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TO: All ARIAS•U.S. Members:

FROM: Sara Meier, Executive Director and Corporate Secretary

DATE: October 5, 2016

ARIAS•U.S. ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND PROXY SOLICITATION

ARIAS•U.S. Members:

The Annual Meeting of the Members of ARIAS•U.S. will be held at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, the seventeenth of November, 2016 in room Salon 2 on the fifth floor of the New York Marriot Marguis Hotel, 1535 Broadway, New York, New York for the following purposes:

(1) To elect directors;

(2) To receive the annual reports of officers and directors;

(3) To transact any business which may properly come before the meeting.

Only members of record at 5:10 PM Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, November 17, 2016 shall be eligible to vote at this meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Whether you plan to attend or not, you are urged to complete and sign the enclosed proxy and scan it and email it back to smeier@arias-us.org or to mail it promptly to 7918 Jones Branch Drive, Suite 300, McLean, VA 22102.

Sincerely yours,

Sara Meier, CAE Executive Director, ARIAS•U.S.



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PROXY SOLICITATION

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of ARIAS•U.S. ("The Society") for use at the Annual Meeting of Members, scheduled to be held on November 17, 2016 at 5:10 p.m. at the New York Marriot Marguis, 1535 Broadway, New York, New York. The proxy, when properly executed and received by the Secretary prior to the meeting, will be voted unless revoked or superceded. Any member giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to voting by a later dated proxy, by notice to the Secretary in writing, or by attendance at the meeting and election to vote in person. Except to the extent that contrary instructions are given by the member, it is the intention of the person named in the proxy to vote as follows:

- (1) For the election of each of the nominees identified below;
- (2) In the discretion of the Proxies, on any other matter that may properly come before the meeting.

This proxy solicitation is being mailed to members on or about October 5, 2016. Only members of record at 5:10 p.m. on November 17, 2016 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each individual member of the Society shall be entitled to one vote. Each law firm or corporation member may vote by proxy or be represented at the meeting by any member of its staff designated for that purpose. All questions shall be decided by the majority vote of the members present in person or by proxy, except as otherwise prescribed in the Articles or By-laws.

The By-laws prescribe that the Board of Directors shall consist of eleven directors, three of whom shall be current or former officers or executives of ceding insurers, three of whom shall be current or former officers or executives of professional reinsurers, three of whom shall be current or former partners in private law practice and two of whom shall be at the time of election, ARIAS•U.S. Certified Arbitrators who are not employees of ceding insurers, professional reinsurers or partners in private law practice. Any director whose term is expiring may be reelected, within the guidelines of the 2014



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resolution that directs the Nominating Committee to consider the value of bringing on new Board members. Eric Kobrick, a cedent representative, is retiring after serving two full terms and must be replaced. Brian Snover, a reinsurer representative, and Deirdre Johnson, a law firm representative, have completed their first terms and are eligible for a second term.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to the Board of Directors for three-year terms:

> Deidre Derrig – Cedent Representative Allstate Insurance Company Chicago, Illinois

Brian Snover – Reinsurer Representative Berkshire Re Stamford, Connecticut

Deidre Johnson – Law Firm Representative Crowell & Moring, LLP Washington, D.C.

Sylvia Kaminsky Arbitrator Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Peter Gentile Arbitrator West Palm Beach, Florida

Thank you.

Sara Meier

Sara Meier **Corporate Secretary** McLean, VA October 3, 2016



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ARIAS•U.S. PROXY VOTE

I, (print name) ______, hereby confer upon the Secretary the right to vote on my behalf in the election of directors and any other matter that may properly come before the Annual General Meeting of ARIAS•U.S., taking place at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the New York Marriot Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway, New York, New York, 10036.

Signed by

Company, if corporate member

Date

Sign, scan this page and email it to <u>smeier@arias-us.org</u> or mail it promptly to the following address:

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