

## Staff Participate in the 2015 IRES Conference

The Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society (IRES) held their annual conference entitled “Looking to the Past for the Future of Market Regulation” this past July 19-22, 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina. IRES is an educational and professional development association for all professional insurance regulators. Their membership is comprised of insurance regulatory specialists from across the spectrum to include those working in market conduct examinations, complaint handling, financial analysis, fraud investigation agent licensing, property and casualty analysis and life and health analysis.



This year’s conference included three days of meetings and break-out sessions focusing on six different tracks. The tracks included discussions centered around a financial regulation, health insurance, market regulation, property and casualty insurance, information technology and a session entitled “mixed bag” that focused on other topics of interest.

Director Ray Farmer and staff from the South Carolina Department of Insurance (Department) were invited to speak during several of these tracks. Director Farmer provided remarks to the audience of more than 200 attendees at their Keynote Luncheon on Monday, July 21, 2015. Later that afternoon, Director Farmer participated in a group discussion regarding cybersecurity and the most recent efforts of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners regarding this matter.

Additionally, Jeff Kehler, Captive Program Administrator for the SC Captive Insurance Division presented information and an overview of captives and risk retention groups for the Financial Regulation Track. During the “mixed bag” break out session Ann Roberson, Public Information Officer for the Department participated in a panel discussion regarding outreach and education opportunities concerning teen driving safety.

The Department was pleased to have the opportunity to showcase several of its activities and programs and to participate in this year’s conference. For more information about IRES please visit [www.go-ires.org](http://www.go-ires.org).