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ISMIE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY MOURNS DEATH, ACCLAIMS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INNOVATIVE LEADER: HAROLD L. JENSEN, M.D.

Statement of Paul H. DeHaan, M.D. – Acting Chair, ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company

CHICAGO, IL – ISMIE Mutual today mourns the loss and acclaims the achievements of its late Chairman, Harold L. Jensen, M.D. A strong and visionary leader, Dr. Jensen transformed ISMIE into a medical liability insurer heralded for its operational strength and forceful advocacy on behalf of policyholders. Dr. Jensen led ISMIE as Board Chair since 1991; he joined the Board as a member in 1986. Dr. Jensen died unexpectedly on Monday, May 22, 2017.

A consummate physician advocate, Dr. Jensen personified our company’s mission of *Physician-First Service*. As ISMIE Chairman, chief among his goals was improving the way Illinois courts handled medical liability. He spoke out on the negative impact of our state’s hostile lawsuit climate on physicians and, most importantly, on patients’ access to medical care.

Believing that ISMIE must do more than simply reflect in our premiums the cost of runaway lawsuits, Dr. Jensen spearheaded our multiple efforts to restore fairness to state tort law. He promoted ISMIE’s core philosophy of fighting meritless lawsuits, no matter how big or how small. The ISMIE Board continues to this day to stand with our policyholders in fighting unfair litigation.

Dr. Jensen also sought improvements on another important front: offering significant premium incentives to ISMIE policyholders who completed risk management courses to lessen their lawsuit exposure. Today, some 13 years after the launch of ISMIE’s *Risk Rewards* program, approximately 8,000 ISMIE physicians earn annual *Risk Rewards* premium discounts.

Most recently, Dr. Jensen led the company’s current multi-faceted effort to expand ISMIE’s coverages and states of operation to meet the emerging medical liability needs of medical professionals nationwide.

ISMIE Mutual will deeply miss Dr. Jensen. More importantly, we will continue to remain true to his charge: building a thriving professional enterprise that fulfills the medical liability insurance needs of health professionals and that advocates for a fair lawsuit climate. We express our deepest condolences to Dr. Jensen’s family and pledge to carry on ISMIE’s mission.

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ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company is a leading provider of medical liability insurance to approximately 10,000 policyholders. Established in 1976 by the Illinois State Medical Society, the company is completely physician-owned and operated.

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Harold L. Jensen, M.D.
Career and Medical Leadership Highlights

ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company

- ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company, Chairman of the Board since 1991; Board member since 1986
- Led conversion of Illinois State Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange, a reciprocal insurer, to ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company, a mutual insurer, in 2001
- Launched multiple medical liability reform campaigns to improve Illinois' litigation climate. Spoke out forcefully on the negative impact of meritless lawsuits on physicians and on patient access to medical care
- Initiated ISMIE's Mutual *Risk Rewards* program, providing incentives to policyholders to better manage risk, avoid lawsuits and, in doing so, earn annual premium discounts
- Initiated an annual dividend program to reward ISMIE policyholders for positive company results
- Led the company's expansion efforts for multi-state operations and development of new coverages

Medical Community Leadership

- Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Vice President of Medical Affairs; Chairman, Department of Medicine; President, Medical Staff
- Illinois State Medical Society, Board of Trustees member; Secretary-Treasurer; and Board Chairman
- Chicago Medical Society, President; Council Chairman
- American College of Medical Quality, member, Board of Governors

Education, Training, Medical Credentials

- University of Illinois College of Medicine, Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine
- Board-certified, Quality Assurance and Utilization Review
- Private practice, internal medicine; member, medical staff of Ingalls Memorial, South Suburban hospitals
- University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, medical degree
- Illinois Central Hospital, Chicago, post-graduate medical training
- University of Illinois, Urbana, Graduate School, clinical psychology; B.S. degree
- Military Service, U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant; Army Reserve, 2nd Lieutenant
- Proviso Township High School