



At FSLSO, we all work together to provide the highest quality customer service and constantly strive to facilitate compliance through innovative solutions. Each of these points – customer service, compliance, and innovation – make up a bigger picture.

Through service to our customers, we are able to pinpoint products and services in need of enhancement and ideas for new products and services. Developing these new and improved products are more pieces of the big picture that makes up FSLSO.

Akin to the points in a classic pointillism painting, the individual points may not seem to make sense at first, but when you take a step back, the picture comes together and reveals itself.

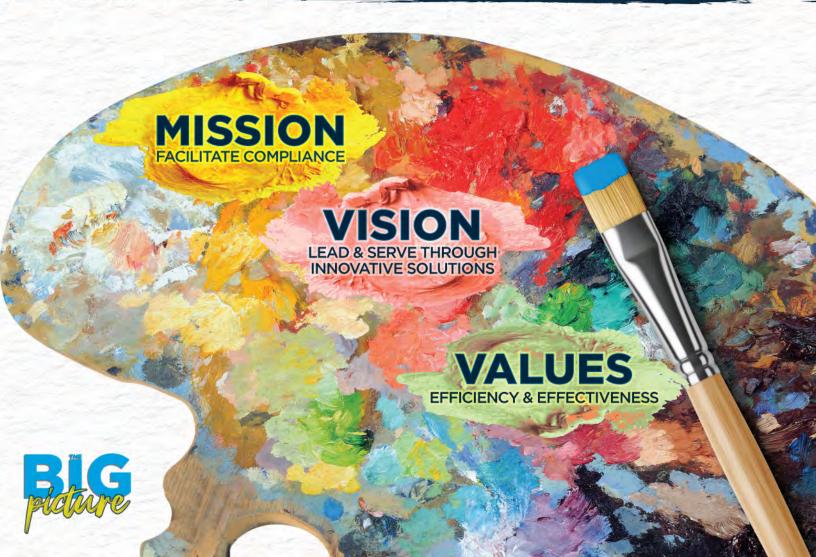


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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For over 20 years, the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office has successfully served the surplus lines community in Florida. Our continued success is due in large part to an amalgamation of accomplishment points that come together to shape the organization as a whole.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to make some adjustments to continue doing business. In April, the office

building was shuttered, and the staff was equipped and sent home to continue fulfilling their duties from their homes. As a result, we were able to successfully and seamlessly continue service to customers with little interruption.

While 202<mark>0 presented some challenges for many organizations, including FSLSO, it was an exciting year for surplus lines as premium topped \$7.5 billion, nearly \$1 billion more than in 2019.</mark>

At FSLSO, we have a deep commitment to providing quality customer service and staying at the forefront of technological advances. We are constantly working to improve existing products and researching new products to enhance customer experience. This year we continued work on the NextGen initiative we embarked on in 2019.

Since 2020 is the second year in the three-year NextGen plan, we took the time to evaluate the progress and assess the project's goals. Through that exercise, we confirmed our efforts and made a few valuable tweaks to the plan. We also continued work on migrating services to the AWS Cloud, including the accounting system software as well as our proprietary software platforms, SLIP and RAPID.

2020 brought a few legislative and operational changes, namely the reduction of the surplus lines premium tax rate from 5% to 4.94%. Secondly, the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation assessments (regular and emergency) were discontinued for all policies. Lastly, after examining the budget and analysis of future income, we were able to reduce the service office fee from 0.10% to 0.06%. These reductions resulted in significant cost savings for FSLSO customers.

This year's accomplishments are all points in a greater portrait of success for the organization, similar to how many classic paintings are comprised of a multitude of tiny dots - or points - that form a complex but comprehensive bigger picture. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Skip Wolf, this year's Chairman of the board, and the FSLSO staff for their steadfast commitment to the success of this office.

Sincerely,
Gary D. Pullen
Executive Director



CHAIR

As chairman of the Board of Governors of the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office, we are pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report. The report shows each point of achievement, revealing a complete picture of the organization's health. With a goal of facilitating compliance through innovative solutions, FSLSO has pushed itself to be a leader in the surplus lines industry. I am honored to chair such a successful organization.



With more than \$7.5 billion in premium written this year, 2020 was a successful year for FSLSO and the surplus lines industry as a whole. FSLSO has done an outstanding job of facilitating compliance through the Compliance Review, the Premium Reconciliation, and the Production Ledger Review programs. The results of these programs revealed customers scored an average of 96% when it comes to staying compliant. Additionally, the Premium Reconciliation and the Production Ledger Review programs uncovered more than \$125 million in unfiled premium.

The people - agents, agency staff, and insurance company staff - are all pieces in the picture of the surplus lines community we are deeply committed to serving and protecting. When asked about their satisfaction with our office, customers rated us 100% across the following points of service: Level of knowledge, Professionalism, Responsiveness, and Ability to assist.

When asked about their level of satisfaction with SLIP, customers gave a rating of 99% across the following categories Ease of use, Reliability, Functionality, Performance, and Support.

We are able to constantly improve our operations and products by connecting high-quality service to everything we do. We are currently in the process of strategically planning our goals for 2021, which will bring new and enhanced products and more opportunities for success.

2020 presented some unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but FSLSO worked through those challenges smoothly and provided uninterrupted service to customers. For that, I would like to thank Executive Director Gary Pullen and the FSLSO staff for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Governors for allowing me to serve as Chairman. Absent all of these elements working together, FSLSO would not be where it is today.

I encourage you to explore the annual report and FSLSO.com to learn more about the organization and the surplus lines industry.

Sincerely,
Irvin "Skip" Wolf III
Chairman



ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CLOUD COMPUTING

Technology infrastructure is a crucial piece in the FSLSO picture and has many essential elements of its own. In today's ever-changing world, many of those technological points can be stored in a cloud environment.

In 2019 FSLSO began a two-year, multi-faceted plan to migrate our datacenter to Amazon Web Services (AWS). We were able to implement Office 365 for the entire organization and decommissioned 13 servers. We also migrated several mission-critical technologies such as enterprise email, external DNS, transaction email system, and multiple websites to the AWS Cloud.

This year we continued those efforts by expanding the AWS Cloud environment to house more technologies. We then migrated the SLIP and RAPID environments for FSLSO and SLAS as well as the new SLAS NextGen applications: Premium Reconciliation module, Production Ledger Review module, Configuration Manager, and Document/Email Archive module. The expanded AWS environment also allowed us to move the accounting system, Sage X3, to a cloud server.

In 2020, we migrated five on-premise database servers and 19 on-premise databases to AWS, which produced significant annual cost savings to the organization.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM UPGRADE AND MIGRATION

For more than ten years, FSLSO's accounting system had been operating on Sage 500, a robust enterprise management solution with capabilities such as automation and integration with our reporting software management platform, RAPID. While Sage 500 worked well, the product was not able to adapt to our evolving business needs as the software began to age, and it lacked compatibility with some of our current products and was not a cloud-based system.

This year we decided to move to a new, cloud-based accounting software, Sage X3. Through a multi-point plan including design, configuration, customization, integration, and several rounds of test runs, we successfully upgraded our accounting software to a more modern platform and user interface with open design, improved efficiency, and expanded accessibility. Migrating to Sage X3 also produced significant cost savings to FSLSO by eliminating the support and maintenance cost of an on-premise software.



NEXTGEN ASSESSMENT AND ROADMAP

As we began to sketch out activities for the second year of the three-year NextGen initiative, it was critical to assess the progress, accomplishments, and future goals to ensure the project was on track. We contracted with an independent third party to conduct the assessment, including an evaluation of the completed architecture and modules for NextGen, a review of the current legacy applications for SLIP and RAPID, analysis of the software development and deployment lifecycle, and a recommendation for the project roadmap through the completion of the project.

The comprehensive assessment was conducted in two phases, which spanned over four months. The result of the assessment provided us with a comprehensive roadmap for the completion of the NextGen initiative and recommendations for improvements in project delivery, documentation, and DevOps.





SLAS SOFTWARE APPLICATION REDESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (SLAS NEXTGEN)

2020 marked the second year in the three-year initiative for the modernization and redesign of the Surplus Lines Automation Suite (SLAS) into a single product solution for all SLAS platforms.

This year we developed and released several modules, which brought us much closer to completing the SLAS NextGen big picture. Included in the 2020 production releases were:

- The RAPID Premium Reconciliation and RAPID Production Ledger Review modules, which included improvements in efficiency and design to assist FSLSO staff in identifying unfiled premium in an effort to facilitate compliance.
- A new module called the Configuration Manager, which allows FSLSO staff to make system modifications without a developer, such as the addition of new coverage codes and modifying the Premium Reconciliation threshold.
- A redesigned User Management and Permissions module, which allows FSLSO IT staff to manage users, assign role-based permissions, or customize permissions for each user, as needed.
- A new module for managing Compliance Review exam questions called the Compliance Review Exam Manager. Through this new module, users will be able to add, edit or remove questions; reorder or recategorize exam questions; and change the weighting of exam questions without using a developer to make the modifications.
- The RAPID Template Manager, which allows FSLSO staff to edit email templates used to generate system emails.
- A new module to store all system generated emails and document requests called the Document/Email Archive module. This new module allows FSLSO staff to review and resend document requests sent through SLAS NextGen, and retrieve and resend all system generated emails.

In addition to the production releases, FSLSO also conducted a series of analysis meetings to prepare for development in 2021. The analysis meetings focused on SLIP and RAPID and documented improvements and modifications to significant portions of the system, including customer onboarding and registration, license and eligibility verification, policy and transaction reporting, Transactions in Question (TIQs), and the core system functions like calculations and transaction processing.



2020 ORGANIZATIONAL RESULTS

FILING AND PAYMENT COMPLIANCE

Agent Policies Submitted Timely

90%

Agent Invoices Paid Timely

96%

Insurer Policies Submitted Timely

88%

System Matched **Insurer Policies**

94%

Agent Premium Reported Accurately

99%

TIQs Resolved in 90 Days

100%

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

\$1.00

Operating Costs



\$1.23

Compliance Revenue

Total Compliance Revenue

\$7,507,770

LABOR EFFICIENCY

Total Transactions in Question (TIQs) Resolved

22,507

Tax, Service Fee, and Assessment Payments Reconciled

10,545

SYSTEM EFFICIENCY

Revenue from Rejected Credits & Invalid Tax Status Combinations

LABOR EFFECTIVENESS

Premium Reconciliation Transaction Resolved Within 180 Days

100%

Deposits Reconciled Within 10 Days



COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Compliance Reviews 404

Policies Reviewed 17,561

Transactions Reviewed 20,815



PREMIUM RECONCILIATION

System Reconciled Transactions

676,734

Manually Reconciled Transactions

45,158

Unfiled Transactions

874

PRODUCTION LEDGER REVIEW			
Unfiled Premium	\$26,725,468		
Taxes, Service Fees, Assessments, and Penalties Recovered	\$1,327,259		
Unfiled Transactions	3,591		
Agents with	183		



PREMIUM RECONCILIATION

Unfiled Premium

\$98,587,729

Taxes, Service Fees, Assessments, and Penalties Recovered

\$3,672,806

2020 MARKETPLACE STATISTICS

FSLSO uses analytics to illustrate an accurate picture of the surplus lines marketplace in Florida. Through the careful collection and analysis of data points in different combinations, we are able to provide detailed statistics using unique and engaging perspectives. As a result, analytics allows us to proffer insights into the Florida surplus lines marketplace that may not otherwise be obvious.

When you pay attention to detail, the big picture will take care of itself.

Georges St-Pierre

Diary of Discoveries (2013) - Vladimir Kush





TOTAL PREMIUM*

2020 - \$7,555,407,776

2019 - \$6,565,994,651

2018 - \$5,783,148,996

2020 PREMIUM AND POLICY COUNT

FROM 2019

Total Premium*	\$7,555,407,776	15%	1
Policy Count*	1,159,114	10%	14
Average Cost Per Policy*	\$6,518	28%	1

*Data based on effective date as of 3/31/2021.

2020 TAXES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Taxes \$335,725,565

Fees \$7,218,116

Assessments \$1,592,886

AGENT TRANSACTIONS SUBMITTED

Batch Submissions



Batch Transactions

1,226,423

SLIP Transactions

308,351



1,534,774

Total Agent Transactions Submitted

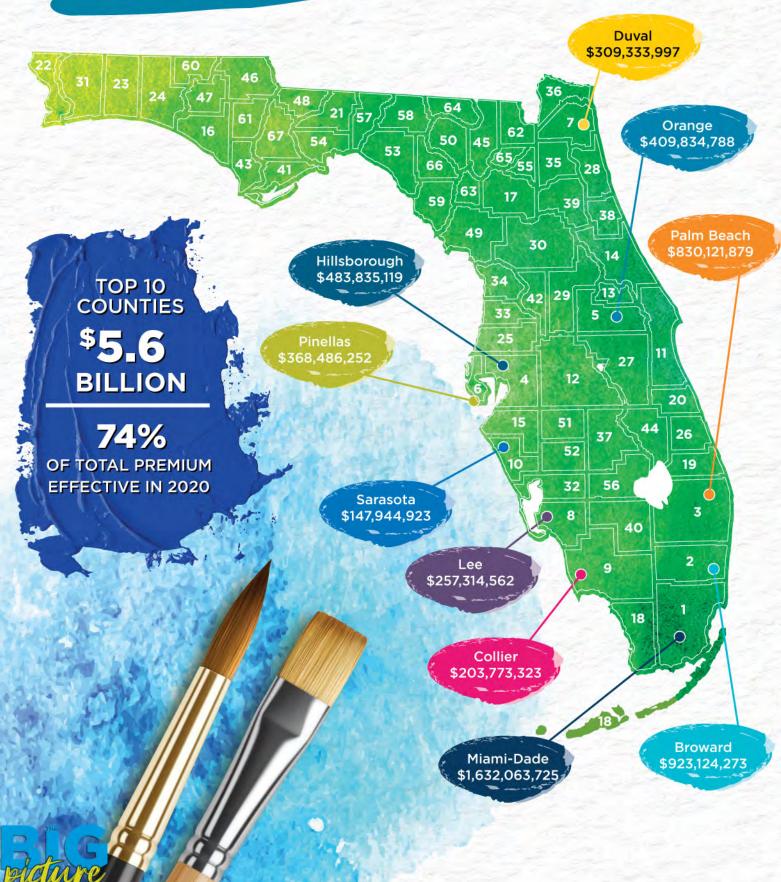
SLIP - **20**% Batch - **80**% SLIP VS. BATCH
AGENT TRANSACTIONS

AGENT TRANSACTIONS SUBMITTED BY MONTH



* Agent only. Excludes backout pair transactions.

COUNTIES BY TOTAL PREMIUM





1	Miami-Dade	\$1,632,063,725	35	Clay	\$18,146,196
2	Broward	\$923,124,273	36	Nassau	\$15,553,745
3	Palm Beach	\$830,121,879	37	Highlands	\$12,951,275
4	Hillsborough	\$483,835,119	38	Flagler	\$12,216,813
5	Orange	\$409,834,788	39	Putnam	\$10,691,190
6	Pinellas	\$368,486,252	40	Hendry	\$7,859,744
7	Duval	\$309,333,997	41	Franklin	\$7,729,025
8	Lee	\$257,314,562	42	Sumter	\$7,487,150
9	Collier	\$203,773,323	43	Gulf	\$6,316,918
10	Sarasota	\$147,944,923	44	Okeechobee	\$6,282,231
11	Brevard	\$139,174,489	45	Columbia	\$6,160,513
12	Polk	\$131,654,522	46	Jackson	\$5,574,199
13	Seminole	\$130,421,164	47	Washington	\$5,238,990
14	Volusia	\$119,862,497	48	Gadsden	\$4,455,586
15	Manatee	\$108,010,022	49	Levy	\$4,415,467
16	Bay	\$100,012,717	50	Suwannee	\$4,026,483
17	Alachua	\$87,957,555	51	Hardee	\$3,862,069
18	Monroe	\$87,626,488	52	DeSoto	\$3,737,554
19	Martin	\$85,242,933	53	Taylor	\$2,972,074
20	Indian River	\$82,049,344	54	Wakulla	\$2,958,173
21	Leon	\$81,347,218	55	Bradford	\$2,138,027
22	Escambia	\$80,812,191	56	Glades	\$1,814,122
23	Okaloosa	\$70,875,984	57	Jefferson	\$1,798,560
24	Walton	\$58,782,465	58	Madison	\$1,704,994
25	Pasco	\$57,247,772	59	Dixie	\$1,696,605
26	St. Lucie	\$56,956,119	60	Holmes	\$1,556,617
27	Osceola	\$52,964,958	61	Calhoun	\$1,381,715
28	St. Johns	\$49,802,145	62	Baker	\$1,313,630
29	Lake	\$47,206,387	63	Gilchrist	\$1,182,919
30	Marion	\$39,246,874	64	Hamilton	\$1,125,747
31	Santa Rosa	\$30,783,200	65	Union	\$918,101
32	Charlotte	\$29,311,136	66	Lafayette	\$892,421
	Hernando	\$24,267,764	67	Liberty	\$418,101

TOP 10 COVERAGES BY PREMIUM

RANK	COVERAGE	PREMIUM
D	Commercial Property	\$2,708,465,368
2	Commercial General Liability	\$1,125,842,879
3	Homeowners (HO-3)	\$437,225,026
4	Excess Commercial General Liability	\$428,469,930
5	Commercial Package	\$413,622,894
6	Dwelling Property	\$165,739,119
2	Miscellaneous E&O Liability	\$149,698,444
8	Windstorm and/or Hail - Commercial	\$130,956,600
9	Miscellaneous Liability	\$115,102,324
10	Homeowners (HO-6) - Condo Unit Owners	\$106,184,930

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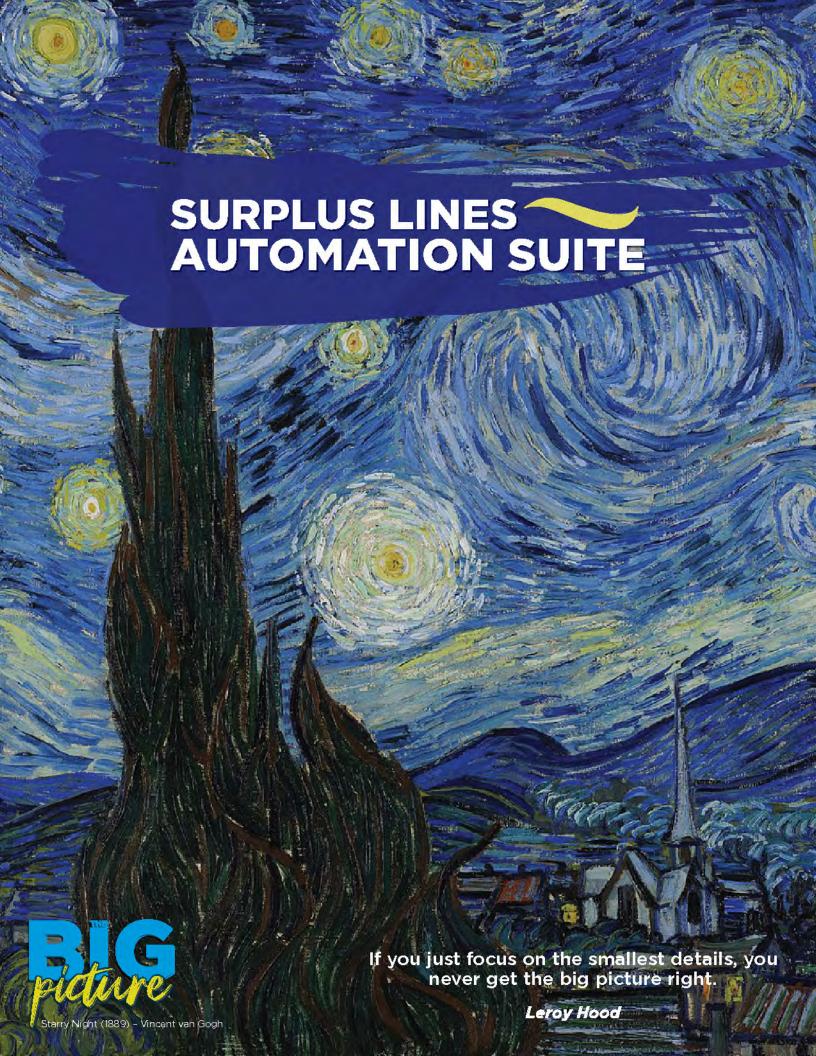


Diary of Discoveries (2013) - Vladimir Kush

TOP 10 INSURERS BY **PREMIUM**

RANK	INSURER	PREMIUM		
D	Underwriters at Lloyd's, London	\$1,819,283,278		
2	Lexington Insurance Company	\$349,901,066		
3	Indian Harbor Insurance Company	\$236,885,150		
4	National Fire and Marine Insurance Company	\$231,074,455		
5	Scottsdale Insurance Company	\$230,863,141		
6	QBE Specialty Insurance Company	\$203,821,441		
9	Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company	\$202,210,056		
8	Evanston Insurance Company	\$167,908,684		
9	Steadfast Insurance Company	\$158,835,037		
10	United Specialty Insurance Company	\$142,189,854		

Data based on effective date as of 3/31/2021.



SURPLUS LINES AUTOMATION SUITE

SLAS STATISTICS



Invalid Credit Endorsements Identified by the SLAS System

Invalid Credit
Premiums
Identified by the
SLAS System



SYSTEM COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS (LIFETIME)

\$1.2
BILLION
Unreported Premium Identified

GENERATED

\$54.8
MILLION
Revenue Recovered

SLAS STATES

The Surplus Lines Automation Suite is currently used by 12 states and processes more than 1/3 of the nationwide surplus lines premium.

SLAS

Florida - 1998

Mississippi - 2007 Washington - 2009 Nevada - 2010 California - 2011 South Dakota - 2012* Wyoming - 2012*
New Jersey - 2013
Oregon - 2013
Tennessee - 2016*
North Carolina - 2017
Georgia - 2020

* SLAS Clearinghouse states

SLAS CLEARINGHOUSE

131,399

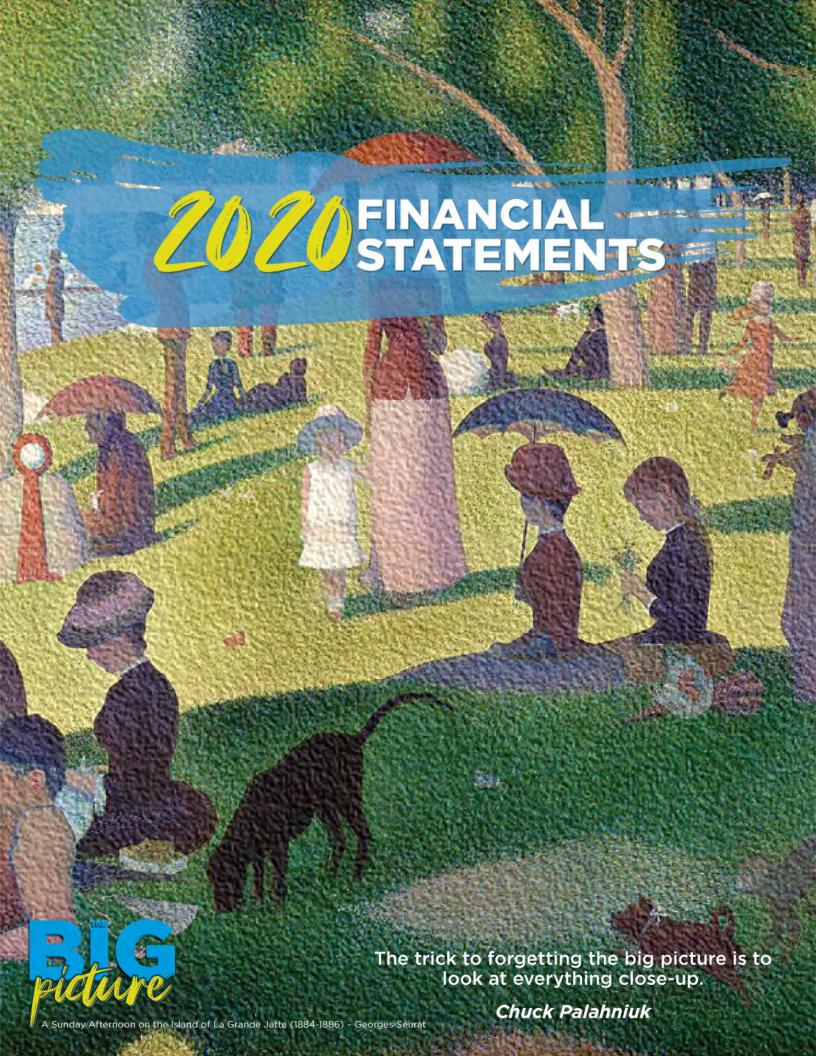
Transactions Processed

\$1,097,126,003

Premium Processed

93% Timely Payments

Starry Night (1889) - Vincent van Gogh





2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position

	Year End December 31, 2020	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,331,689	
Accrued interest income	16,584	
Investments	8,242,154	
Total current assets	11,590,427	
Long-term investments	33,416,336	
Property and equipment, net	5,402,983	
Other assets	9,713	
Total assets	\$ 50,419,459	
Liabilities and net position		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	422,831	
Accrued tax expense	100,478	
Total current liabilities	\$ 523,309	
Deferred compensation:		
Deferred compensation payable	430,649	
Investments designated for deferred compensation	(430,649)	
Total liabilities	523,309	
Net position:		
Investment in capital assets	5,402,983	
Unrestricted	44,493,167	
Total net assets	49,896,150	
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 50,419,459	



2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position

	Year End December 31, 2020
Changes in net position:	
Revenues and other support:	
Charges for services	\$ 7,339,194
Interest and finance charges on service fees	1,741
Other income	35,507
Total revenues and other support	7,376,442
Operating expenses:	
Administration and support	3,414,701
Education and outreach	948,907
Agent and insurer services	1,755,433
Clearinghouse	662,695
Total operating expenses	6,781,736
Operating income	594,706
Nonoperating revenues:	
Investment income	3,794,456
Rental income	38,914
Total nonoperating revenues	3,833,370
Change in unrestricted net assets before income taxes	4,428,076
Income tax expense	301,593
Change in unrestricted net assets	4,126,483
Net position at beginning of year	45,769,667
Net position at end of year	\$ 49,896,150

Year End



2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Cash Flows

	December 31, 2020	
Operating activities:		
Receipts from agents	\$	5,482,841
Receipts from Clearinghouse		1,856,353
Payments to employees for service		(3,381,043)
Payments for Clearinghouse		(662,695)
Payments to vendors		(1,528,418)
Other cash receipts		37,248
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,804,286
Investing activities:		
Investment income		1,184,219
Purchases of investments		(16,792,319)
Sales and maturities of investments		15,565,153
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(42,947)
Capital and related financing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment		(1,798,745)
Payment of income taxes	(301,663)	
Other receipts	38,914	
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities		(2,061,494)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(300,155)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		3,631,844
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	3,331,689
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating expenses:		
Operating income	\$	594,706
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		927,577
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Deposits		(1,854)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		283,857
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	1,804,286



Despite the angst, uncertainty, and overall difficulties in 2020, surplus lines premiums soared for the first half of 2021. We saw record premiums during the second quarter 2021 and surpassed \$1 billion in reported premium in a single month for June. Overall, the \$5.2 billion in premiums submitted in the first half of 2021 was an increase of 25% over the same timeframe in 2019. Conversely, total policy counts only rose about 7%, indicating increased pricing and hardening of the market.

Not all coverages followed this trend, however. Commercial Property, the top coverage in terms of premium and policy count, grew at a faster rate than the overall reported premium (26%). We anticipate this trend may trickle down to other coverages during the second half of 2021 and beyond.



We often plough so much energy into the big picture, we forget the pixels.

Silvia Cartwright





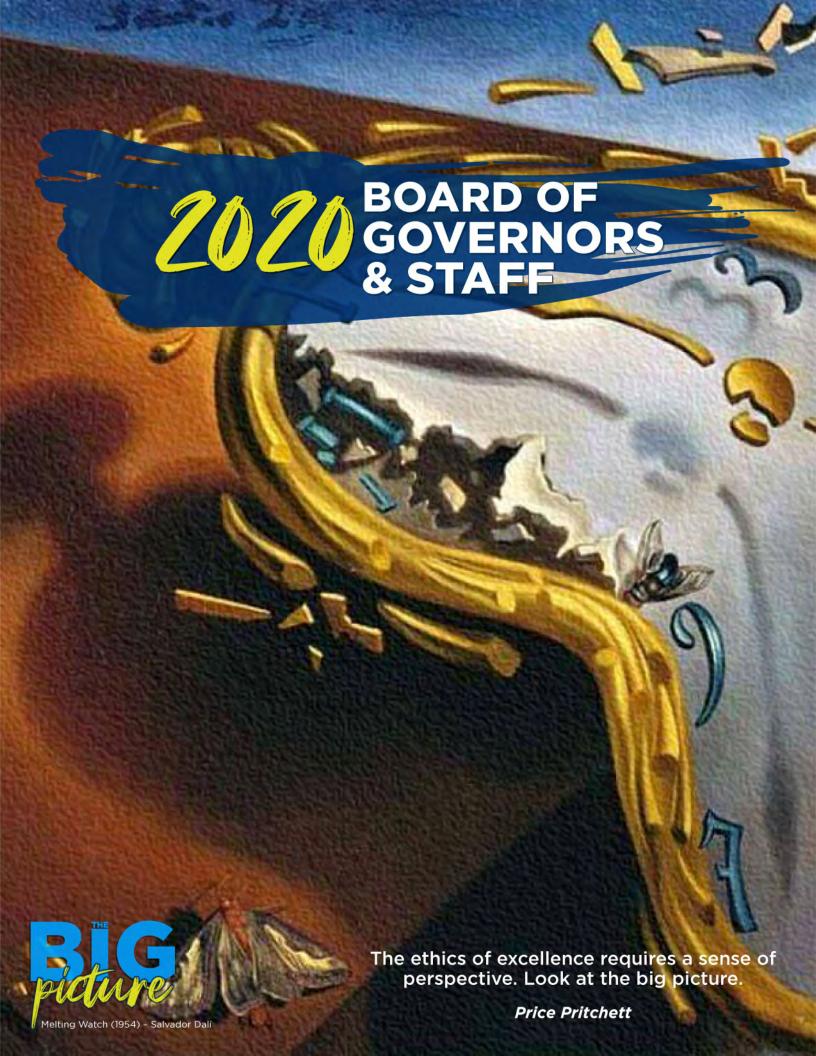
SLAS NEXTGEN

Now that year two has closed, we are embarking on the final projects in the SLAS NextGen plan we began in 2019. Led by the development of a comprehensive roadmap of the remaining items, we expect the final phase of this initiative to be completed by the end of 2021 with the release of SLIP and RAPID.

Next year we plan to redevelop SLIP and make it into a contemporary, user-friendly application. SLIP NextGen will include an update to the underlying technology and framework to provide a faster user experience with a sleeker, more modern look and feel to the web portal used by agents, agencies, IPC filers, and insurers to report surplus lines premium data. The upgraded system will also feature streamlined data entry and improvements to compliance processes, which will improve efficiency and usability.

We also plan to finish the overhaul of RAPID, which began with completing the Compliance Review, Premium Reconciliation, and Production Ledger Review modules in 2020. In 2021, we will continue to modernize RAPID by updating the system architecture and user interface to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of internal business processes that support our mission to facilitate compliance.







Gary D. Pullen
Executive Director



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