in calendar year 2025. Although the lease is in the name of the Association, the Association was allocated 41% and 39% of the costs under this lease agreement during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Association's allocated share of rent expense was \$247,525 and \$271,304 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Association also leases certain equipment jointly with NCIUA.

The Association's share of the future lease payments, based on current cost sharing provisions with NCIUA, under the terms of operating lease agreements at December 31, 2017, is as follows:

	Amount
Calendar years ending December 31:	
2018	\$ 341,781
2019	325,874
2020	300,601
2021	245,860
2022	253,236
Thereafter	946,612
	<u>\$ 2,413,964</u>

The Association is also required to pay a proportionate share of operating expense increases during the lease term for the building.

Note 7. Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the Association from time to time is involved in litigation. Management does not believe the ultimate disposition of any current litigation in which the Association is involved will have a material effect on the Association's financial condition.

Note 8. Assessments of Member Insurers

In October 2016, the Association assessed \$55,300,000 to Member Insurers. The Association also had a \$24,755,310 settlement with the members during the year ended December 31, 2016, portions of which offset assessments to member insurers. As of December 31, 2016, the Association has collected all assessments from its Member Insurers.

Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans

Pension benefits: The Association and NCIUA participate in a multiple-employer pension plan called the Insurance Organizations' Pension Trust (the Plan). Employees automatically participate in the Plan on the first day of the month on or after the date they complete a year of eligible service and are at least age 21. A year of eligible service for determining plan participation is the 12-month period beginning on their date of hire and each anniversary of that date during which the employee completes at least 1,000 hours of service. The Association's funding policy is to make the minimum annual contributions required by applicable regulations, which are based on recommendations from the Plan's actuary. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Association is allocated 41% and 39%, respectively, of the costs associated with their participation in the plan under the current cost-sharing arrangement with NCIUA.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

Postretirement benefits: In addition to pension benefits, the Association and NCIUA provide certain health care and life insurance (postretirement) benefits for retired employees. The costs and accrued liabilities associated with these benefits are allocated between the two entities in the same proportions as for the pension plan. Based on the number of years of service and retirement age, retirees are eligible to continue medical coverage on a contributory basis or noncontributory basis. Medical benefit eligibility requirements include that employees: (1) meet normal or early retirement requirements, as defined by the pension plan; (2) must have been a full time employee 5 years or more immediately preceding retirement; and (3) must meet group coverage eligibility immediately preceding retirement. Spouses of retirees may also be eligible to participate.

For measurement purposes, the discount rate used in 2017 in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 3.75%. The health care cost-trend rate was 6.50%, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% in 2023. The discount rate used in 2016 in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 4.25%. The health care cost-trend rate was 7.00%, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% in 2023.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 was enacted during 2003 (the Act). The Act creates Medicare Part D, which could have some effect on the Association's obligations under the postretirement health plan. Measures of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation and the net periodic benefit cost recorded in these statutory financial statements do not reflect any changes brought about by the Act because the employer is unable to conclude whether the benefits provided by the plan are actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D under the Act.

The reconciliations of the benefit obligations on a measurement date as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, for pension and postretirement are as follows:

	Underfunded	
	2017	2016
Pension benefits:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 3,496,402	\$ 3,085,805
Service cost	269,927	221,447
Interest cost	180,382	161,959
Actuarial loss	595,887	146,848
Benefits paid	(119,783)	(119,657)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 4,422,815	\$ 3,496,402
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$ 4,233,230	\$ 3,289,960
	Underfunded	
	2017	2016
Postretirement benefits:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 2,354,626	\$ 2,052,750
Service cost	217,101	183,158
Interest cost	123,020	109,587
Contributions by plan participants	20,836	10,255
Actuarial loss	420,021	48,383
Benefits paid	(77,170)	(49,507)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 3,058,434	\$ 2,354,626

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

The changes in plan assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,115,968	\$ 1,820,034	\$ -	\$ -
Actual return on plan assets	451,306	202,682	-	-
Contributions by reporting entity	238,349	212,909	56,334	39,252
Contributions by participants	-	-	20,836	10,255
Benefits paid	(119,783)	(119,657)	(77,170)	(49,507)
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,685,840</u>	<u>\$ 2,115,968</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The reconciliation of the funded status to the net amount recognized at December 31, 2017 and 2016, is as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Funded status:				
Components				
Accrued benefit costs	\$ (474,048)	\$ (334,812)	\$ (2,811,546)	\$ (2,293,706)
Liability for benefits	(1,262,926)	(1,045,622)	(246,888)	(60,920)
Assets and liabilities recognized				
Liabilities recognized	(1,736,974)	(1,380,434)	(3,058,434)	(2,354,626)

The liability for the underfunded status for the pension and postretirement benefits is included pension and postretirement liability on the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The components of net periodic benefit costs at December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Components of net periodic benefit costs:				
Service cost	\$ 269,927	\$ 221,447	\$ 217,101	\$ 183,158
Interest cost	180,382	161,959	123,020	109,587
Expected return on plan assets	(173,120)	(149,917)	-	-
Amount of recognized gains and losses	83,257	80,090	-	-
Amount of prior service cost	(30)	(28)	116,427	110,748
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 360,416</u>	<u>\$ 313,551</u>	<u>\$ 456,548</u>	<u>\$ 403,493</u>

The amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) related to actuarial (gains) and losses total \$1,459,692 and \$420,173 at December 31, 2017 for pension and postretirement benefits, respectively. The amount in unassigned funds (surplus) related to prior service costs total (\$59) and \$177,457 at December 31, 2017 for pension and postretirement benefits, respectively.

The amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) related to actuarial (gains) and losses total \$1,165,480 and \$145 at December 31, 2016 for pension and postretirement benefits, respectively. The amount in unassigned funds (surplus) related to prior service costs total \$(84) and \$279,548 at December 31, 2016 for pension and postretirement benefits, respectively.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

The amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) arising during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net (gain) loss arising during the period	\$ 234,444	\$ 13,993	\$ 420,021	\$ 48,383

The amounts of unassigned funds (surplus) expected to be recognized in the fiscal year as components of net periodic benefit cost for 2018, is as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net prior service cost or (credit)	\$	(30)	\$	116,427
Net recognized (gains) losses		100,451		7,303

The following table presents the assumptions used in determining present value of the benefit obligation for the pension plan and the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Weighted-average assumptions used in computing ending obligations:				
Discount rate	3.75%	4.25%	3.75%	4.25%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	3.50%	N/A	N/A
Weighted-average assumptions used in computing net cost:				
Discount rate	4.25%	4.50%	4.25%	4.50%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	4.00%	N/A	N/A
Expected return on plan assets	6.75%	7.00%	N/A	N/A
Assumed health care cost trends rate:				
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	N/A	N/A	6.50%	7.00%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	N/A	N/A	4.50%	4.50%
Year that the rate reached the ultimate trend rate	N/A	N/A	2023	2023

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

Assumed health care cost trend rates could have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the postretirement benefit plan. The following table summarizes the effects of a 1% increase and a 1% decrease in assumed health care cost trend rates at December 31:

	1% Increase		1% Decrease	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Effect on total service and interest cost components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$ 71,671	\$ 63,802	\$ (55,857)	\$ (49,448)
Effect on the health care component of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	666,466	492,781	(524,554)	(389,289)

Increase or decrease in the projected benefit obligation (PBO) resulting from a plan amendment is amortized on a straight-line basis over the average expected remaining service of active participants expected to benefit under the Plan. Reduction in PBO first reduces any unrecognized prior service cost; any remaining amount is amortized on a straight-line basis described above. Net loss (gain) in excess of 10% of the greater of PBO or the fair value of assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the average expected remaining service of active participants expected to benefit under the Plan.

Increase in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation (APBO) resulting from a plan amendment is amortized on a straight-line basis over the average expected remaining service of active participants expected to benefit under the Plan. Amortization of net prior service cost (credit) resulting from a plan change is included as a component of Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost (Income) in the year first recognized and every year thereafter until such time as it is fully amortized. The annual amortization payment is determined in the first year as the increase in APBO due to the plan change divided by the average remaining service period to full eligibility for participating employees expected to receive benefits under the Plan. Reductions in APBO first reduce any unrecognized prior service cost; any remaining amount is amortized on a straight-line basis as described above.

Non-vested APBO was recognized under SSAP 92 effective January 1, 2013, and is amortized over the period to full vesting for the non-vested group.

Amortization of the net gain or loss resulting from experience different from that assumed and from changes in assumptions is included as a component of Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost (Income) for a year.

Net loss (gain) in excess of 10% of the APBO is amortized on a straight-line basis over the average expected remaining service of active participants expected to benefit under the Plan.

Plan assets: The members of the pension plan participate in a multiple-employer pension trust. Plan assets are held in a single trust for all employers who participate in the Plan. Each year, assets are allocated to the Association based on its historical contributions, benefit disbursements and share of investment return.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

The asset allocation for the Plan at the end of the Association's fiscal year, and the on-going target allocation, by asset category, follows:

	Target	As of December 31, 2017	Target	As of December 31, 2016
Asset category:				
Equity securities	50.0%	49.5%	55.0%	56.1%
Debt securities	50.0	48.9	45.0	42.8
Cash	-	1.6	-	1.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The Plan's investment policy is set by the Trustees of the Insurance Organizations' Pension Trust (IOPT). The expected rate of return on plan assets was determined based on the average rate of earnings expected to be earned on the current and target asset categories.

The following table summarizes the plan assets' fair value measurements by level at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total Fair Value
Equity securities (a)	\$ -	\$ 1,329,491	\$ -	\$ 1,329,491
Debt securities (a)	-	1,313,376	-	1,313,376
Cash (b)	42,973	-	-	42,973
	<u>\$ 42,973</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,867</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,685,840</u>

	2016			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total Fair Value
Equity securities (a)	\$ -	\$ 1,187,058	\$ -	\$ 1,187,058
Debt securities (a)	-	905,634	-	905,634
Cash (b)	23,276	-	-	23,276
	<u>\$ 23,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,092,692</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,115,968</u>

(a) Equity and debt securities consist of common collective funds which are valued at the net asset value (NAV), as a practical expedient to measure fair value, based on the fair value of the underlying investments.

(b) Cash consists of money market funds which are valued at NAV of shares held by the Plan at year end.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

To assess the appropriate classification of instruments within the fair value hierarchy, the availability of market data is monitored. Changes in economic conditions or valuation techniques may require the transfer of instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported as if it occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

The Association evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the instrument and size of the transfer. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no significant transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3.

Cash flows: The Association expects to contribute approximately \$269,000 to its pension plan and approximately \$64,000 to its other postretirement benefit plan in 2018.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid in fiscal years:

	Pension Plan	Postretirement Plan
Years:		
2018	\$ 111,819	\$ 64,094
2019	128,806	86,080
2020	145,990	107,320
2021	166,542	126,271
2022	189,544	147,667
2023-2027	1,239,845	965,022

Defined contribution plan: The Association also offers an Employee Savings Plan to employees working at least 1,000 hours in a year. This plan is offered through a single employer arrangement with the Association matching 100% of employee contributions up to 6% of the employees' earnings. The employee is 100% vested in his or her contributions and earnings. The employee is 100% vested in the Association's contributions after completing three years of service. The Association's expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$93,795 and \$81,684, respectively.

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Note 10. Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Due to their short-term maturity or settlement, the fair values of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, balances due on account from insureds and others, payables, and remittances and items not allocated, approximate their carrying amounts as reflected in the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus.

The fair value and amortized cost of bonds is estimated based on quoted market prices if available, and if not, fair values are estimated using present value or other valuation techniques. These techniques are significantly affected by our assumptions, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. Potential taxes and other transactions costs have not been considered in estimating fair values. The fair value and amortized cost of bonds and other debt instruments were approximately \$58,150,000 and \$58,592,000, respectively, at December 31, 2017, and approximately \$56,262,000 and \$56,893,000, respectively, at December 31, 2016.

The Association has not historically maintained financial instruments for trading purposes.

Fair value is based on an exit price, which is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Association employs a hierarchical disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring financial instruments at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment in measuring fair value.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Association has the ability to access at the measurement date

Level 2: Valuations derived from inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3: Valuations are derived from techniques that require significant unobservable inputs. The unobservable inputs reflect the Association's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

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Note 10. Fair Values of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The following tables summarize the aggregate fair value and admitted values for long-term financial instruments held by the Association as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

		December 31, 2017			
	Admitted Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Bonds and other debt instruments	\$ 58,592,239	\$ -	\$ 58,150,297	\$ -	\$ 58,150,297
	<u>\$ 58,592,239</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 58,150,297</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 58,150,297</u>
		December 31, 2016			
	Admitted Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Bonds and other debt instruments	\$ 56,893,049	\$ -	\$ 56,262,189	\$ -	\$ 56,262,189
Common stock	5,391,135	5,391,135	-	-	\$ 5,391,135
	<u>\$ 62,284,184</u>	<u>\$ 5,391,135</u>	<u>\$ 56,262,189</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,653,324</u>

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Note 11. Reinsurance Agreements

The claims paying capacity of the Association is composed of premiums received from policies issued, surplus, investment income on surplus, any payments received under the Association's risk financing program, any assessments levied on the Association's Member Insurers and other statutorily-prescribed mechanisms for financing a deficit event affecting the Association. The Association's risk financing program, effective May 1, 2017, for potential claims obligations that arise from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018, provides protection from third party reinsurers from \$110 million to \$220 million.

There were no reimbursed losses and loss adjustment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

For the excess of loss coverages described above, the Association is charged a provisional premium, which may be adjusted in accordance with a formula included in the reinsurance agreement for each excess layer if the limits of insurance in force (total insured value) increases by an average of greater than 10% or decreases by an average of greater than 5%. The effect of reinsurance on the Association's premiums written and earned during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, is as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Written	Earned	Written	Earned
Direct	\$ 86,736,495	\$ 82,184,680	\$ 78,442,467	\$ 75,762,617
Ceded	(7,661,667)	(7,661,667)	(7,862,554)	(7,862,554)
Net premiums	<u>\$ 79,074,828</u>	<u>\$ 74,523,013</u>	<u>\$ 70,579,913</u>	<u>\$ 67,900,063</u>

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Association of its primary obligation to policyholders and failure of the reinsurers to discharge their obligations could result in losses to the Association. The Association, with the assistance of their reinsurance intermediary, regularly evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers and monitors concentrations of credit risk related to its reinsurance activities.

No credit losses resulted from ceded reinsurance activities during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

There is no unsecured reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses for individual reinsurers whose balances exceeded 3% of the Association's surplus as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The Association has not received a ceding commission as part of its reinsurance arrangements. Therefore, upon cancellation, no return commission will be due.

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Note 12. Subsequent Events

Events or transactions that occur after the statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus date, but before statutory financial statements are complete and available to be issued, are reviewed by the Association to determine if they are to be recognized.

All of the effects of subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus date, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the statutory financial statements, are recognized in the statutory financial statements. The Association does not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus date but arose after, but before the statutory financial statements are available to be issued. In some cases, nonrecognized subsequent events are disclosed to keep the statutory financial statements from being misleading.

The Association has evaluated subsequent events through April 6, 2018, which is the date that the statutory financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Supplemental Summary Investment Schedule
December 31, 2017**

	Gross Investment Holdings		Admitted Assets as Reported in the Annual Statement				
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Securities Lending Reinvested Collateral Amount	Amount	Percentage	
Bonds:							
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 10,214,006	13.9	\$ 10,214,006	\$ -	\$ 10,214,006	13.9	
U.S. government agency obligations (excluding mortgage-backed securities) issued by U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,406,411	8.7	6,406,411	-	6,406,411	8.7	
Mortgage-backed securities (includes residential and commercial MBS):							
Pass-through securities:							
Issued or guaranteed by GNMA	124,233	0.2	124,233	-	124,233	0.2	
Issued or guaranteed by FNMA and FHLMC	1,487,208	2.0	1,487,208	-	1,487,208	2.0	
CMOs and REMICs:							
All other	4,718,967	6.4	4,718,967	-	4,718,967	6.4	
Other debt and other fixed income securities (excluding short-term):							
Unaffiliated domestic securities	35,220,425	47.9	35,220,425	-	35,220,425	47.9	
Unaffiliated non-U.S. securities	420,989	0.6	420,989	-	420,989	0.6	
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	14,948,908	20.3	14,948,908	-	14,948,908	20.3	
Total invested assets	\$ 73,541,147	100.0	\$ 73,541,147	\$ -	\$ 73,541,147	100.0	

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTMENT RISKS INTERROGATORIES

For the year ended December 31, 2017

(To be filed by April 1)

Of North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association

Address (City, State, Zip Code): Cary NC 27518

NAIC Group Code.....0

NAIC Company Code.....0

Employer's ID Number.....56-1222676

The Investment Risks Interrogatories are to be filed by April 1. They are also to be included with the Audited Statutory Financial Statements.

Answer the following interrogatories by reporting the applicable U.S. dollar amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in that category of investments.

1. Reporting entity's total admitted assets as reported on Page 2 of this annual statement. \$.....82,952,135

2. Ten largest exposures to a single issuer/borrower/investment.

1	2	3	4
			Percentage of Total
Issuer	Description of Exposure	Amount	Admitted Assets
Federal National Mortgage Association			
2.01 Pool Number AS7404	Bonds, MBS	\$.....4,149,856	5.0 %
2.02 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.....	Bonds, MBS	\$.....2,788,473	3.4 %
2.03 Morgan Stanley.....	Bonds, MBS	\$.....2,725,495	3.3 %
2.04 Aviation Capital Group LLC.....	Bonds	\$.....1,760,222	2.1 %
2.05 Pricoa Global Funding I.....	Bonds	\$.....1,512,363	1.8 %
Avis Budget Rental Car Funding (AESOP)			
2.06 LLC	ABS	\$.....1,306,309	1.6 %
2.07 The Bank of New York Mellon.....	Bonds	\$.....1,061,585	1.3 %
2.08 JPMorgan Chase & Co.....	Bonds	\$.....1,016,430	1.2 %
Volvo Financial Equipment Master Owner			
2.09 Trust, Series 2017-A	ABS	\$.....1,000,000	1.2 %
2.10 Metropolitan Life Global Funding I.....	Bonds	\$.....1,000,000	1.2 %

3. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in bonds and preferred stocks by NAIC designation.

	1	2
Bonds		
3.01 NAIC 1.....	\$.....50,276,965	60.6 %
3.02 NAIC 2.....	\$.....8,315,274	10.0 %
3.03 NAIC 3.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.04 NAIC 4.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.05 NAIC 5.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.06 NAIC 6.....	\$.....	0.0 %
Preferred Stocks	3	4
3.07 P/RP-1.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.08 P/RP-2.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.09 P/RP-3.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.10 P/RP-4.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.11 P/RP-5.....	\$.....	0.0 %
3.12 P/RP-6.....	\$.....	0.0 %

4. Assets held in foreign investments:

4.01 Are assets held in foreign investments less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 4.01 above is yes, responses are not required for interrogatories 5-10.

4.02 Total admitted assets held in foreign investments	\$.....420,989	0.5 %
4.03 Foreign-currency-denominated investments	\$.....	0.0 %
4.04 Insurance liabilities denominated in that same foreign currency	\$.....	0.0 %

5. Aggregate foreign investment exposure categorized by NAIC sovereign designation:

	1	2
5.01 Countries designated NAIC 1.....	\$.....	0.0 %
5.02 Countries designated NAIC 2.....	\$.....	0.0 %
5.03 Countries designated NAIC 3 or below.....	\$.....	0.0 %

6. Largest foreign investment exposures by country, categorized by the country's NAIC sovereign designation:

	1	2
Countries designated NAIC 1:		
6.01 Country 1:	\$.....	0.0 %
6.02 Country 2:	\$.....	0.0 %
Countries designated NAIC 2:		
6.03 Country 1:	\$.....	0.0 %
6.04 Country 2:	\$.....	0.0 %
Countries designated NAIC 3 or below:		
6.05 Country 1:	\$.....	0.0 %
6.06 Country 2:	\$.....	0.0 %

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	1	2	
7. Aggregate unhedged foreign currency exposure.....	\$.....		0.0 %
8. Aggregate unhedged foreign currency exposure categorized by NAIC sovereign designation:	1	2	
8.01 Countries designated NAIC 1.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
8.02 Countries designated NAIC 2.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
8.03 Countries designated NAIC 3 or below.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
9. Largest unhedged foreign currency exposures by country, categorized by the country's NAIC sovereign designation:			
Countries designated NAIC 1:	1	2	
9.01 Country 1: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
9.02 Country 2: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
Countries designated NAIC 2:			
9.03 Country 1: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
9.04 Country 2: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
Countries designated NAIC 3 or below:			
9.05 Country 1: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
9.06 Country 2: .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10. Ten largest non-sovereign (i.e. non-governmental) foreign issues:			
	1	2	
	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>NAIC Designation</u>	
		3	4
10.01 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.02 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.03 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.04 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.05 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.06 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.07 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.08 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.09 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
10.10 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
11. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in Canadian investments and unhedged Canadian currency exposure:			
11.01 Are assets held in Canadian investments less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?			Yes [X] No []
If response to 11.01 is yes, detail is not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 11.			
11.02 Total admitted assets held in Canadian Investments.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
11.03 Canadian currency-denominated investments.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
11.04 Canadian-denominated insurance liabilities.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
11.05 Unhedged Canadian currency exposure.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
12. Report aggregate amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in investments with contractual sales restrictions.			
12.01 Are assets held in investments with contractual sales restrictions less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?			Yes [X] No []
If response to 12.01 is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 12.			
	1	2	3
12.02 Aggregate statement value of investments with contractual sales restrictions.....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
Largest three investments with contractual sales restrictions:			
12.03 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
12.04 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
12.05 .....	\$.....	.....	0.0 %
13. Amounts and percentages of admitted assets held in the ten largest equity interests:			
13.01 Are assets held in equity interest less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?			Yes [X] No []
If response to 13.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 13.			
	1	2	3
	<u>Name of Issuer</u>		
13.02	\$.....		0.0 %
13.03	\$.....		0.0 %
13.04	\$.....		0.0 %
13.05	\$.....		0.0 %
13.06	\$.....		0.0 %
13.07	\$.....		0.0 %
13.08	\$.....		0.0 %
13.09	\$.....		0.0 %
13.10	\$.....		0.0 %
13.11	\$.....		0.0 %

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14. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in nonaffiliated, privately placed equities:

14.01 Are assets held in nonaffiliated, privately placed equities less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 14.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 14.

1	2	3
14.02 Aggregate statement value of investments held in nonaffiliated, privately placed equities.....	\$.....	0.0 %
Largest three investments held in nonaffiliated, privately placed equities:		
14.03	\$.....	0.0 %
14.04	\$.....	0.0 %
14.05	\$.....	0.0 %

15. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in general partnership interests:

15.01 Are assets held in general partnership interests less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 15.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 15.

1	2	3
15.02 Aggregate statement value of investments held in general partnership interests.....	\$.....	0.0 %
Largest three investments in general partnership interests:		
15.03	\$.....	0.0 %
15.04	\$.....	0.0 %
15.05	\$.....	0.0 %

16. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in mortgage loans:

16.01 Are mortgage loans reported in Schedule B less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 16.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 16 and Interrogatory 17.

1	2	3
<u>Type (Residential, Commercial, Agricultural)</u>		
16.02	\$.....	0.0 %
16.03	\$.....	0.0 %
16.04	\$.....	0.0 %
16.05	\$.....	0.0 %
16.06	\$.....	0.0 %
16.07	\$.....	0.0 %
16.08	\$.....	0.0 %
16.09	\$.....	0.0 %
16.10	\$.....	0.0 %
16.11	\$.....	0.0 %

Amount and percentage of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in the following categories of mortgage loans:

	<u>Loans</u>
16.12 Construction loans.....	\$..... 0.0 %
16.13 Mortgage loans over 90 days past due.....	\$..... 0.0 %
16.14 Mortgage loans in the process of foreclosure.....	\$..... 0.0 %
16.15 Mortgage loans foreclosed.....	\$..... 0.0 %
16.16 Restructured mortgage loans.....	\$..... 0.0 %

17. Aggregate mortgage loans having the following loan-to-value ratios as determined from the most current appraisal as of the annual statement date:

<u>Loan-to-Value</u>	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Commercial</u>		<u>Agricultural</u>	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
17.01 above 95%.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
17.02 91% to 95%.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
17.03 81% to 90%.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
17.04 71% to 80%.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
17.05 below 70%.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %

18. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in each of the five largest investments in real estate:

18.01 Are assets held in real estate reported less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 18.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 18.

Largest five investments in any one parcel or group of contiguous parcels of real estate:

<u>Description</u>	2	3
18.02	\$.....	0.0 %
18.03	\$.....	0.0 %
18.04	\$.....	0.0 %
18.05	\$.....	0.0 %
18.06	\$.....	0.0 %

19. Report aggregate amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in investments held in mezzanine real estate loans.

19.01 Are assets held in investments held in mezzanine real estate loans less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's admitted assets?

Yes [X] No []

If response to 19.01 is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 19.

1	2	3
19.02 Aggregate statement value of investments held in mezzanine real estate loans	\$.....	0.0 %
Largest three investments held in mezzanine real estate loans:		
19.03	\$.....	0.0 %
19.04	\$.....	0.0 %
19.05	\$.....	0.0 %

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20. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets subject to the following types of agreements:

	<u>At Year-End</u>		<u>At End of Each Quarter</u>		
			<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>
	1	2	3	4	5
20.01 Securities lending agreements (do not include assets held as collateral for such transactions).....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
20.02 Repurchase agreements.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
20.03 Reverse repurchase agreements.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
20.04 Dollar repurchase agreements.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
20.05 Dollar reverse repurchase agreements.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....

21. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets for warrants not attached to other financial instruments, options, caps and floors:

	<u>Owned</u>		<u>Written</u>	
	1	2	3	4
21.01 Hedging.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
21.02 Income generation.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %
21.03 Other.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	0.0 %

22. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets of potential exposure for collars, swaps, and forwards:

	<u>At Year-End</u>		<u>At End of Each Quarter</u>		
			<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>
	1	2	3	4	5
22.01 Hedging.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
22.02 Income generation.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
22.03 Replications.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
22.04 Other.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....

23. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets of potential exposure for futures contracts:

	<u>At Year-End</u>		<u>At End of Each Quarter</u>		
			<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>
	1	2	3	4	5
23.01 Hedging.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
23.02 Income generation.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
23.03 Replications.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
23.04 Other.....	\$.....	0.0 %	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....

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North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association

**Supplemental Schedule of Reinsurance Interrogatories
December 31, 2017**

- 7.1. Has the reporting entity reinsured any risk with any other entity under a quota share reinsurance contract that includes a provision that would limit the reinsurer's losses below the stated quota share percentage (e.g., a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or any similar provisions)?

Yes [] No [X]

- 8.1. Has this reporting entity reinsured any risk with any other entity and agreed to release such entity from liability, in whole or in part, from any loss that may occur on the risk, or portion thereof, reinsured?

Yes [] No [X]

- 9.1 Has the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) for which during the period covered by the statement: (i) it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders; (ii) it accounted for that contract as reinsurance and not as a deposit; and (iii) the contract(s) contain one or more of the following features or other features that would have similar results:

- a. A contract term longer than two years, and the contract is noncancellable by the reporting entity during the contract term;
- b. A limited or conditional cancellation provision under which cancellation triggers an obligation by the reporting entity, or an affiliate of the reporting entity, to enter into a new reinsurance contract with the reinsurer, or an affiliate of the reinsurer;
- c. Aggregate stop loss reinsurance coverage;
- d. A unilateral right by either party (or both parties) to commute the reinsurance contract, whether conditional or not, except for such provisions which are only triggered by a decline in the credit status of the other party;
- e. A provision permitting reporting of losses, or payment of losses, less frequently than on a quarterly basis (unless there is no activity during the period); or
- f. Payment schedule, accumulating retentions from multiple years or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity.

Yes [] No [X]

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Supplemental Schedule of Reinsurance Interrogatories (Continued)
December 31, 2017

9.2. Has the reporting entity during the period covered by the statement ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates), for which, during the period covered by the statement, it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders; excluding cessions to approved pooling arrangements or to captive insurance companies that are directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with: (i) one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity, or (ii) an association of which one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity is a member where:

- a. The written premium ceded to the reinsurer by the reporting entity or its affiliates represents fifty percent (50%) or more of the entire direct and assumed premium written by the reinsurer based on its most recently available financial statement; or
- b. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the written premium ceded to the reinsurer has been retroceded back to the reporting entity or its affiliates in a separate reinsurance contract.

Yes [] No [X]

9.4. Except for transactions meeting the requirements of paragraph 31 of SSAP No. 62R, *Property and Casualty Reinsurance*, has the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statement, and either:

- a. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance (either prospective or retroactive) under statutory accounting principles (SAP) and as a deposit under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); or
- b. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under GAAP and as a deposit under SAP?

Yes [] No [X]

See accompanying independent auditor's report.