

MARKEL CORPORATION
NOMINATING/CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

The following shall constitute the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee Charter (the “Charter”) of the Board of Directors of Markel Corporation (“the Corporation”):

I. ORGANIZATION

There shall be constituted a standing committee of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) to be known as the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (the “Committee”).

II. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION

The Committee shall be comprised of three or more directors all of whom shall satisfy the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange as then in effect.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board at the Board’s annual meeting and may be removed by the Board. The members of the Committee shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the full Board, but in his or her absence, the remaining members of the Committee may designate by majority vote a member to serve as acting Chair.

III. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Committee is appointed by the Board to (1) identify individuals qualified to become Board members, consistent with criteria approved by the Board; (2) assist the Board in reviewing, on an annual basis, the requisite independence, skills and characteristics of Board members as well as the size and composition of the Board as a whole; (3) recommend to the Board the director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders; (4) recommend to the Board director nominees for each committee of the Board; (5) oversee the governance of the Corporation including recommending to the Board Corporate Governance Guidelines for the Corporation; (6) lead the Board in its annual review of the Board’s performance; and (7) to annually review the Committee’s own performance.

IV. COMMITTEE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall have the sole authority to retain and terminate a search firm, if any, to be used to identify director candidates and shall have sole authority to approve the search firm’s fees and other retention terms. The Committee also shall have authority to obtain advice and assistance from internal or external legal, accounting or other advisors.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate.

The Committee shall report regularly to the Board of Directors (i) following meetings of the Committee, (ii) with respect to those matters that are relevant to the Committee’s discharge of its responsibilities, and (iii) with respect to those recommendations that the Committee may deem appropriate.

V. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary or appropriate in its judgment and that of the Board. The Chairman or a majority of the members of the Committee may call meetings of the Committee upon reasonable notice to all members of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at such a time and place to allow for the timely presentment of any nominees to the Board for consideration.

VI. AMENDMENT

This Charter may be amended or altered at any meeting of the Board of Directors by affirmative vote of a majority of the number of Directors fixed by the Bylaws.

Adopted May 11, 2004.