

# Review

## MMIC Welcomes New President and CEO William "Bill" McDonough

MMIC welcomed its new President and CEO William McDonough on Monday, June 16. McDonough is succeeding David Bounk, who retired mid-June.

McDonough brings with him a wealth of medical professional liability insurance experience. Before joining MMIC, McDonough had been with Princeton Insurance Company as president and CEO since 2002. Princeton is the leading medical professional insurance company in New Jersey. McDonough has worked in the insurance industry for more than 25 years, the last 20 focusing on medical professional liability insurance. He began his career as an underwriter and later became an independent agent before rejoining the company side of the business. He has experience in the underwriting and marketing areas, as well as claims, risk management and finance. McDonough was previously employed at Medical Mutual Insurance Company of Maine as the company's chief operating officer. His prior experience includes working for PHICO Group, Inc., splitting time between the insurer's offices located in Mechanicsburg, PA, and Indianapolis as the company's regional vice president.

"I am looking forward to working with the healthcare community and MMIC's



William "Bill" McDonough  
MMIC Group President and CEO

board of directors to collaboratively develop solutions to today's significant challenges. The company is blessed with a dedicated and talented staff as well as loyal agents and policyholders," says McDonough. "We look to continue the success the company has achieved and to explore new products and services to meet the needs of our customers as we move forward."

McDonough, a veteran of the United States Air Force, graduated from Temple University with bachelors' degrees in marketing and education. He also has earned an MBA from University of Phoenix, and he holds the RLPD designation.

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## MMIC Welcomes Three New Board Members

The MMIC board of directors recently appointed Drs. Gregg Teigen, Christopher Tashjian and Laurie Corrine Drill-Mellum to the board. The new members are replacing Drs. Jaspers and Bender who retired from the board in May and Dr. Tedford who left the board last November.

Gregg Teigen, M.D., is board certified and a fellow of American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He is a partner in Obstetrics GYN West, P.A., in Minnetonka, and an assistant clinical professor of the department of OB/GYN at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Teigen received a doctor of medicine degree from the St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo; and he conducted his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics.

Christopher H. Tashjian, M.D., FAAFP, is board certified with the American

Academy of Family Practice. He is president of the River Falls/Ellsworth Spring Valley Medical Clinics, family physician at the Ellsworth Medical Clinic and chief of medicine of River Falls Area Hospital, all located in Wis. He received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and conducted his family practice residency at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Laurie Corrine Drill-Mellum, M.D./M.P.H., FACEP, is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is a staff physician with Emergency Physicians and Consultants in Waconia, Minn. She also is medical director of Ridgeview Medical Center Emergency Department in Waconia. Dr. Drill-Mellum received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and her M.P.H. degree from the university's School of Public Health.

## Reminder to Enroll in a New Free FDA Patient Safety Alert Service

Since we first announced this new service to you, the Health Care Notification Network reports that thousands of physicians have enrolled to receive safety alerts and information on drug and medical device recalls online. HCNN is a new free service endorsed by the FDA for online delivery of patient safety alerts. HCNN has asked us to continue getting word of the service to out to our physician policyholders.

Currently, the FDA sends product-related patient safety alerts through the mail. HCNN will send the same alerts to physicians online. The benefits and features of HCNN are:

- It's faster and more efficient than regular mail

- Physicians, once enrolled, can designate office staff member to receive the alerts
- Physicians can opt out of the service at any time
- It's free and used only for patient safety alerts and contains no advertisement.

MMIC is encouraging physicians to enroll in HCNN because we believe that a rapid and focused delivery of FDA-mandated product recalls and warnings has the potential to prevent patient injuries. You can enroll in this service and find more information about HCNN on its website [www.hcnn.net](http://www.hcnn.net).



## MMIC Recently Announced Its 2008 Grants

The MMIC Group recently announced grants totaling nearly \$90,000 to assist 17 nonprofit organizations in communities where it conducts business. Many of the grants support nonprofit organizations providing social services and advocacy for individuals and families. The grants reflect MMIC’s commitment to small nonprofits that have the ability to reach the underserved members of their communities.

### Shelter/Housing

Providing safe places for people to stay during times of transition and recovery is a priority for most communities and a focus of MMIC’s grant program. MMIC provided \$56,000 to support organizations that shelter and care for individuals needing emergency shelter, recovery programs, safe places to stay for women and children, and baby clothing for needy and premature babies. Programs funded include Ascension Place and St. Anne’s Place, Feed My Starving Children, Bundles of Love and Spare Key Foundation all in the Twin Cities; Siena/France House and Child Saving Institute both in Omaha; and St. Joseph’s Emergency Family Shelter, Central Iowa Shelter & Services, Beacon of Life and Hawthorn Hill, all in Des Moines, Iowa.

### Children/Camps

MMIC donated \$23,500 to organizations committed to supporting the needs of and providing a safe

place for children. These groups are Northern Voices, Camp Odayin and Foundation IX in Minnesota; Rapid City Club for Boys, South Dakota; Hertko Hollow Children’s Diabetes Camp of Iowa.

### Outreach/Advocacy

MMIC donated \$5,000 each to Capable Partners and SafeJourney, both in Minnesota. MMIC’s funding to Capable Partners will help finance outdoor activities for adults and young people with disabilities. The SafeJourney donation will help provide medical attention as well as emotional and legal help to victims of domestic violence.

To receive an MMIC grant, a nonprofit organization’s must be submitted for consideration to the employee contributions committee by an MMIC employee. MMIC funding program is directed by its employees.

## MMIC Human Resource Affiliate Changes Name and Adds New Partner

Bob Radecki recently joined W.J. Flynn and Associates, LLC (formerly Langan and Flynn, LCC) as partner. Radecki has more than 20 years of human resources and employee benefit experience. Radecki and Walt Flynn, founder, continue to offer an array of human resources services to organizations that require sophisticated assistance in strategic, tactical and operational human resources initiatives and problem solving. The firm will continue offering MMIC policyholders access to the Risk Management HR Hotline.

Other services include:

- Human Resources Strategic Planning
- Human Resources Effectiveness Assessments

- Executive Compensation and Benefits Planning and Implementation
- Management and Staff Compensation and Benefits Planning and Implementation
- Search Facilitation
- Employee Relations Programming
- Compliance Program Development
- Executive Staffing Assistance, Search Facilitation
- Seminars and Workshops on Human Resources and Management Topics

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