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SALUTATION

August 27, 2021

Honorable Andrew Stolfi, Director Department of Consumer and Business Services Division of Financial Regulation State of Oregon 350 Winter Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301-3883

Dear Director:

In accordance with your instructions and guidelines in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Examiners Handbook, pursuant to ORS 731.300 and 731.302, respectively, we have examined the business affairs and financial condition of

WESTERN PROTECTORS INSURANCE COMPANY 400 NE Baker Street McMinnville, Oregon 97128

NAIC Company Code 30961

Hereinafter referred to as the "Company." The following report is respectfully submitted.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

We have performed our regular, multi-state, full-scope coordinated group examination of Western Protectors Insurance Company. The examination was conducted in conjunction with the examination of a parent property and casualty insurer, Oregon Mutual Insurance Company and a separate report of examination will be prepared for that entity. The last examination of this property and casualty insurer was completed as of December 31, 2014. This examination covers the period of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2019.

We conducted our examination pursuant to ORS 731.300 and in accordance with ORS 731.302(1) which allows the examiners to consider the guidelines and procedures in the NAIC *Financial Condition Examiners Handbook*. The handbook requires that we plan and perform the examination to evaluate the financial condition, assess corporate governance, identify current and prospective risks of the Company and evaluate system controls and procedures used to mitigate those risks. An examination also includes identifying and evaluating significant risks that could cause an insurer's surplus to be materially misstated both currently and prospectively.

All accounts and activities of the Company were considered in accordance with the risk-focused examination process. This may include assessing significant estimates made by management and evaluating management's compliance with Statutory Accounting Principles. The examination does not attest to the fair presentation of the financial statements included herein. If, during the course of the examination an adjustment is identified, the impact of such adjustment will be documented separately following the Company's financial statements.

This examination report includes significant findings of fact, as mentioned in ORS 731.302 and general information about the insurer and its financial condition. There may be other items

identified during the examination that, due to their nature (e.g., subjective conclusions, proprietary information, etc.), are not included within the examination report, but separately communicated to other regulators and the Company.

COMPANY HISTORY

The Company was licensed on February 8, 1918, by the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation as a mutual property and casualty company. On May 27, 1987, the Company amended its Certificate of Authority to demutualize the Company and change its name to Western Protectors Insurance Company. At the time of the demutualization, Oregon Mutual Insurance Company ("OMIC") owned 66.8% and Employers Reinsurance Corporation ("ERC") owned 33.2% of the Company's common capital stock. On December 14, 1993, under a Stock Purchase Agreement, OMIC purchased all of ERC's shares of the Company. This transaction resulted in OMIC owning 100% of the Company's 150.000 shares of outstanding common stock.

Capitalization

Article III of the Restated Articles of Incorporation authorize the Company to issue 300,000 shares of common stock without par value. The Company has issued 150,000 shares of common stock with an implied par value of \$10 per share. To date, the parent contributed \$3,450,000 in statutory surplus, which did not change during the period under review.

Dividends and Other Distributions

During the period under examination, the Company declared and paid ordinary cash dividends to its sole shareholder as follows:

<u>Year</u>	Amount
2015	\$153,606
2016	\$208,857
2017	\$343,637
2018	\$159,087
2019	\$123,349

The distributions were reported to the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation in accordance with ORS 732.554.

CORPORATE RECORDS

Board Minutes

In general, the review of Board meeting minutes of the Company indicated that the minutes support the transactions of the Company and clearly describe the actions taken by its directors. A quorum, as defined by the Company's Bylaws, met at all the meetings held during the period under review.

The Company's Bylaws authorize the Board to establish any committee it deems necessary. There are four committees authorized to assist in the management of the Company, as follows:

Audit Committee	Investment Committee
Executive Committee	Nominating Committee

In addition, the Board has established a Compensation Committee and a Risk Management Committee. The actions of the various committees are summarized and reported to the Board of Directors during their regular meetings.

A review of the minutes indicated the Board directly approves the compensation of all its senior officers through its Compensation Committee, which in turn is ratified by the Board as a whole. This process complies with the provisions of ORS 732.320(3).

Articles of Incorporation

The Company's Articles of Incorporation were last restated on June 16, 2000. The Articles of Incorporation conform to the Oregon Insurance Code.

Bylaws

The Company's Bylaws were last restated on May 15, 2000. The Company made no amendments during the period under examination. The Bylaws conformed to Oregon statutes.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Board of Directors

The Bylaws, in Article II, state all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors and the business and affairs shall be managed under the direction of the Board. The number of directors shall be seven, eight, nine or ten, the exact number to be fixed, increased or decreased by resolution of the Board from time to time. As of December 31, 2019, the Company was governed by a ten-member Board of Directors as follows:

Name and Address	Principal Affiliation	Member Since
Kari Ann Bodmer McMinnville, Oregon	Business Owner/Professional Recruiter	2016
Rick Allen John McMinnville, Oregon	Principal Hagan Hamilton Insurance Agency	2010
Jonathan Louis Jurevic Portland, Oregon	Retired Executive	2010
Michael Edward Keyes McMinnville, Oregon	Retired President & CEO Oregon Mutual Insurance Company	1999
Kim Wallace Ledbetter Lake Oswego, Oregon	Retired Insurance Executive	2015

Name and Address	Principal Affiliation	Member Since
Christopher Charles Mansfield Dedham, Massachusetts	Retired Insurance Executive	2015
Michael Joseph McNamara Pullman, Washington	Professor of Finance and Insurance Washington State University	2004
Steven Lee Patterson McMinnville, Oregon	President & CEO Oregon Mutual Insurance Company	2017
Brian Martin Steffel * Lexington, Virginia	Retired President & CEO Oregon Mutual Insurance Company	2011
James Patton Tate Boise, Idaho	Owner M&W Markets	1998

^{*}Chairman

Under Oregon law, ORS 732.305, at least five (5) or one-quarter of the Directors, whichever is fewer, must be residents of Oregon and a majority of Directors must be non-salaried officers of the Company. The Company was in compliance with this statute. The Directors as a group has experience in insurance, accounting and management, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 731.386.

Officers

Principal Officers serving at December 31, 2019, were as follows:

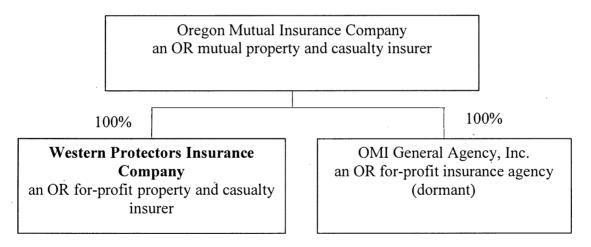
Name	<u>Title</u>
Steven Lee Patterson	President
Daniel Charles Brown	Vice President
Lori Lorraine Burton	Vice President
John Edward Jolliff	Vice President
Charles Stanley Katter	Vice President
Andrew Garrett Davies	Vice President and Treasurer
James Michael Workinger	Vice President and Secretary

Conflict of Interest

The Company's Board adopted a formal statement of policy concerning conflict of interest for all Directors, officers and employees, which is included in the Employee Handbook. Board members, executive officers and key employees are required to complete and periodically sign a conflict of interest declaration. From a review of the completed conflict of interest statements, it appeared that the affected personnel performed due diligence in completing the statements. No material conflicts of interest were noted.

Insurance Company Holding System

The Company is a member of an insurance company holding system, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 732.552, ORS 732.554, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 836-027-0020(1). The following organizational chart depicts the relationships of the Company within the holding company system:



A description of each of the entities above is as follows:

Oregon Mutual Insurance Company is an Oregon domiciled mutual property and casualty insurer conducting business in Oregon, California, Washington, and Idaho. It is the ultimate parent in the holding company system.

OMI General Agency, Inc. is an Oregon corporation and a for-profit insurance general agency, which is currently dormant.

INTERCOMPANY AGREEMENTS

The following agreements are in place betwéen the Company and members of the insurance holding company system:

Management Agreement

Effective May 27, 1987, the Company entered into a management agreement with its parent, OMIC, whereby the parent agrees to perform certain operational services, including production, underwriting, and servicing of insurance products and handling of claims and losses, reporting functions, and personnel, facilities and equipment, in exchange for an underwriting fee. The Company agrees to pay the OMIC monthly.

Tax Allocation Agreement

Effective August 6, 2001, the Company entered into a tax allocation agreement with OMIC to calculate income tax on a consolidated return basis and allocate to affiliated companies on a separate return basis. Amounts due and payable will be settled within ninety days of the filing of the tax return.

Intercompany Reinsurance Allocation Agreement

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company entered into an intercompany reinsurance allocation agreement with OMIC, whereby all premium payable and losses recoverable from the multi-line excess of loss reinsurance treaty, multi-line clash excess of loss, and catastrophe excess of loss

reinsurance treaties are allocated based on a rate based formula applied for ceded premiums and on amounts recoverable based on entity specific losses or a formula for combined entities losses.

FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE

The examination of insurance coverages involved a review of adequacy of limits and retentions, and the solvency of the insurers providing the coverages. The insurance coverages are provided through insurance policies issued by unaffiliated carriers, protecting the Company and its parent. The Company was insured up to \$3,000,000, after a \$100,000 deductible per single loss, against losses from acts of dishonesty and fraud by its employees and agents. The aggregate limit of liability is \$6,000,000. Fidelity bond coverage was found to meet the coverage recommended by the NAIC.

The Company was also included in the following insurance coverages in force at December 31, 2019, which were found to be adequate:

Fiduciary Liability
Electronic Business Liability
Electronic Publishing Liability
Security Breach – Privacy Liability
General Liability
Employee Benefits Liability

Employment Practices Liability Directors & Officers Liability Professional Liability Commercial Umbrella Liability Commercial Auto Stop Gap Liability

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company has Certificates of Authority in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho but is currently not writing any policies. The Company primarily wrote homeowners, multi-peril, private passenger auto (non-standard auto) liabilities and auto physical damage. Beginning April 1, 2016, all of the Company's policies were renewed with OMIC. As a result, the Company has no

remaining policies in force and no plans to write new policies and the Company has determined to run off operations. As a result, it did not write any direct premiums in 2019.

GROWTH OF THE COMPANY

Growth of the Company over the past five years is reflected in the following schedule. Amounts were derived from Company's annual statements, except in those years where a report of examination was published by the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation.

<u>Year</u>	Assets	<u>Liabilities</u>	Capital and Surplus	Net Income (Loss)
2015	\$ 10,954,545	\$ 2,056,755	\$ 8,897,790	\$ 208,857
2016	9,252,139	298,099	8,954,040	343,637
2017	8,909,153	138,805	8,770,348	159,087
2018	8,833,457	99,360	8,734,097	123,349
2019 *	8,872,904	109,822	8,763,082	151,035

^{*}Per examination

LOSS EXPERIENCE

Loss experience is not displayed since the Company ceded 100% of earned premium to Oregon Mutual Insurance Company during the period under examination. See the Reinsurance section below.

REINSURANCE

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company entered into a quota share reinsurance agreement with its parent, OMIC, whereby 100% of th Company's premiums, losses, and loss adjustment expenses for all accident years, net of other reinsurance, are assumed by OMIC. The Company paid a 21.5% ceding commission to OMIC for all years under examination.

Risk Retention

The Company did not retain risk on any one subject in excess of 10% of its surplus as regards policyholders. The Company complied with the provisions of ORS 731.504.

Insolvency Clause

The reinsurance agreements each contained an insolvency clause that specified payments would be made to a statutory successor without diminution in the event of insolvency in compliance with ORS 731.508(3).

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

In general, the Company's records and source documentation supported the amounts presented in the Company's December 31, 2019, annual statement and were maintained in a manner by which the financial condition was readily verifiable pursuant to the provisions of ORS 733.170. The Company has a system in place to account for unclaimed funds and the Company has filed the reports on abandoned property pursuant to the provisions of ORS 98.352.

STATUTORY DEPOSIT

As of the examination date, the Company maintained two U.S. Treasury Notes with par values of \$200,000 and \$300,000, and one U.S. Special Revenue Bond with a par value of \$500,000, each on file with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation. The Oregon deposit par value was verified from the records of the Division of Financial Regulation. The deposits were properly disclosed on Schedule E – Part 3 of the 2019 Annual Statement.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR EXAMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no comments or recommendations, nor any changes to surplus from the prior examination.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, regulatory decisions, and the impact on the financial markets, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. Due to the timing of the examination and field work, the effects of the pandemic on the Company cannot be fully addressed within this examination report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements are based on the statutory financial statements filed by the Company with the Division of Financial Regulation and present the financial condition of the Company for the period ending December 31, 2019. The accompanying comments on financial statements reflect any examination adjustments to the amounts reported in the annual statement and should be considered an integral part of the financial statements. These statements include:

Statement of Assets
Statement of Liabilities, Surplus, and Other Funds
Statement of Income
Reconciliation of Capital and Surplus Since the Last Examination

WESTERN PROTECTORS INSURACE COMPANY ASSETS

As of December 31, 2019

Assets	Balance per Company	Examination Adjustments	Balance per Examination	Notes
Bonds Cash, cash equivalents and short-term	\$ 8,097,277	\$ -	\$ 8,097,277	1
investments	656,952	-	656,952	1
Aggregate write-ins for invested assets		-	-	
Subtotal, cash and invested assets	8,754,229	<u> </u>	<u>8,754,229</u>	
Investment income due and accrued	71,690	-	71,690	
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers Receivables from parent, subsidiaries	8,865	-	8,865	
and affiliates Aggregate write-ins for other than	40,120	-	40,120	
invested assets				
Total Assets	\$ 8,872,904	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 8,872,904</u>	

WESTERN PROTECTORS INSURACE COMPANY LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS As of December 31, 2019

	Balance per Company	Examination Adjustments	Balance per Examination	Notes
Losses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2
Reinsurance payable on paid losses and lae	-	-	-	2
Loss adjustment expenses	-	-	- -	2
Commissions payable, contingent	-	-	-	
commissions and other similar charges	14,125		14,125	
Other expenses	19,543		19,543	
Taxes, licenses and fees	4,450	-	4,450	
Current federal income taxes payable	41,794	-	41,794	
Net deferred tax liability	3,051	- -	3,051	
Funds held by company under reinsurance		-		
treaties	26,859	-	26,859	
Aggregate write-ins for liabilities		_		
Total Liabilities	\$ 109,822	\$ =	\$ 109,822	
Common capital stock	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	
Gross paid-in and contributed capital	3,450,000	-	3,450,000	
Unassigned funds (surplus)	3,813,082	-	3,813,082	
Surplus as regards policyholders	8,763,082	<u> </u>	8,763,082	
Total Liabilities, Surplus and other Funds	<u>\$8,872,904</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$8,872,904</u>	

WESTERN PROTECTORS INSURACE COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Balance per Company	Examination Adjustments	Balance per Examination	Notes
Underwriting income Premium earned	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Deductions		•		
Losses incurred	-	-	-	
Loss adjustment expenses incurred	-	-	-	
Other underwriting expenses	46,676	-	46,676	
Aggregate write-ins for				
underwriting deductions	-			
Total underwriting deductions	46,676		46,676	
Net underwriting gain or (loss)	(46,676)	· -	(46,676)	
Investment income				
Net investment income earned	237,304	-	237,304	
Net realized gains or (losses)	3,376	-	3,376	
Net investment gain or (loss)	240,680	-	240,680	
Other income				
Net gain or (loss) from agents' or				
premium balances charges off	-	· _	-	
Finance and service charges not				
included in premiums	-	=	-	
Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous	(1.175)		(1.175)	
income	(1,175)	<u> </u>	(1,175)	•
Total other income	873,677		873,677	
Net income before dividends to				
policyholders and income taxes	192,829	· -	192,829	
Dividends to policyholders	-	-	-	
Federal income taxes incurred	41,704	_	41,704	
Net income	<u>\$151,035</u>	\$	<u>\$ 151,035</u>	

WESTERN PROTECTORS INSURACE COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS SINCE THE LAST EXAMINATION For the Year Ended December 31,

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Surplus as regards policyholders,					
December 31, previous year	\$ 8,734,097	\$ 8,77,348	\$ 8,954,040	\$ 8,897,790	\$ 8,850,713
Net income (loss)	151,035	123,349	159,087	343,637	208,857
Change in net unrealized capital					
gains or (losses)	-	-	-	· -	-
Change in net deferred income tax	1,299	(513)	858	(78,556)	(8,148)
Change in non-admitted assets	-	-	-	26	(26)
Change in provision for	-	-	-		
reinsurance	-	-	-	-	- .
Change in surplus notes	-		-	-	-
Cumulative effects of changes in	-	-	-	-	-
accounting principles	-	-	-	-	-
Capital changes:					
Paid in	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred from surplus (Stock					7
Dividend)	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred to surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus adjustments:		-	-	-	-
Paid in	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred to capital (Stock					
Dividend)	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred from capital	-	-	-	-	-
Distributions to parent (cash)	(123,349)	(159,087)	(343,637)	(208,857)	(153,606)
Change in treasury stock	· .	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	· -
Examination adjustment		, = -	- -	- -	-
Aggregate write-ins for gains and	-		-	-	-
losses in surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	·	<u>-</u>
Change in surplus as regards				 	
policyholders for the year	28,985	(36,251)	(183,692)	56,250	<u>47,077</u>
Surplus as regards policyholders,					
December 31, current year	<u>\$ 8,763,082</u>	<u>\$ 8,734,097</u>	<u>\$8,770,348</u>	<u>\$ 8,954,040</u>	<u>\$ 8,897,790</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Invested Assets

At year-end 2019, the Company's long-term bond investments were diversified in US obligations, US agency bonds, municipal bonds and corporate issues. The Company had a low exposure to mortgaged-backed and asset-backed securities. All MBS/ABS issues were investment rated, with a carrying book value of \$1.2 million, which comprised 15% of the total long-term bond portfolio and 14% of all invested assets

Cash and short-term deposits consisted of a checking account at US Bank and a money market mutual fund.

A comparison of the major investments over the past five years shows the following:

	A	B Cash and	Ratio A/	Ratio B/
<u>Year</u>	Bonds	Short-term	Total Assets	Total Assets
2015	\$ 8,978,968	\$ 297,871	82%	3%
2016	8,714,618	422,614	94%	5%
2017	8,129,574	531,999	91%	6%
2018	8,131,385	586,176	92%	7%
2019 *	8,097,277	656,952	91%	7%

^{*} Balance per examination

As of December 31, 2019, sufficient invested assets were invested in amply secured obligations of the United States, the State of Oregon, or in FDIC insured cash deposits, and the Company was in compliance with ORS 733.580. The Board of Directors approved all investment transactions in each of the years under review, and the Company was in compliance with ORS 733.730.

Effective August 26, 2005, the Company entered into a custodial agreement with US Bank, N.A. The agreement contained all the relevant protections described in OAR 836-027-0200(4)(a) through (l).

Note 2 – Actuarial Reserves

A review of the unpaid loss and LAE reserves for the Company was performed by David Dahl, FCAS, MAAA, and Ying Liu, ASA, MAAA, Property & Casualty actuaries for the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation. The review included immaterial amounts of loss and LAE reserves for the Company in run-off status. As part of the review, the actuaries examined the supporting statements prepared by the Company's appointed actuary, Kevin L. Wick, FCAS, MAAA, Managing Director for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The actuaries review was based on the data, methods and assumptions supporting the unpaid loss and LAE amounts reported in the Actuarial Opinion as of December 31, 2019; a reconciliation of the data used in the Company's actuarial report to the data in the actuarial work-papers, and the Company's reserve position as measured by the appointed actuary's range estimate. The Company reported the following reserves net of ceded reinsurance:

•	Exam Estimate	Annual Statement	
Claims Unpaid	\$ -	\$ -	
Unpaid Claim Adjustment Expenses (CAE)	-	-	
Premium Deficiency Reserves			
Total Actuarial Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	

The appointed actuary opined that the reserves for unpaid losses and LAE carried by the Company as of December 31, 2019, were reasonable. Mr. Dahl and Ms. Liu's total estimate agreed with the appointed actuary's estimate. They concurred that the reserves of the Company were reasonably stated as of December 31, 2019.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The examiner made no changes to surplus as a result of this examination and there were no recommendations.

CONCLUSION

During the five-year period covered by this examination, the surplus of the Company has decreased from \$8,850,713, as presented in the December 31, 2014, report of examination, to \$8,763,082, as shown in this report. The comparative assets and liabilities are:

	December 31,		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2014</u>	Change
Assets	\$ 8,872,904	\$ 11,365,167	\$ (2,492,263)
Liabilities	109,822	<u>2,514,454</u>	2,440,632
Surplus	\$ 8,763,082	\$ 8,850,713	\$ (87,631)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The cooperation and assistance extended by the officers and employees of the Company during the examination process are gratefully acknowledged.

In addition to the undersigned, Tho Le, CFE, APIR insurance examiner, David Dahl, FCAS, MAAA, and Ying Liu, ASA, MAAA, Property & Casualty Actuaries for the State of Oregon, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation, and Alea P. Talbert-Pence, CFE, CIA, Senior Manager, and Clarissa Crisp, CFE, Manager from Risk & Regulatory Consulting, LLC all participated in this examination.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mark A. Giffin
Mark A. Giffin, CFE
Senior Insurance Examiner
Division of Financial Regulation
Department of Consumer and Business Services
State of Oregon

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF OREGON)

County of Marion)

Mark A. Giffin, CFE, being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. I have authority to represent the state of Oregon in the examination of Western Protectors Insurance Company, McMinnville, Oregon.
- 2. The Division of Financial Regulation of the Department of Consumer and Business Services of the State of Oregon is accredited under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation.
- 3. I have reviewed the examination work papers and examination report. The examination of Western Protectors Insurance Company was performed in a manner consistent with the standards and procedures required by the Oregon Insurance Code.

2021.

OFFICIAL STAMP
LAUREN NICOLE BODINE

NOTARY PUBLIC - OREGON COMMISSION NO. 970483

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 22, 2022

The affiant says nothing further.

/s/ Mark A. Giffin

Mark A. Giffin, CFE
Senior Insurance Examiner
Division of Financial Regulation
Department of Consumer and Business Services
State of Oregon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this __25th _____ day of __October

/s/ Lauren Nicole Bodine
Notary Public in and for the State of Oregon

My Commission Expires: 1/22/22