

Safety Advisory Committee: YCPARMIA's Role

YCPARMIA provides risk management services for the collective YCPARMIA membership, and interacts with the individual members to assist their risk management practices as needed. So where do we fit into the Safety Advisory Committee?

YCPARMIA staff serves as outside consultants; we are never voting members of any entity committee. YCPARMIA staff is at the meeting to assist, not to lead. Hopefully we are perceived as an essential resource to aid in the Committee's work, but the Committee's effectiveness - or ineffectiveness- rests alone on the Committee members' actions and decisions.

YCPARMIA can provide the Committee with:

- Statistical information on injuries and trends;
- A greater perspective by comparing entity results and actions with other members;
- Professional expertise on identifying industry best practices;
- Independent feedback to the Committee's work and approach;
- An outside perspective to entity problems without being limited by internal politics;
- Limited leadership in location inspections with the assistance of entity staff;
- Assistance in injury investigations;
- Added credibility and professionalism (YCPARMIA's Loss Prevention Analyst is a Certified Safety Professional — the highest professional designation available)
- And maybe most importantly, an ongoing reminder for the Committee of its purpose and focus: to make recommendations after analysis.

YCPARMIA will not provide judgment or criticism on the effectiveness of the Committee's efforts; the entity's loss history and trends are the ongoing measurements that provide that feedback. It is important to note there are experience modifiers, used by the insurance industry (and YCPARMIA) in the premium process. The entities that have the most loss expense pay the biggest premiums, so it stands to reason that the member's with the most effective Safety Advisory Committees will see premium reductions when compared to other members.