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# Reinsurance Administration Professionals Association “RAPA”

Organization whose members are life and health insurance professionals around the globe responsible for the administration of reinsurance between direct writers, reinsurers, and retrocessionaires.

## *Purpose*

- To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its members’ reinsurance administration processes, which include treaty management, reinsurance processing, claims processing, premium accounting, and reporting. RAPA’s objectives are accomplished through issue-oriented initiatives that research, define, and recommend best practices. These best practices are in the areas of business processes, procedures, technologies and management of data. As an association we focus on providing educational materials on topics such as audit best practices, data management, and reinsurance treaty fundamentals.



# Reinsurance Administration Professionals Association “RAPA”



# Initiatives

## Data

To create a Guideline for Reinsurance Reporting document for best practices in specific areas of reinsurance administration and data quality. Topics include conversions, communication/notification reporting, taking a treaty from paper to system implementation, samples of typical reporting (exhibits, transaction/inforce files, etc). There are 4 versions available on the RAPA website.

## Education

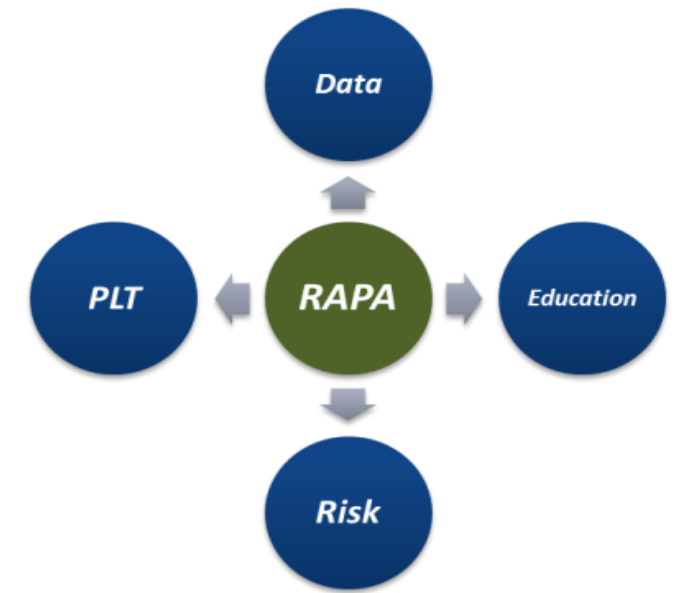
To develop training material presented as a workflow chart for different functions (Direct writer, Reinsurer, Retrocessionnaire) along with a case study to illustrate the impact of processing by using the workflow charts. The workflow charts for new business and new treaty set up as well as changes, maintenance, and terminations have been completed and are available on the RAPA website.

## Risk Management

This is a relatively new initiative with a focus on the development of tools and techniques to provide guidelines on reinsurance risk management methodology and approach. Particularly relating to risk assessment and auditing and compliance reviews of the reinsurance administration function of the direct writers, reinsurers and retrocessionnaires. The initiative is divided into two sub-teams, i) Reinsurance Administration Risk Assessment and ii) Reinsurance Administration Audit and Compliance Reviews.

## Post Level Term (PLT)

Given the industry focus and administration complexities surrounding PLT, this new initiative has just kicked off. The intent is to gain insight on administration issues and capture best practices with the goal of delivering a white paper document. Subsequently, RAPA will look for opportunities to present its findings at industry meetings.



# Educational Resources

## Operational Risk Management

RAPA Audit Committee published a reinsurance Operational Risk Management book to capture audit best practices including preparation, execution, all the way through to the final audit report. A very comprehensive read which will benefit those in an analytical role and/or audit function.



## Supplement to Reinsurance Basics Program

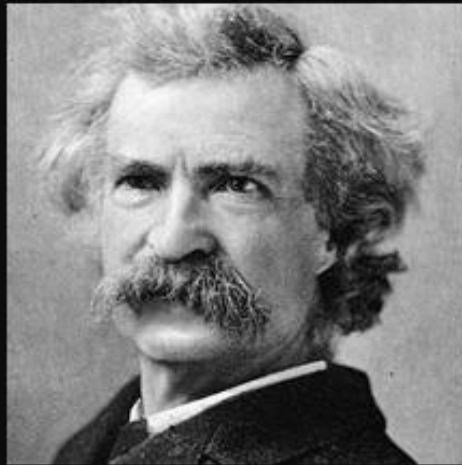
- Reinsurance Overview,
- Reinsurance Operations Overview
- Reinsurance Basics
- Supplement to the Reinsurance Basics

The new website is [www.loma.org](http://www.loma.org), under LOMA LEARNING SYSTEM



	<b>Reinsurance Overview</b>	This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of reinsurance activities in the insurance ...
	List Cost: \$84.00	Member Cost: \$42.00 Type: Short Online Course
	<b>Reinsurance Operations Overview</b>	This course describes the marketing, regulation, and administration of reinsurance. It teaches how r...
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	<b>Reinsurance Basics</b>	The course identifies the main types of reinsurance, explaining why insurers use reinsurance and how...
	List Cost: \$142.00	Member Cost: \$71.00 Type: Short Online Course
	<b>Supplement to Reinsurance Basics</b>	This Supplement is not a stand-alone course, but rather builds on the knowledge from two LOMA online...
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# Guardians of the data Galaxy



Data is like garbage. You'd better know what you are going to do with it before you collect it.

~ Mark Twain

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# Guardians of the data Galaxy

- Measured
- Collected
- Reported
- Analysed
- Visualized
- Coded





# Guardians of the data Galaxy

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- DATA IS EVERYWHERE

- Data integrity
- Data maintenance
- Data modeling
- Data governance
- Data protection
- Database
- Data warehouse

- Data domain
- Data analysis
- Data processing
- Data entry
- Data stream
- Big Data

# Guardians of the data Galaxy







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# Data is central to everything we do

**Vision:**  
One version  
of the Truth





# How do we get the data?

Pricing negotiates treaties with clients

Treaty is signed and agreed

Minimum data requirements in the treaty



Minimum Data  
Requirements

# Life of a Cession



## Client reports cession

Clients self report reinsurance cessions and payments in various formats



## Convert to standard format

We convert to a standard format and assign to the unit of account (i.e. treaty)



## Validate cession

We check that cessions are reported according to treaty terms, that risk is ours and as per Fac UW offer



## Confirm premiums

We confirm that premiums are paid to us appropriately



## Pay legitimate claims

When claims are reported, risks are validated and then legitimate claims are paid



# Convert to Standard Format



## Client data

Milky Way  
Insurance

EDIX_POL	EDIX_DOB_1	EDIX_CESS_CLASS_1	EDIX_DOB_2	EDIX_CESS_CLASS_2
1234567	19770513	SN	19760208	SS

Drax Life

PolicyNo	Birthdate1	SmkCode1	Birthdate2	SmkCode2
8910564	11/3/1972	N	NULL	NULL

## Translated data

POLICY_NUM	BIRTH_DT	SMOKE_ST
1234567	19770513	N
1234567	19760208	S
8910564	19720311	N

# Intake and Mapping – Business Process Management tool

## Historical Inefficiency

- Intake/mapping takes too long
- Receive 100's of files in various formats
- Both inforce & Transactional
- Users look at the raw data for analysis

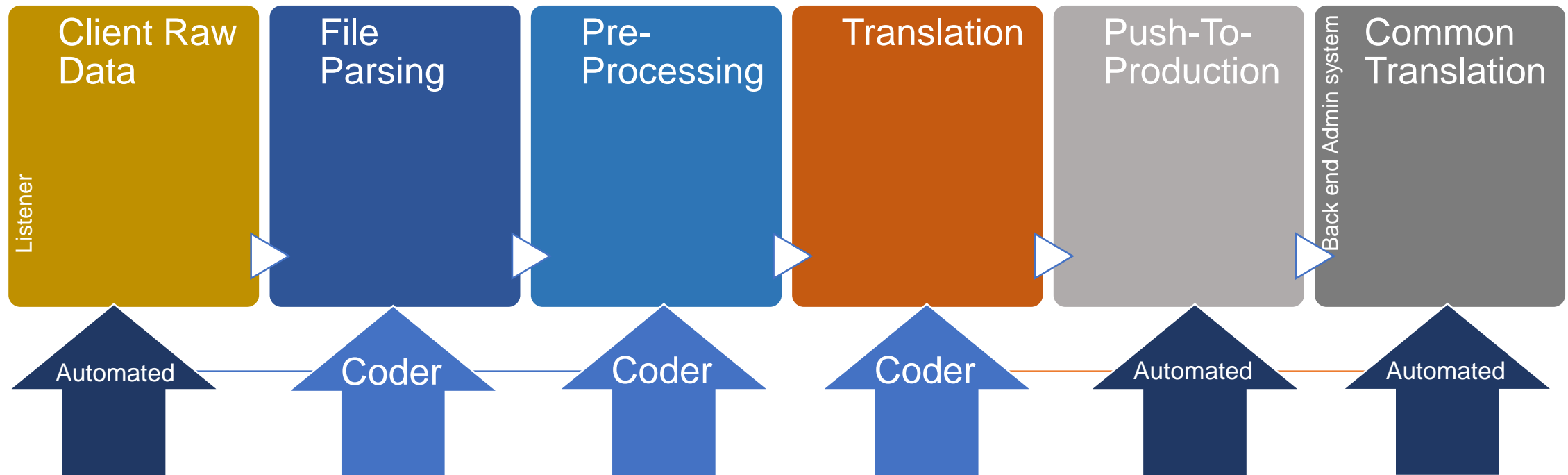
## Business Process Management tool

- Easy to use, transparent
- Business rules in the hands of the users
- Significant reduction in time to production
- Scalable

## Business Benefits

- Enables business areas to respond quickly to changes
- Expanding scope to include billing, claims, group
- One version of the truth
- Stakeholders focus on core functions rather than data manipulation

# File Intake Process Overview





# Clients Report Session - Sample Policies



## Large Risk

- \$20M - Life Policy with Dr. [Name]
- \$25M - Life Policy with [Name]
- Applicant's UW has been given to [Name] for \$10M

**Do we have enough available retention?**

## Joint Life

- \$200K Joint policy with spouse with Star Life covered by treaty
- Lapses in 2 years [Name]
- Spouse exercised after 15 years
- Face amount increase to \$500K

**Is this allowed by the treaty?**

## Conversions

- \$100K – Term 10 policy with [Name]
- In year 8, converted to [Name]
- Treaty 1 to Treaty 2

**Are we getting paid appropriately?**

## Facultative

- \$1M policy with Milky Way insurance
- Applicant in poor health, sent for [Name] approval
- Rated 200%, MW [Name] of acceptance Milky way sends to us as a [Name] and pays accordingly
- Policyholder dies within first year

**Is this our risk?**

# Validating Cessions

## Data Integrity

- Are minimum data requirements satisfied?
- Are values provided legitimate?
- Do values make relational sense?

## Treaty

- Does automatic cession fall within the treaty?
- Are treaty parameters satisfied?
- Did the cedant properly retain and reinsure the cession?

## Underwriting

- Is cession reported facultative?
- Can we match to an underwriting file?
- Does facultative cession match underwriting offer?

# Confirming Premiums & Paying Claims



## Confirm Premiums

- Premium rates per thousand are paid according to the treaty, especially at renewal time
- Cession specific features, ie ratings, flat extra are paid correctly

## Pay Legitimate Claims

- Claims adjudicators role is to focus on the validity of a claim
- Determine whether or not there is any fraud or misrepresentation
- Direct bottom line impact



# Cessions can change over time

## Policy status

## How this affects our books

**Inforce**

Nothing to update

We are owed premium based on the reinsurance amount at risk

**Lapses**

Policyholder stops paying,  
not on risk

We may need to refund premium

**Reinstated**

Policy is inforce again

We are owed premium again

**Conversion**

Create new converted policy, lapse  
original term policy

We are owed a different premium

**Claim**

Claim is made on the policy

We owe the client the reinsurance  
amount at risk

# Stakeholder Uses of the Data

## Perform Studies

Experience Studies  
(Mortality, Morbidity,  
Lapse)

Data Mining

Predictive Analytics

## Assumption Development

Best Estimates

Sensitivities

Trends

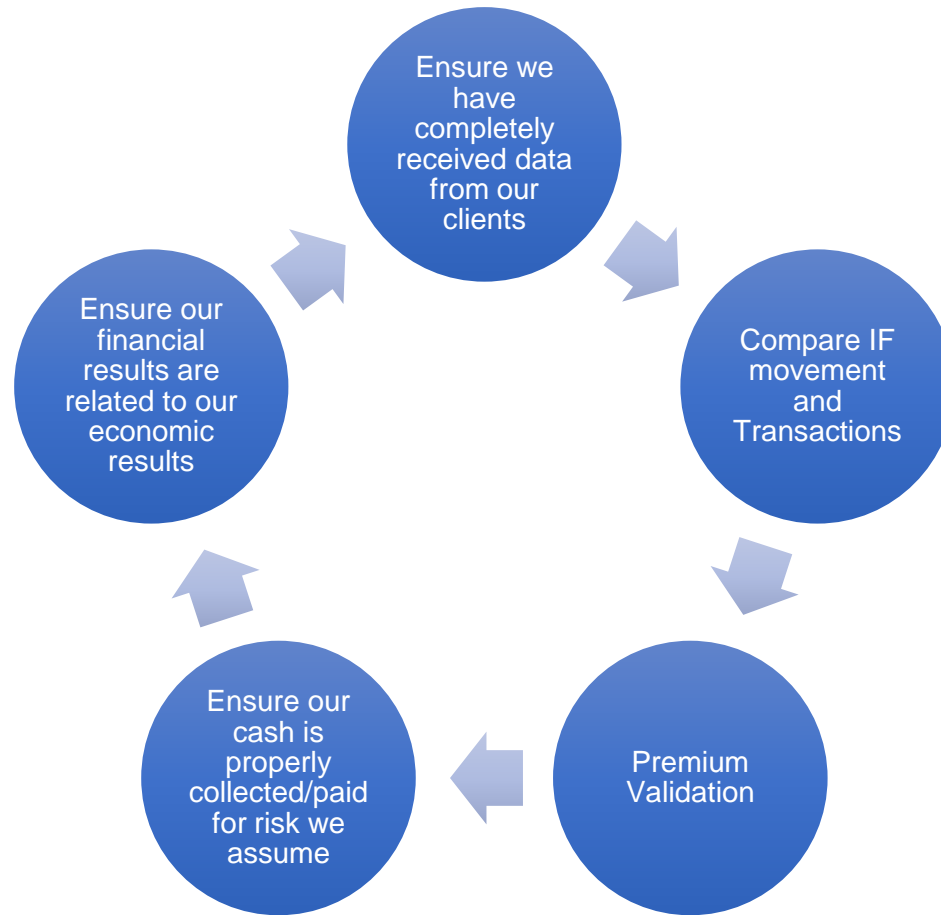
## Financial Reporting

Income Statements

Solvency II

Regulatory Regimes

# Analysis and Validation



- Processes at the cession record level supports analysis that has financial loss implications such as: Post Level Term Premiums, Lapses, Incorrect premium billings...
- While at the same time “right-sized” for our business resource model



# RAPA Data Committee publications

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- Reinsurance Guidelines Reporting & Best Practices
  - Treaty implementation workflow & checklist
  - Form for communicating system changes & data
  - Joint claim reporting
  - Zero risk amounts
- Conversion Guidelines matrix

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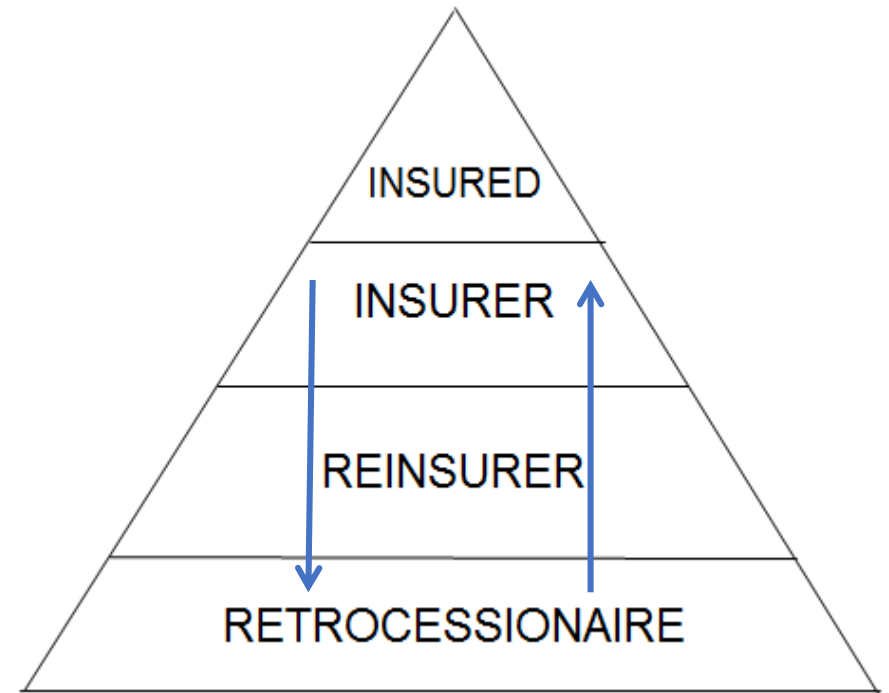
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# Best practices and tools to improve processes, analysis, and quality

## Retention Management is Key

- Enhanced Client ID matching and thresholds
- New business controls & auto retention calculators embedded in Underwriting tools
- Potential jumbo reviews
- Close to or exceeding limits - binding or corporate
- Back-filling retention
- Sharing information upstream or downstream (preferably before claim)





# Best practices and tools to improve processes, analysis, and quality

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## Standardization & Automation of data inflows and outflows

- Are you leveraging IT 'know how' and tools (Advanced Macros, MS Scheduler, Access)
- Automating feeds to and from systems (Reinsurance, Admin tools, General ledger)
- Upfront queries and checks to catch legacy system feed errors, exceptions
- Validating to aggregated inforce database – a one stop location

# Best practices and tools to improve processes, analysis, and quality

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## Automated and Ad hoc financial analysis

- Loss ratios & comparative results year-over-year
- By Reinsurer, Treaty, Product, Program (FDQS, Excess of retention)
- Performing seriatim transaction queries for ad hoc analysis
  - Cession historical review
  - Premium audits

# Best practices and tools to improve processes, analysis, and quality

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## Securing Data, Data leakage, and Business Continuity

- Securing data mitigates legal and reputational risk
- Utilizing in-house SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol)
- Installing secured email functionality in Outlook
- Instituting ongoing re-certification of user ID's and passwords - internally and externally
- Assessing counterparty practices and procedures
- De-identifying files



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## Securing Data, Data leakage, and Business Continuity

### Most common sources of data leaks

- Emails sent to the appropriate recipient, but not sent securely
- Data uploaded to websites not approved – SFTP sites should be reviewed / approved by IT
- Email to employee's personal email

# Best practices and tools to improve processes, analysis, and quality

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## Securing Data, Data leakage, and Business Continuity

### Business continuity and succession planning

- Network back up nightly and BCP locations tested annually
- Managing email, client inquiries, archives and procedures through shared email boxes and shared folder structure
- Instituting cross training and cross educational opportunities to reduce key man risk, and risk of knowledge loss from attrition

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# Fall Conference

Join us in celebrating RAPA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in St. Petersburg,  
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Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

The Vinoy Renaissance Resort & Golf Club

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St. Petersburg, FL 33701



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