

ASSURANCEAMERICA CORP

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark one)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 0-06334

**AssuranceAmerica Corporation**

(Exact name of smaller reporting company as specified in its charter)

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**Nevada**  
(State of Incorporation)

**87-0281240**  
(IRS Employer ID Number)

**5500 Interstate North Parkway, Suite 600**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**30328**  
(Zip Code)

**(770) 952-0200**

(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

Check whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES ☐ NO ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES ☐ NO ☒

There were 65,810,531 shares of the Registrant's \$.01 par value Common Stock outstanding as of November 9, 2011.

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	(Unaudited) September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,639,419	\$ 7,958,473
Cash restricted	504,069	1,802,990
Short-term investments	125,008	145,085
Long-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost \$5,679,805 and \$8,561,245)	5,753,687	8,630,776
Marketable equity securities, at fair value (cost \$1,821,545 and \$1,978,166)	1,776,076	2,243,235
Other long-term investments	658,543	727,288
Investment income due and accrued	85,042	180,487
Receivable from insureds	30,931,079	33,120,082
Reinsurance recoverable (including \$14,699,366 and \$10,602,969 on paid losses)	44,233,444	34,013,415
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	21,465,291	23,643,822
Deferred acquisition costs	2,176,746	2,286,118
Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,779,833 and \$3,260,449)	1,937,535	1,838,203
Other receivables	1,041,750	384,057
Prepaid expenses	482,749	541,736
Security deposits	33,833	33,833
Assets of discontinued operations	799,570	8,290,462
Prepaid income tax	180,826	106,864
Deferred tax assets	3,537,208	1,837,551
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 120,361,875</b>	<b>\$ 127,784,477</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,980,068	\$ 6,770,890
Unearned premium	31,302,797	34,217,108
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	43,460,427	33,311,067
Reinsurance payable	26,163,570	29,426,944
Provisional commission reserve	2,437,780	3,289,272
Funds withheld from reinsurers	575,000	1,875,000
Liabilities of discontinued operations	643,548	2,026,825
Revolving line of credit	0	1,500,000
Notes and interest payable	132,925	175,420
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>110,696,115</b>	<b>112,592,526</b>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value (authorized 120,000,000 and outstanding 65,810,531 and 65,494,357)	658,105	654,943
Surplus-paid in	18,230,253	17,875,779
Accumulated deficit	(9,240,355)	(3,547,896)
Accumulated other comprehensive gains:		
Net unrealized gains on investment securities, net of taxes	17,757	209,125
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>9,665,760</b>	<b>15,191,951</b>

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<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 120,361,875</b>	<b>\$ 127,784,477</b>
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Gross premiums written	\$ 22,160,011	\$ 24,908,126	\$ 71,570,796	\$ 78,946,512
Gross premiums ceded	(15,395,290)	(16,636,790)	(46,005,673)	(53,257,566)
<b>Net premiums written</b>	<b>6,764,721</b>	<b>8,271,336</b>	<b>25,565,123</b>	<b>25,688,946</b>
(Increase) decrease in unearned premiums, net of prepaid reinsurance premiums	1,210,593	25,191	724,112	(520,796)
<b>Net premiums earned</b>	<b>7,975,314</b>	<b>8,296,527</b>	<b>26,289,235</b>	<b>25,168,150</b>
Commission income	3,210,775	3,714,076	9,612,330	11,434,897
Managing general agent fees	2,535,896	2,693,884	8,162,882	8,332,545
Net investment income	81,831	165,427	186,178	501,917
Net investment gains (losses) on securities	(7,278)	3,627	49,933	(2,075)
Other income	12,796	0	12,796	0
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>13,809,334</b>	<b>14,873,541</b>	<b>44,313,354</b>	<b>45,435,434</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	7,559,973	6,056,487	24,746,504	17,892,230
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,038,430	7,964,288	23,823,895	24,048,423
Stock option expense	88,264	103,939	262,784	317,308
Depreciation and amortization expense	190,797	149,432	519,384	431,767
Interest expense	947	92,483	7,494	276,727
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>15,878,411</b>	<b>14,366,629</b>	<b>49,360,061</b>	<b>42,966,455</b>
<b>Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	<b>(2,069,077)</b>	<b>506,912</b>	<b>(5,046,707)</b>	<b>2,468,979</b>
Income tax benefit (expense) on continuing operations	757,799	(243,873)	1,833,586	(1,074,181)
<b>Income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>(1,311,278)</b>	<b>263,039</b>	<b>(3,213,121)</b>	<b>1,394,798</b>
<b>Loss from discontinued operations</b> (including loss on disposal of \$659,409 and \$1,160,566 for the three and nine months ended 2011)	<b>(92,093)</b>	<b>(369,456)</b>	<b>(2,236,540)</b>	<b>(1,096,085)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense) on discontinued operations	(460,521)	138,546	(242,795)	411,032
<b>Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes</b>	<b>(552,614)</b>	<b>(230,910)</b>	<b>(2,479,335)</b>	<b>(685,053)</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (1,863,892)</b>	<b>\$ 32,129</b>	<b>\$ (5,692,456)</b>	<b>\$ 709,745</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) Per Common Share</b>				
Basic-Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.020)	\$ 0.004	\$ (0.049)	\$ 0.021
Diluted-Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.020)	\$ 0.004	\$ (0.049)	\$ 0.021
Basic-Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.008)	\$ (0.004)	\$ (0.038)	\$ (0.010)
Diluted-Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.008)	\$ (0.004)	\$ (0.038)	\$ (0.010)
Basic-Net income (loss)	\$ (0.028)	\$ 0.000	\$ (0.087)	\$ 0.011
Diluted-Net income (loss)	\$ (0.028)	\$ 0.000	\$ (0.087)	\$ 0.011

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Weighted average shares outstanding-basic	65,797,593	65,494,357	65,717,987	65,458,460
Weighted average shares outstanding-diluted	65,797,593	66,139,978	65,717,987	65,957,494

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	\$ (1,863,892)	\$ 32,129	\$ (5,692,456)	\$ 709,745
<b>Other comprehensive gains (losses):</b>				
Change in unrealized gains (losses) of investments:				
Unrealized gains (losses) arising during the year	(461,879)	305,600	(256,255)	445,424
Reclassification adjustment for realized (gains) and losses recognized during the year	7,278	(3,627)	(49,933)	2,075
Net change in unrealized gains (losses)	(454,601)	301,973	(306,188)	447,499
Deferred income taxes on above changes	170,475	(113,239)	114,820	(167,812)
Other comprehensive gain (loss)	(284,126)	188,734	(191,368)	279,687
<b>Comprehensive income (loss)</b>	\$ (2,148,018)	\$ 220,863	\$ (5,883,824)	\$ 989,432

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Income (loss) of continuing operations	\$ (3,213,121)	\$ 1,394,798
Loss of discontinued operations	(2,479,335)	(685,053)
Net income (loss)	(5,692,456)	709,745
<b>Adjustments to net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>		
Net investment (gains) losses on securities	(49,933)	2,075
Depreciation and amortization	775,815	945,472
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	3,084	0
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations	1,160,566	0
Stock-based compensation	262,784	317,308
Deferred tax provision	(1,584,837)	395,389
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
Investment income due and accrued	95,445	(12,522)
Receivables	1,956,312	(124,276)
Prepaid expenses	58,987	(528,580)
Unearned premiums	(2,914,311)	1,351,655
Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses	10,149,360	(10,301,857)
Ceded reinsurance payable	(3,263,374)	1,634,760
Reinsurance recoverable	(10,220,029)	11,632,163
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	2,178,531	(830,861)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(790,824)	(193,976)
Prepaid income taxes	(73,962)	258,602
Other operating activities	295,396	0
Funds withheld from reinsurers	(1,300,000)	0
Deferred acquisition costs	109,372	(150,368)
Provisional commission reserve	(851,492)	(704,908)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities - continuing operations</b>	<b>(9,695,566)</b>	<b>4,399,821</b>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities - discontinued operations</b>	<b>(150,859)</b>	<b>83,330</b>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(9,846,425)</b>	<b>4,483,151</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(737,804)	(392,746)
Change in short-term investments	20,077	4,769
Proceeds from sales, call and maturities of investments	4,659,652	1,357,895
Purchases of investments	(1,671,690)	(2,871,746)
Transfer of restricted cash to cash	1,298,920	(2,337)
Proceeds received on sale of agencies discontinued operations	4,255,000	0
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities - continuing operations</b>	<b>7,824,155</b>	<b>(1,904,165)</b>
<b>Net cash (used) by investing activities - discontinued operations</b>	<b>(10,370)</b>	<b>(274,213)</b>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>7,813,785</b>	<b>(2,178,378)</b>

**Cash flows from financing activities:**

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Repayment of line of credit	(1,500,000)	0
Repayment of notes payable and related party debt	(42,495)	(517,083)
Stock issued, net of expenses	94,852	105,000
<b>Net cash (used) by financing activities continuing operations</b>	<b>(1,447,643)</b>	<b>(412,083)</b>
<b>Net cash (used) by financing activities discontinued operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(57,600)</b>
<b>Net cash (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(1,447,643)</b>	<b>(469,683)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(3,480,283)</b>	<b>1,835,090</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period continuing operations</b>	<b>7,958,473</b>	<b>6,155,305</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period discontinued operations</b>	<b>420,541</b>	<b>98,338</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>4,898,731</b>	<b>8,088,733</b>
<b>Less cash and cash equivalents, end of period of discontinued operations</b>	<b>259,312</b>	<b>346,821</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period of continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 4,639,419</b>	<b>\$ 7,741,912</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**ASSURANCEAMERICA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**September 30, 2011 and 2010**

**(1) Description of Business**

AssuranceAmerica Corporation, a Nevada corporation (the Company) is an insurance holding company whose business is comprised of AssuranceAmerica Insurance Company (AAIC), AssuranceAmerica Managing General Agency, LLC (MGA) and TrustWay Insurance Agencies, LLC (TrustWay), each wholly-owned. The Company solicits and underwrites non-standard private passenger automobile insurance. The Company is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Consolidation and Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. In our opinion, the financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim period. For further information, please refer to our audited consolidated financial statements appearing in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

**Basis of Investments and Presentation**

**Valuation of available-for-sale investments.** Our available for sale investment portfolio is recorded at fair value, which is typically based on publicly-available quoted prices. From time to time, the carrying value of our investments may be temporarily impaired because of the inherent volatility of publicly-traded investments.

We conduct regular reviews to assess whether our investments are impaired and if any impairment is other than temporary. Factors considered by us in assessing whether an impairment is other than temporary include the credit quality of the investment, the duration of the impairment, our ability and intent to hold the investment until recovery or maturity and overall economic conditions. If we determine that the value of any investment is other-than-temporarily impaired, we record a charge against earnings in the amount of the impairment. The credit loss component of an impairment charge is recognized in net earnings while the non-credit component is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Gains and losses realized on the disposition of available for sale investment securities are determined on the specific identification basis and credited or charged to income. Premiums and discounts on available for sale investment securities are amortized and accreted using the interest method and charged or credited to investment income.

**Other long-term investments.** Our other long-term investments consists of low income federal housing tax credits, which are being amortized over the life of the credits using the amortized cost method. The credits will be utilized over 10 years as required by the federal government and will be offset against the Company's federal income tax expenses.

**Estimates**

A discussion of our significant accounting policies and the use of estimates is included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the 2010 Form 10-K.

**Balance sheet reclassifications**

Balance sheet reclassifications have been made in 2010 in order to conform to the discontinued operations presentation as discussed in Note 7 for 2011.

**New Accounting Standards Adopted**

In December 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-29 ( ASU 2010-29 ), under Topic 805 Business Combinations; the objective of this update is to address diversity in practice about the interpretation of the pro forma revenue and earnings disclosure requirements for business combinations. Paragraph 805-10-50-2(h) requires a public entity to disclose pro forma information for business combinations that occurred in the current reporting period. The disclosures include pro forma revenue and earnings of the combined entity for the current reporting period as though the acquisition date for all business combinations that occurred during the year had been as of the beginning of the annual reporting period. If comparative financial statements are presented, the pro forma revenue and earnings of the combined entity for the comparable prior reporting period should be reported as though the acquisition date for all business combinations that occurred during the current year had been as of the beginning of the

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comparable prior annual reporting period. The amendments in this update affect any public entity as defined by Topic 805 that enters into business combinations that are material on an individual or aggregate basis. The update also specifies that if a public entity presents comparative financial statements, the entity should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination(s) that occurred during the current year had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period only. The amendments are effective prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. The Company adopted the amendments and they did not have any impact to its financial statements and related disclosures.

In December 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-28 (ASU 2010-28), under Topic 350 on goodwill and other intangible assets. When a goodwill impairment test is performed (either on an annual or interim basis), an entity must assess whether the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value (Step 1). If it does, an entity must perform an additional test to determine whether goodwill has been impaired and to calculate the amount of that impairment (Step 2). The objective of this update is to address questions about entities with reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts because some entities concluded that Step 1 of the test is passed in those circumstances because the fair value of their reporting unit will generally be greater than zero. As a result of that conclusion, some constituents raised concerns that Step 2 of the test is not performed despite factors indicating that goodwill may be impaired. The amendments in this update do not provide guidance on how to determine the carrying amount or measure the fair value of the reporting unit. The amendments in this update affect all entities that have recognized goodwill and have one or more reporting units whose carrying amount for purposes of performing Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test is zero or negative.

For those reporting units, an entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test if it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. In determining whether it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist. The qualitative factors are consistent with the existing guidance and examples in paragraph 350-20-35-30, which requires that goodwill of a reporting unit be tested for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. Upon adoption of the amendments, an entity with reporting units that have carrying amounts that are zero or negative is required to assess whether it is more likely than not that the reporting units' goodwill is impaired. If the entity determines that it is more likely than not that the goodwill of one or more of its reporting units is impaired, the entity should perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test for those reporting unit(s). For public entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2010. The Company adopted the amendments and they did not have any impact to its financial statements and related disclosures.

**(3) Investments**

All of the Company's marketable equity and long-term investment securities have been classified as available-for-sale. The Company's long-term securities are available to be sold in response to the Company's liquidity needs, changes in market interest rates, asset-liability management strategies, and other economic factors. Investments available-for-sale are stated at fair value on the balance sheet. The other long-term investments consist of low income federal housing tax credits, which are being amortized over the life of the credits using the amortized cost method. Unrealized gains and losses are excluded from earnings and are reported as a component of other comprehensive income within stockholders' equity net of related deferred income taxes.

A decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale security below cost that is deemed other than temporary results in a charge to income, resulting in the establishment of a new cost basis for the security. Gross unrealized gains, net of unrealized losses as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were \$28,413 and \$334,600, respectively.

Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted, respectively, over the life of the related fixed maturity security as an adjustment to yield using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Dividends and interest income are recognized when earned. Realized gains and losses are included in earnings and are derived using the specific-identification method for determining the cost of securities sold.

A summary of investments follows as of:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Short-term investments and bank certificates of deposit	\$ 125,008	\$ 145,085
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	4,211,607	4,617,953
Corporate debt securities	1,542,080	4,012,823

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Marketable equity securities	1,776,076	2,243,235
Other long-term investments	658,543	727,288
Total	\$ 8,313,314	\$ 11,746,384

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The amortized cost, fair value and gross unrealized gains or losses of U.S. sponsored enterprises and corporate debt securities available-for-sale at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, by contractual maturity, is shown below:

<b>Years to Maturity</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Within one year		\$ 1,090,633	\$ 529	\$ 13,831	\$ 1,077,331
One to five years		3,128,552	174,971	0	3,303,523
Five to ten years		547,772	0	83,022	464,750
Over ten years		912,848	13,236	18,001	908,083
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,679,805</b>	<b>\$ 188,736</b>	<b>\$ 114,854</b>	<b>\$ 5,753,687</b>

<b>Years to Maturity</b>	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Within one year		\$ 1,022,943	\$ 0	\$ 9,980	\$ 1,012,963
One to five years		5,365,295	136,961	91,481	5,410,775
Five to ten years		1,005,508	20,740	5,106	1,021,142
Over ten years		1,167,499	18,477	80	1,185,896
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,561,245</b>	<b>\$ 176,178</b>	<b>\$ 106,647</b>	<b>\$ 8,630,776</b>

The amortized cost, fair value and gross unrealized gains or losses of securities available-for-sale at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, by security type, is shown below:

<b>Security Type</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
U.S. government sponsored enterprises		\$ 4,041,401	\$ 188,207	\$ 18,001	\$ 4,211,607
Corporate debt securities		1,638,404	529	96,853	1,542,080
Marketable equity securities		1,821,545	123,140	168,609	1,776,076
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,501,350</b>	<b>\$ 311,876</b>	<b>\$ 283,463</b>	<b>\$ 7,529,763</b>

<b>Security Type</b>	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
U.S. government sponsored enterprises		\$ 4,493,940	\$ 129,199	\$ 5,186	\$ 4,617,953
Corporate debt securities		4,067,305	46,979	101,461	4,012,823
Marketable equity securities		1,978,166	350,552	85,483	2,243,235
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 10,539,411</b>	<b>\$ 526,730</b>	<b>\$ 192,130</b>	<b>\$ 10,874,011</b>

As of September 30, 2011, the Company has determined that all of the unrealized losses in available-for-sale securities were temporary.

There were no fundamental issues with any of these securities and the Company has the ability and intent to hold the securities until there is a recovery in fair value. The carrying amounts of individual assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to assess whether the fair values have declined below the carrying amounts. The Company considers internal and external information, such as credit ratings, in concluding that the

impairments are not other than temporary. The decline in value of investments (bonds) is principally driven by rate.



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The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of securities, aggregated by category and length of time that securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

	Less Than Twelve Months Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Market Fair Value	Over Twelve Months Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Market Fair Value
<b>September 30, 2011:</b>				
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	\$ 18,001	\$ 644,433	\$ 0	\$ 0
Corporate debt securities	13,831	576,656	83,022	464,750
Marketable equity securities	95,031	616,312	73,578	169,399
	\$ 126,863	\$ 1,837,401	\$ 156,600	\$ 634,149
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>				
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	\$ 5,186	\$ 1,165,156	\$ 0	\$ 0
Corporate debt securities	11,306	1,368,312	90,155	457,325
Marketable equity securities	12,570	154,679	72,913	368,369
	\$ 29,062	\$ 2,688,147	\$ 163,068	\$ 825,694

The total proceeds received on sales, maturities and calls on investments amounted to \$4,659,652 and \$1,357,895 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Company had realized gains and losses of \$115,183 and \$65,250 during 2011, respectively, and \$47,443 and \$49,518 during 2010, respectively.

**(4) Fair Value Disclosures**

The fair value of our investments in fixed income and equity securities is based on observable market quotations, other market observable data, or is derived from such quotations and market observable data. The Company utilizes third party pricing servicers, brokers and internal valuation models to determine fair value. Management gains assurance of the overall reasonableness and consistent application of the assumptions and methodologies and compliance with accounting standards for fair value determination through our ongoing monitoring of the fair values received or derived internally.

Level 1 inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments at the measurement date (e.g., U.S. Treasury securities and active exchange-traded equity securities). Level 2 securities are comprised of securities whose fair value was determined by a nationally recognized pricing service using observable market inputs. Level 3 securities are comprised of (i) securities for which the pricing service is unable to provide a fair value, (ii) securities whose fair value is determined by the pricing service based on unobservable inputs and (iii) securities, other than securities backed by the U.S. Government, that are not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

The following table illustrates the recurring fair value measurements as of September 30, 2011:

	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Available-for-sale securities:				
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	\$ 4,211,607	\$ 4,211,607	\$ 0	\$ 0
Corporate debt securities	1,542,080	0	1,542,080	0
Marketable equity securities	1,776,076	1,776,076	0	0
Total	\$ 7,529,763	\$ 5,987,683	\$ 1,542,080	\$ 0



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The following table illustrates the recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2010:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Available-for-sale securities:</b>				
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	\$ 4,617,953	\$ 4,617,953	\$ 0	\$ 0
Corporate debt securities	4,012,823	0	4,012,823	0
Marketable equity securities	2,243,235	2,243,235	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,874,011</b>	<b>\$ 6,861,188</b>	<b>\$ 4,012,823</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

The following table illustrates the nonrecurring fair value measurement for intangibles net of amortization as of September 30, 2011:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Intangible Assets:</b>				
Beginning balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 5,969,215	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,969,215
Sale of TrustWay Agencies	(5,776,702)	0	0	(5,776,702)
Amortization of intangibles	(192,513)	0	0	(192,513)
<b>Ending balance September 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

The following table illustrates the nonrecurring fair value measurement for intangibles net of amortization as of December 31, 2010:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Intangible Assets:</b>				
Beginning balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 7,509,934	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,509,934
Goodwill write down	(1,519,200)	0	0	(1,519,200)
Additional intangibles related to acquisitions	355,275	0	0	355,275
Amortization of intangibles	(376,794)	0	0	(376,794)
<b>Ending balance December 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 5,969,215</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 5,969,215</b>

**(5) Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses**

The estimated liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses include the accumulation of estimates for losses for claims reported prior to the balance sheet dates ( case reserves ), estimates (based upon actuarial analysis of historical data) of losses for claims incurred but not reported ( IBNR ) and for the development of case reserves to ultimate values, and estimates of expenses for investigating, adjusting and settling all incurred claims. Amounts reported are estimates of the ultimate costs of settlement, net of estimated salvage and subrogation. These estimated liabilities are subject to the outcome of future events, such as changes in medical and repair costs as well as economic and social conditions that impact the settlement of claims. Management believes that, given the inherent variability in any such estimates, the aggregate reserves are

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reasonably adequate. The methods of making such estimates and for establishing the resulting reserves are reviewed and updated quarterly and any resulting adjustments are reflected in current operations.

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A summary of unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance ceded, is as follows:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Case basis	\$ 5,187,568	\$ 5,180,252
IBNR	8,738,781	4,720,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,926,349</b>	<b>\$ 9,900,621</b>

**(6) Reinsurance**

In the normal course of business, the Company seeks to reduce its overall risk levels by obtaining reinsurance from other insurance enterprises or reinsurers. Reinsurance premiums and reserves on reinsured business are accounted for on a basis consistent with those used in accounting for the original policies issued and the terms of the reinsurance contracts.

Effective May 15, 2011, the Company entered into a new catastrophe agreement with Shelter Mutual Insurance Company. The Reinsurer shall be liable for private passenger automobile physical damage coverage with respect to each loss occurrence, for the ultimate net loss over and above an initial ultimate net loss of \$400,000 each loss occurrence, subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$1,600,000 each loss occurrence, and further subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$3,200,000 with respects to all loss occurrences commencing during the term of this contract.

Effective April 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Greenlight Reinsurance Ltd. for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 50% of the bodily injury liability, physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. This reinsurance contract will cover the state of Florida. The losses incurred are ceded on a similar basis.

The Company will receive a 19% ceding commission on ceded premiums earned if the loss and loss adjustment expense ratio as a percentage of earned premium is 75.5% or greater. If the loss ratio is less than 75.5%, but not less than 71.5% then the ceding commission shall be 19.0%, plus one half of the difference in percentage points between 75.5% and the actual loss ratio. If the loss ratio is 71.5% or less, then the ceding commission rate will be 21.0%. The Company receives a provisional commission rate of 20% in advance, which is subject to adjustment once the final loss ratio is known.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 75.0% of the bodily injury liability coverage and 82.5% of physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. The reinsurance contract will cover all states except Florida. The losses incurred are ceded on a similar basis. The agreement includes a loss corridor of 75.0%-79.0%, whereby the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred exceed 75% of collected net premiums earned, subject to a maximum additional retention equal to 4% of collected net premiums earned. Further, the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred, after the application of the loss corridor, exceeds 120% of collected net premiums earned Loss Ratio Cap.

The Company will receive a 21% ceding commission on ceded premiums earned if the loss and loss adjustment expense ratio as a percentage of earned premium is 73.5% or greater. If the loss ratio is 73.5%, but not less than 71.5% then the ceding commission shall be 21.0%, plus the difference in percentage points between 73.5% and the actual loss ratio. If the loss ratio is 71.5% or less, then the ceding commission rate will be 23.0%. The Company receives a provisional commission rate of 23% in advance, which is subject to adjustment once the final loss ratio is known.

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Company from its obligations to policyholders. The Company periodically reviews the financial condition of its reinsurers to minimize its exposure to losses from reinsurer insolvencies.

Reinsurance assets include balances due from other insurance companies under the terms of reinsurance agreements. Amounts applicable to ceded unearned premiums, ceded loss payments and ceded claims liabilities are reported as assets in the accompanying balance sheets. Under the reinsurance agreements the Company has four reinsurers that are required to collateralize the reinsurance recoverable. As of September 30, 2011 all four reinsurers have provided a letter of credit or secured trust accounts to provide security sufficient to satisfy AAIC's obligations under the reinsurance agreement. The Company believes the fair value of its reinsurance recoverable approximates its carrying amounts.



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The impact of reinsurance on the statements of operations for the period ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
<b>Premiums written:</b>				
Direct	\$ 22,160,011	\$ 24,908,886	\$ 71,570,796	\$ 78,947,429
Assumed	0	(760)	0	(917)
Ceded	(15,395,290)	(16,636,790)	(46,005,673)	(53,257,566)
Net	\$ 6,764,721	\$ 8,271,336	\$ 25,565,123	\$ 25,688,946
<b>Premiums earned:</b>				
Direct	\$ 23,085,387	\$ 25,437,176	\$ 74,485,634	\$ 77,595,773
Assumed	0	(761)	(529)	(918)
Ceded	(15,110,073)	(17,139,888)	(48,195,870)	(52,426,705)
Net	\$ 7,975,314	\$ 8,296,527	\$ 26,289,235	\$ 25,168,150
<b>Losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred:</b>				
Direct	\$ 23,638,301	\$ 21,105,038	\$ 76,366,694	\$ 63,245,870
Assumed	14	5,949	187	41,914
Ceded	(16,078,342)	(15,054,500)	(51,620,377)	(45,395,554)
Net	\$ 7,559,973	\$ 6,056,487	\$ 24,746,504	\$ 17,892,230

The impact of reinsurance on the balance sheets as of the date indicated is as follows:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
<b>Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expense:</b>		
Direct	\$ 43,355,037	\$ 33,188,235
Assumed	105,390	122,832
Ceded	(29,534,078)	(23,410,446)
Net	\$ 13,926,349	\$ 9,900,621
<b>Unearned premiums:</b>		
Direct	\$ 31,302,268	\$ 34,216,544
Assumed	529	564
Ceded	(21,453,623)	(23,643,822)
Net	\$ 9,849,174	\$ 10,573,286

The Company receives commissions on its reinsurance agreements for treaty year 2011 on the basis of ceded collected premium. The Company received commissions on its reinsurance agreements for treaty year 2010 and prior on the basis of ceded written premium. The Company pays the reinsurers premium on the basis of ceded collected premium for all of its reinsurance agreements.

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As of September 30, 2011 the Company received \$5,539,560 in commissions on ceded collected premiums and refunded \$1,003,689 in commissions on returned ceded written premium, for net commissions of \$4,535,871. Had all of the Company's reinsurance agreements been cancelled at September 30, 2011, the Company would have returned \$3,057,231 in reinsurance commissions to its reinsurers and its reinsurers would have returned \$4,177,525 in collected premiums to the Company.



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During the second quarter of 2011, the Company committed to sell the assets of the Trustway Insurance Agencies and the stock of TrustWay T.E.A.M, Inc and TrustWay T.E.A.M. Services, LLC. As of June 30, 2011, assets and liabilities of \$4,682,030 and \$1,294,263, respectively, were classified as held for sale. The Company recognized a \$1,473,602 loss, net of tax, related to the classification of the assets held for sale.

On September 30, 2011, the Company sold its Florida insurance agencies and received a total of \$2,850,000 in cash related to the sale of assets. The fair value of these assets was \$3,489,717 and the Company recognized a pre-tax loss on disposal in the amount of \$639,717. The pre-tax loss on discontinued operations for the Florida agencies amounted to \$1,121,910. The purchase price related to this sale could increase as much as \$250,000, subject to expense savings adjustments. The adjustment period will commence October 1, 2011 and end on January 31, 2012.

Effective July 31, 2011, the Company sold its Alabama insurance agencies. The Company received \$75,000 in cash and issued a promissory note receivable in the amount of \$225,000 related to the sale. The fair value of these assets was \$560,485 and the Company recognized a pre-tax loss on disposal of \$260,485. The pre-tax loss on the discontinued operations for the Alabama agencies amounted to \$175,606. The principal amount payable is due in four consecutive installments of \$45,000 on August 1, 2012 and 2013, with the remaining installments of \$67,500 due on August 1, 2014 and 2015. The interest rate is 10% per annum and is payable on the unpaid balance on the last day of each quarter (April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31,) commencing with the first date of the note until the maturity date.

Effective July 2, 2011, the Company sold the stock of TrustWay T.E.A.M, Inc and TrustWay T.E.A.M. Services, LLC. The Company received \$280,000 in cash related to the sale. The fair value of these assets amounted to \$83,208, resulting in a pre-tax gain on disposal of \$196,792. The pre-tax income on the discontinued operations amounted to \$122,942 for TrustWay T.E.A.M.

On June 30, 2011, the Company sold its Georgia insurance agencies. The Company received \$750,000 in cash and received a promissory note receivable in the amount of \$500,000 related to the sale and is due and payable by November 15, 2011 at an interest rate of 8% per annum. The fair value of these assets was \$1,707,156 and the Company recognized a pre-tax loss on disposal of \$457,157. The pre-tax income on the discontinued operations for the Georgia agencies amounted to \$98,599.

The assets and liabilities of the aforementioned businesses are all classified as discontinued operations at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 are summarized below. A reclassification was made in the prior year to be comparable to the 2011 presentation.

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2010
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 259,312	\$ 420,541
Current receivables	405,445	1,392,274
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	0	314,429
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	0	5,969,215
Other	134,813	194,003
Assets of discontinued operations	\$ 799,570	\$ 8,290,462
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 643,548	\$ 2,026,825
Liabilities of discontinued operations	\$ 643,548	\$ 2,026,825

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Summarized financial information for revenues and losses on discontinued operations is shown below.

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 4,632,321	\$ 6,377,704
<b>Operations</b>		
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes	\$ (1,075,974)	\$ (1,096,085)
Income tax benefit	403,491	411,032
loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ (672,483)	\$ (685,053)
<b>Disposal</b>		
Loss on disposal before income taxes	\$ (1,160,566)	\$ 0
Income tax expense	(646,286)	0
Loss on disposal, net of taxes	\$ (1,806,852)	\$ 0
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ (2,479,335)	\$ (685,053)

**(8) Borrowings****Revolving Line of Credit**

On June 30, 2010, the Company entered into a First Amendment Agreement (the First Amendment) to the Loan Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (as successor in interest by merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) (The Lender). The First Amendment amends the Loan Agreement, dated July 17, 2009, between the Company and the Lender (the Loan Agreement).

The First Amendment extends the maturity date for the facility to July 16, 2011. However, the lender extended the agreement through September 30, 2011 and it will not be renewed and was paid off during 2011. The proceeds of the facility in the past was used for funding certain permitted acquisitions, funding short-term loans to the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, AAIC, or for working capital or general corporate needs in the ordinary course of business. The credit facility was originally secured by a pledge of the Company's ownership interests in two of the Company's subsidiaries, TrustWay and MGA, and was guaranteed by the same entities.

The Loan Agreement and the First Amendment include customary covenants, including financial covenants regarding minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and minimum net worth. As of September 30, 2011, the Company expects to receive a waiver for the fixed charge and net worth covenants. The First Amendment provides that the facility shall be repaid in full and no loans under the facility may be outstanding for at least one period of 30 consecutive days during each 12-month period in which the Loan Agreement is in effect. In addition, the Company's minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, which was 1.35 under the Loan Agreement, decreased to 1.10 for each of the fiscal quarters ended June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 and increased to 1.25 for each subsequent fiscal quarter. The interest rate is 3.00% plus 90-day LIBOR (3.374% at September 30, 2011) due and payable monthly. As of September 30, 2011 the Company did not have any borrowings outstanding and as of December 31, 2010, there was \$1.5 million in borrowings outstanding under the credit agreement.

**Notes Payable**

The Company had two notes payable outstanding as of September 30, 2011. First, on January 14, 2008 the Company issued a note payable in the amount of \$276,250 with Information Distribution & Marketing, Inc. for the purchase of a software package that grants the Company a perpetual license to the source code and the ability to develop derivatives and advance the product to meet business demands and react to changing market conditions. The note requires monthly principal and interest payments beginning in January 2008 and matures in November 2012 with an interest rate of 2.8871% per annum. The outstanding principal balance on the note at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 was \$72,984 and \$115,480, respectively.

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Second, as a result of the acquisition of First Choice Insurance Agency effective February 26, 2009 the Company issued an unsecured promissory note payable to the former owner in the amount of \$115,200 which carries an interest rate of 5%, with four equal yearly installments of principal and interest payments beginning February 26, 2010. The outstanding balance on the note at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 was \$57,600. Further, the Company had accrued interest of \$2,341 related to its line of credit as of September 30, 2011.

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The aggregate annual maturities of payments due on long-term debt outstanding as of September 30, 2011 are as follows:

	<b>Amount</b>
2011	\$ 16,730
2012	87,395
2013	28,800
Total	\$ 132,925

**(9) Capital Stock****Common Stock**

During the first nine months of 2011 and 2010, the Company issued 316,174 and 350,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value to its board of directors, respectively.

**Stock-Based Compensation**

In April of 2010, the Company's shareholders approved a new Stock Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan"). The Company's 2010 Plan provides for the granting of stock options to officers, key employees, directors, consultants, independent contractors and other agents at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Company believes that such awards better align the interests of its associates with those of its shareholders. Options become exercisable at various dates, generally vesting over a five-year continuous period of service and have similar contractual terms. Certain employment agreements may provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control of the Company (as defined in the Plan). Generally, options are issued with exercise prices no less than the fair market value of the common stock at the time of the grant (or in the case of a ten-percent-or-greater stockholder, 110 percent of fair market value). The aggregate number of common shares authorized under the 2010 Plan is currently 2,000,000. The common stock is reserved and available for issuance pursuant to awards granted to participants under 2010 Plan. As of September 30, 2011, there were 1,402,000 shares of the Company's common stock subject to outstanding awards under the 2010 Plan.

The Company's Prior 2000 Incentive Plan (the "Prior Plan") has an aggregate total of 8,500,000 authorized common shares, but no additional awards will be granted under this Plan, as it expired in June 2010. As of September 30, 2011, there were 4,418,600 shares of the Company's common stock subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Plan.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model using the assumptions noted in the following table. Expected volatilities are based on historical volatilities of the Company's stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate expected term and option forfeitures within the valuation model. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The Company does not provide for any expected dividends or discount for post-vesting restrictions in the model.

The fair value of each option awarded during the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model using the assumptions noted in the following table.

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$0.1950	\$0.2425
Expected volatility	160% - 163%	163% - 168%
Weighted average volatility	162%	164%
Risk-free interest rate	2.53 - 2.92%	1.91% - 2.59%
Expected term (in years)	6.5	6.1
Expected forfeitures	7.1	6.7



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A summary of all stock option activity during the six months ending September 30, 2011 and 2010, were as follows:

	September 30, 2011		September 30, 2010	
Options Outstanding	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
January 1	7,598,555	\$ 0.49	7,789,721	\$ 0.53
Add (deduct):				
Granted	870,000	\$ 0.20	0	0.00
Forfeited	(637,240)	\$ 0.23	0	0.00
Expired	(236,460)	\$ 0.47	0	0.00
March 31	7,594,855	\$ 0.50	7,789,721	\$ 0.53
Add (deduct):				
Granted	0	\$ 0.00	407,000	\$ 0.17
Forfeited	(362,400)	\$ 0.68	(282,590)	\$ 0.82
Expired	0	\$ 0.00	(75,306)	\$ 0.61
June 30	7,232,455	\$ 0.49	7,838,825	\$ 0.51
Add (deduct):				
Granted	0	\$ 0.00	510,000	\$ 0.27
Forfeited	(412,300)	\$ 0.28	(563,580)	\$ 0.30
Expired	(999,555 )	\$ 1.07	(2,000)	\$ 0.35
September 30	5,820,600	\$ 0.41	7,783,245	\$ 0.51
Exercisable, September 30	3,024,046	\$ 0.52	3,580,750	\$ 0.63

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted during the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.1950 and \$0.2425, respectively. There were no options exercised during the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and of options exercisable at September 30, 2011 was \$6,250 and \$2,250 and in 2010 there was \$618,000 and \$172,000, respectively. These options have weighted-average contractual terms of 6.5 years and 6.1 years, respectively. As of September 30, 2011 there was \$701,396 of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options and this cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years.

Total compensation cost for share-based payment arrangements recognized for the three and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$88,264 and \$262,784 and \$103,939 and \$317,308, respectively.

**(10) Commitments and Contingencies****Contingencies**

In the normal course of business, the Company is named as a defendant in lawsuits related to claims and other insurance policy issues. Some of the actions seek extra-contractual and/or punitive damages. These actions are vigorously defended unless a reasonable settlement appears appropriate. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of known litigation is not expected to be material to the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Contractual Commitments**

AssuranceAmerica Corporation leases office space for its corporate headquarters located at RiverEdge One, Suite 600, 5500 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30328. Effective October 1, 2009 the Company signed an amendment to extend its lease until 2019 under more favorable lease terms. AssuranceAmerica Managing General Agency, LLC., leases a claims office in the state of Florida. During 2011 the Company sold its TrustWay retail operations and the leases associated with the sale are no longer commitments for the Company. However, the

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Company is still obligated for the lease commitment for three discontinued retail offices in Alabama and Georgia under short term commercial leases. The above mentioned companies lease office equipment for use in their various locations. The Company believes that its existing facilities in the various states are adequate for the Company's current requirements and operations. Rent expense for long-term leases with predetermined minimum rental escalations is recognized on a straight-line basis, and the difference between the recognized rental expense and amounts payable under the leases, or deferred rent, is included in accrued expenses.

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The Company has entered into leases primarily for office space and certain equipment, classified as operating leases. The future minimum rental payments required under long-term non-cancelable leases are summarized as follows:

Period ending December 31,	Amount
2011	\$ 455,663
2012	911,074
2013	623,121
2014	622,593
2015	588,489
Thereafter	2,366,785
	<b>\$ 5,567,725</b>

**Defined Contribution Plan**

Effective January 1, 2011, associates will be automatically enrolled in the 401(k) defined contribution retirement plan at 3% of their salary. Associates have the option to opt-out of the plan. The Company contributed \$131,544 and \$90,867 to this plan during the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The plan currently matches 33.3% on the first 6% of employee earnings and the Company can elect to make discretionary contributions. The eligibility requirements are 21 years of age, 6 months of service and full time employment.

**(11) Net Income (loss) Per Share**

Basic and diluted income (loss) per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares not included in the calculations of net income (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Stock options	5,820,600	4,202,495	5,820,600	4,202,495

The reconciliation of the amounts used in the computation of both basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

	Net Income (Loss)	Average Shares Outstanding	Per Share Amount
<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2011:</b>			
Net income basic	\$ (1,863,892)	65,797,593	\$ (0.028)
Effect of dilutive stock warrants and options	0	0	
Net income diluted	\$ (1,863,892)	65,797,593	\$ (0.028)
<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2010:</b>			
Net income basic	\$ 32,129	65,494,357	\$ 0.000
Effect of dilutive stock warrants and options	0	645,621	



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Net income	diluted	\$	32,129	66,139,978	\$	0.000
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## **For the nine months ended September 30, 2011:**

Net income	basic	\$	(5,692,456)	65,717,987	\$	(0.087)
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Effect of dilutive stock warrants and options		0	0
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Net income	diluted	\$	(5,692,456)	65,717,987	\$	(0.087)
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## **For the nine months ended September 30, 2010:**

Net income	basic	\$	709,745	65,458,460	\$	0.011
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Effect of dilutive stock warrants and options		0	499,034
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Net income	diluted	\$	709,745	65,957,494	\$	0.011
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	2011	2010
Cash paid during the nine-months ended September 30:		
Interest	\$ 7,494	\$ 280,644
Income taxes	\$ 2,338	\$ 3,455
Non-cash investing activities:		
Change in unrealized gains and losses on investment securities, net of taxes	\$ (191,368)	\$ 279,687
Note receivable from sale of TrustWay Agencies	\$ 425,000	\$ 0

**(13) Segment Reporting**

The Company's subsidiaries are each unique operating entities performing a separate business function. AAIC, a property and casualty insurance company, focuses on writing nonstandard automobile business in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. MGA markets AAIC's policies through more than 2700 independent agencies in these states. MGA provides all of the underwriting, accounting, product management, legal, policyholder administration and claims functions for AAIC and two unaffiliated carriers related to the non-standard automobile insurance policies produced in Florida and Texas. The Company also provides claims services for one unaffiliated MGA in Florida and receives a fronting fee on this business. MGA receives various fees related to insurance transactions that vary according to state insurance laws and regulations. The TrustWay agencies were sold during 2011 in order to focus on its core business and was comprised of 37 retail insurance agencies that focused on selling nonstandard automobile policies and related coverages in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. TrustWay received commissions and various fees associated with the sale of the products and services from its appointing insurance carriers.

The Company evaluates profitability based on pretax income (loss). Pretax income (loss) for each segment is defined as the revenues less the segment's operating expenses including depreciation, amortization, and interest. During the second and third quarter of 2011, the Company had discontinued operations for the TrustWay agencies as discussed in Note (7) of the Consolidated Financial Statements. Following are the operating results for the Company's various segments and an overview of segment assets:

(\$ in thousands)	MGA	TrustWay	AAIC	Company	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>THIRD QUARTER 2011</b>						
<b>Revenues</b>						
External customer	\$ 5,743	\$ 0	\$ 8,054	\$ 12	\$ 0	\$ 13,809
Intersegment	696	0	747	584	(2,027)	0
<b>Income</b>						
Segment pretax income (loss) Continuing operations	(998)	(42)	(925)	(104)	0	(2,069)
Discontinued operations	0	(92)	0	0	0	(92)
Total pre-tax income (loss)	(998)	(134)	(925)	(104)	0	(2,161)
<b>Assets</b>						
Segment assets	6,571	838	116,093	17,676	(20,816)	120,362

(\$ in thousands)	MGA	TrustWay	AAIC	Company	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>THIRD QUARTER 2010</b>						
<b>Revenues</b>						
External customer	\$ 6,399	\$ 0	\$ 8,475	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,874
Intersegment	1,768	0	820	847	(3,435)	0
<b>Income</b>						
Segment pretax income (loss) Continuing operations	496	(205)	202	13	0	506
Discontinued operations	0	(369)	0	0	0	(369)
Total pre-tax income (loss)	496	(574)	202	13	0	137
<b>Assets</b>						
Segment assets	16,795	13,161	119,356	24,515	(36,497)	137,330



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(\$ in thousands)	MGA	TrustWay	AAIC	Company	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>FIRST NINE MONTHS 2011</b>						
<b>Revenues</b>						
External customer	\$ 17,748	\$ 0	\$ 26,553	\$ 12	\$ 0	\$ 44,313
Intersegment	4,099	0	2,397	2,033	(8,529)	0
<b>Income</b>						
Segment pretax income (loss) Continuing operations	(1,135)	(215)	(3,714)	17	0	(5,047)
Discontinued operations	0	(2,237)	0	0	0	(2,237)
Total pretax income (loss)	(1,135)	(2,452)	(3,714)	17	0	(7,284)
<b>Assets</b>						
Segment assets	6,571	838	116,093	17,676	(20,816)	120,362

(\$ in thousands)	MGA	TrustWay	AAIC	Company	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>FIRST NINE MONTHS 2010</b>						
<b>Revenues</b>						
External customer	\$ 19,625	\$ 0	\$ 25,810	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 45,435
Intersegment	5,357	0	2,543	2,543	(10,443)	0
<b>Income</b>						
Segment pretax income (loss) Continuing operations	1,638	(415)	1,295	(49)	0	2,469
Discontinued operations	0	(1,096)	0	0	0	(1,096)
Total pretax income (loss)	1,638	(1,511)	1,295	(49)	0	1,373
<b>Assets</b>						
Segment assets	16,795	13,161	119,356	24,515	(36,497)	137,330

**(14) Accounting Standards Updates**

In September of 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-08 (ASU) 2011-08, under the Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350). The objective of this update is to simplify how entities, both public and nonpublic, test goodwill for impairment. The amendments in the update permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent.

Previous guidance under Topic 350 required an entity to test goodwill for impairment, on at least an annual basis, by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill (step one). If the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then the second step of the test must be performed to measure the amount of the impairment loss, if any. Under the amendments in this update, an entity is not required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The amendments in this update apply to all entities, both public and nonpublic, that have goodwill reported in their financial statements. The amendments do not change the current guidance for testing other indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment. However, on September 7, 2011, the FASB chairman added a separate project to the Board's short-term agenda to explore alternative approaches to the manner in which an entity tests other indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment.

The amendments are effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted, including for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed as of a date before September 15, 2011, if an entity's financial statements for the most recent annual or interim period have not yet been issued or, for nonpublic entities, have not yet been made available for issuance. The Company currently does not expect any financial impact related to this update.

In June of 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05 (ASU) 2011-05, under the presentation of Comprehensive Income (Topic 220). The objective of this update is to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. To increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income and to facilitate convergence of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the FASB decided to eliminate the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity, among other amendments in this update. The amendments require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of

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comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In the two-statement approach, the first statement should present total net income and its components followed consecutively by a second statement that should present total other comprehensive income, the components of other comprehensive income, and the total of comprehensive income.

The statement of other comprehensive income should immediately follow the statement of net income. Regardless of whether an entity chooses to present comprehensive income in a single continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements, the entity is required to present on the face of the financial statements reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net income in the statement(s) where the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income are presented. The amendments in this update should be applied retrospectively. For public entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted, because compliance with the amendments is already permitted. The amendments do not require any transition disclosures. The Company does not expect any financial impact related to this disclosure.

In May of 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04 (ASU 2011-04) amendments to achieve common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs (Topic 820). The FASB and IFRS boards worked together to ensure that fair value has the same meaning in U.S. GAAP and in IFRSs and that their respective fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are the same (except for minor differences in wording and style). The boards concluded that the amendments in this update will improve the comparability of fair value measurements presented and disclosed in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. The amendments in this update explain how to measure fair value. They do not require additional fair value measurements and are not intended to establish valuation standards or affect valuation practices outside of financial reporting.

The amendments in this update apply to all reporting entities that are required or permitted to measure or disclose the fair value of an asset, a liability, or an instrument classified in a reporting entity's shareholders' equity in the financial statements. Some of the disclosures required by the amendments in this update are not required for nonpublic entities. Those disclosures include the following: (1) information about transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, (2) information about the sensitivity of a fair value measurement categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy to changes in unobservable inputs and any interrelationships between those unobservable inputs, (3) the categorization by level of the fair value hierarchy for items that are not measured at fair value in the statement of financial position, but for which the fair value of such items is required to be disclosed.

The amendments in this update are to be applied prospectively. For public entities, the amendments are effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Early application by public entities is not permitted. The Company is currently assessing this requirement and does not expect any financial impact related to this disclosure.

### **(15) Subsequent Event**

On November 4, 2011, the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Rule 13e-3 promulgated thereunder a Schedule 13E-3 Transaction Statement (the "Schedule 13E-3"), in connection with a proposed "going private" transaction. The primary purpose of the going private transaction is to reduce the number of record holders of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), to fewer than 300, thereby allowing the Company to terminate the registration of the Common Stock under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act defined above and suspend its reporting obligations under Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The Company may not consummate the Reverse Stock Split until 20 days after the date on which it first mails the Disclosure Statement to its stockholders.

## **ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Results of Continuing Operations**

The Company reported a net after-tax loss on continuing operations of \$1.3 million and \$3.2 million for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, compared to earnings of \$0.3 million and \$1.4 million for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2010. The Company reported basic and fully diluted losses per common share on continuing operations of \$0.020 and \$0.049 for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, compared to earnings of \$0.004 and \$0.021 for the same period in 2010. The pre-tax loss on continuing operations was \$2.1 million and \$5.0 million for the three-months and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2011 and pre-tax earnings of \$0.5 million and \$2.5 million for 2010, respectively.

The pre-tax loss on continuing operations for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to the same period last year, relates to lower earnings in the wholesale operation (AAIC and MGA). Loss and loss adjustment expense increased by \$1.5 million and \$6.9 million for the three-months and nine-month periods, respectively. Ceding commission income declined by \$0.5 million for the

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three-month period and \$1.8 million for the nine-month period, resulting from lower ceded premium volume and a lower ceding commission rate. The premiums earned for the three-month period declined \$0.3 million due to premium rate changes. However, the nine-month period reductions in earnings mentioned above were partially offset by higher premiums earned on the retained volume of \$1.1 million.

### **Results of Discontinued Operations**

The Company reported a net after-tax loss on discontinued operations of \$0.6 million and \$2.5 million for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million for the same periods last year. The Company reported basic and fully diluted losses per common share on discontinued operations of \$0.008 and \$0.038 for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$0.004 and \$0.010 in each of the same periods in 2010. The pre-tax loss on discontinued operations was \$0.1 million and \$2.2 million for the three-months and nine-months period ended September 30, 2011 and \$0.4 and \$1.1 million for both periods in 2010, respectively.

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The pre-tax loss on discontinued operations for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to 2010 pre-tax losses reflects a loss of \$1.2 million on the sale of retail agencies operations. The pre-tax loss on discontinued operations also includes \$0.2 million and \$1.1 million of discontinued operating losses for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million for the same periods last year. The Company sold its TrustWay agencies, which will enable the Company to focus on its core operations. See Note 7 within the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information. We reported the businesses described above as discontinued operations and the Company made a reclassification for all periods in order to comply with the required disclosures.

### **Revenues**

#### ***Premiums***

Gross premiums written for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 were \$22.2 million and \$71.6 million, a decline of 11% and 9.3% when compared to the same periods in 2010. The decline in premium is driven by a reduction in new business policies as well as a mix shift from 12 month policies to more 6 month policies. The reduction in new business is due to the challenging competitive environment as well as actions taken by the Company to improve profitability in underperforming market segments. These actions include rate increases, implementation of tighter underwriting guidelines and restrictions on new business in high fraud areas in the state of Florida. Average premium per policy increased for new and renewal policies written in the third quarter by 3.5% and 2.3% respectively and as compared to the same period last year, reflecting the impact of the rate increases taken earlier in the year.

Policies in-force as of September 30, 2011 decreased 7.7%, when compared to the same period in 2010. This is due to a reduction in premium and the mix of volume by state, as the average premium per policy varies by state.

The Company ceded approximately 69% or \$15.4 million of its direct premiums written to its reinsurers during the third quarter of 2011 as compared to 67% or \$16.6 million in 2010, resulting from lower ceded premium for the state of Florida. The Company ceded approximately 64% or \$46.0 million of its direct premiums written to its reinsurers during the year of 2011 as compared to 67% or \$53.3 million in 2010 due to lower direct premium volume produced.

Premiums written refers to the total amount of premiums billed to the policyholder less the amount of premiums returned, generally as a result of cancellations, during a given period. Premiums written become premiums earned as the policy ages. Barring premium rate changes, if an insurance company writes the same mix of business each year, premiums written and premiums earned will be equal and the unearned premium reserve will remain constant. During periods of growth, the unearned premium reserve will increase, causing premiums earned to be less than premiums written. Conversely, during periods of decline, the unearned premium reserve will decrease, causing premiums earned to be greater than premiums written. The Company's net premiums earned, after deducting reinsurance, was \$8.0 million for the three-months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$8.3 million for the same period a year ago and \$26.3 million and \$25.2 million for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### ***Commission and Fee Income***

In our MGA operations, we receive managing general agent fees for agency, underwriting, policy administration, and claims adjusting services performed on behalf of insurers. Commission income for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, was \$3.2 million and \$9.6 million compared to \$3.7 million and \$11.4 million for the same periods ended September 30, 2010. The decrease in commissions for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 is driven by the reduction in premium volume and a lower ceding commission rate. Also, AAIC pays the MGA commission on premium, which AAIC retains and this amount is subsequently eliminated upon consolidation.

Managing general agent fees for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 was \$0.2 million lower than the same period last year, due to lower premiums.

#### ***Net Investment Income and Investment Gains (losses)***

Our investment portfolio is generally highly liquid and consists substantially of readily marketable, investment-grade debt and equity securities. Net investment income is primarily comprised of interest and dividends earned on these securities and related investment expenses. Net investment income and gains were \$75 thousand and \$236 thousand for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and \$169 thousand and \$500 thousand for the same periods last year. The lower investment performance was mainly due to interest income received on the trust preferred debt in the prior year, which was extinguished in December of 2010.





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Insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses include payments made to settle claims, estimates for future claim payments and changes in those estimates for current and prior periods, as well as loss adjustment expenses incurred in connection with settling claims. Insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses are influenced by many factors, such as claims frequency and severity trends, the impact of changes in estimates for prior accident years, and increases in the cost of medical treatment and automobile repairs. The anticipated impact of inflation is considered when we establish our premium rates and set loss reserves. Our actuaries perform a rolling accident year actuarial analysis each quarter and establish or adjust (for prior accident quarters) reserves, based upon their estimate of the ultimate incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses to reflect loss development information and trends that have been updated for the most recent quarter's activity. Each quarter their estimate of ultimate loss and loss adjustment expenses is evaluated by accident quarter, by major coverage group (e.g., bodily injury, physical damage) and changes in estimates are reflected in the period the additional information becomes known.

We have historically used reinsurance to manage our exposure to loss by ceding a portion of our gross losses and loss adjustment expenses to reinsurers. We remain obligated for amounts covered by reinsurance in the event that the reinsurers do not meet their obligations under the agreements due to, for example, disputes with the reinsurer or the reinsurer's insolvency.

Effective May 15, 2011, the Company entered into a new catastrophe agreement with Shelter Mutual Insurance Company. The Reinsurer shall be liable for private passenger automobile physical damage coverage with respect to each loss occurrence, for the ultimate net loss over and above an initial ultimate net loss of \$400,000 each loss occurrence, subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$1,600,000 each loss occurrence, and further subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$3,200,000 with respects to all loss occurrences commencing during the term of this contract.

Effective April 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Greenlight Reinsurance Ltd. for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 50% of the bodily injury liability, physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. The reinsurance contract will cover the state of Florida. The losses incurred are ceded on a similar basis.

The Company will receive a 19% ceding commission on ceded premiums earned if the loss and loss adjustment expense ratio as a percentage of earned premium is 75.5% or greater. If the loss ratio is less than 75.5%, but not less than 71.5% then the ceding commission shall be 19.0%, plus one half of the difference in percentage points between 75.5% and the actual loss ratio. If the loss ratio is 71.5% or less, then the ceding commission rate will be 21.0%. The Company receives a provisional commission rate of 20% in advance, which is subject to adjustment once the final loss ratio is known.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 75.0% of the bodily injury liability coverage and 82.5% of physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. The reinsurance contract will cover all states except Florida. The losses incurred are ceded on a similar basis. The agreement includes a loss corridor of 75.0%-79.0%, whereby the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred exceed 75% of collected net premiums earned, subject to a maximum additional retention equal to 4% of collected net premiums earned. Further, the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred, after the application of the loss corridor, exceeds 120% of collected net premiums earned Loss Ratio Cap.

As a result of the reinsurance agreements, the Company is currently ceding approximately 68% in 2011 and 71% in 2010 of its direct loss and loss adjustment expenses incurred to its reinsurers and the amount ceded for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$51.6 million and \$45.4 million, respectively.

After making deductions for the effect of reinsurance, losses and loss adjustment expenses were \$7.6 million and \$24.7 million for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$6.1 million and \$17.9 million for the same period in 2010. As a percentage of earned premiums, the loss ratio for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 was 94.8% and 94.1% and 73.0% and 71.1%, for the same periods in 2010. The amount represents actual payments made and changes in estimated future payments to be made to or on behalf of AAIC's policyholders, including the expenses associated with settling claims. The year-over-year increase was primarily driven by development on claims from prior accident years. Florida no-fault coverage (PIP) continued to develop unfavorably for 2009 and 2010, heavily influenced by the increase in fraud activity in the state. We also experienced some additional development on the bodily injury coverage for accident year 2010.

***Operating Expenses***

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The selling, general and administrative expenses were \$8.0 million and \$23.8 million for the three-months and nine-months ended in September 30, 2011 and \$8.0 million and \$24.0 million, when compared to the same period of 2010. The operating expenses were essentially flat for the quarter. The decrease in expenses for the nine-months relates to lower selling expenses of \$0.9 million, offset by an increase in personnel costs of \$1.1 million in the wholesale division. The expenses as a percentage of revenue increased to 58.2% for the three-months ended September 30, 2011 compared to 53.5% for the same period of 2010 primarily relates to lower

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premiums earned and commission revenue. The year over year percentage increased to 53.8% from 52.9% for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011. The increase for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 is mainly driven by lower commission revenue. Depreciation and amortization expenses increased slightly due to the development of a web rater within the wholesale division. Interest expense was lower during the quarter by \$91 thousand and \$269 thousand in 2011 as compared to the same periods in the prior year, resulting from the 2010 interest expense on related party notes payable and interest expense on the trust preferred, which was extinguished in late 2010.

### ***Income Tax (Benefit) Expense***

The income tax benefit for the three-months and nine-months ended September 30, 2011 from the continuing and discontinued operations was \$0.3 million and \$1.6 million compared to \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million tax expense for the same periods last year. The increase in the tax benefit during the quarter and the year primarily relates to the losses on continuing operations.

### **Financial Condition**

As of September 30, 2011, the Company had investments and cash of \$13.5 million, compared to \$21.5 million as of December 31, 2010. The Company's investment strategy is to be invested in highly liquid short-term investments and equity securities as well as investing in bonds with short durations in order to meet its insurance obligations. As of September 30, 2011, the Company had \$5.1 million in cash and short-term investments, which included \$0.5 million of cash restricted to provide security for certain reinsurance reserve obligations. The equity security portfolio amounted to \$1.8 million and is diversified amongst various industries. The Company's long term investments of \$5.8 million are spread among direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury as well as those securities unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by the United States government or any agency thereof and in corporate bonds. The other long term investments of \$0.7 million represent low income housing tax credits, which will be used to offset the Company's future tax liabilities.

The Company's investment activities are made in accordance with the Company's investment policy. The objectives of the investment policy are to obtain favorable after-tax returns on investments through a diversified portfolio of fixed income and equity. The Company's investment criteria and practices reflect the short-term duration of its contractual obligations with policyholders and regulators. Tax considerations include federal and state income tax as well as premium tax abatement and credit opportunities offered to insurance companies in the states where AAIC writes policies.

Receivable from insureds as of September 30, 2011, decreased \$2.2 million to \$30.9 million compared to \$33.1 million as of December 31, 2010. The balance represents amounts due from AAIC's insureds and the decrease is directly attributable to the decline in the AAIC's premium writings during the first nine-months of 2011. The Company's policy is to write off receivable balances immediately upon cancellation or expiration, and the Company does not consider an allowance for doubtful accounts to be necessary.

Reinsurance recoverables as of September 30, 2011, increased \$10.2 million, to \$44.2 million compared to \$34.0 million as of December 31, 2010. The increase is directly related to an increase in ceded losses and the timing of settlements with the reinsurers for AAIC. AAIC maintains a quota-share reinsurance treaty with its reinsurers in which it ceded approximately 64% of premiums and 68% of losses through the nine-months of 2011. The \$44.2 million represents the reinsurers' portion of losses and loss adjustment expense, both paid and unpaid.

Prepaid reinsurance premiums as of September 30, 2011, decreased \$2.1 million to \$21.5 million compared to \$23.6 million as of December 31, 2010. The decrease results from AAIC's decline in premium during the nine months of 2011 and represents premiums ceded to its reinsurers which have not been fully earned.

Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation increased by \$100 thousand to \$1.9 million as of September 30, 2011, compared to the balance at December 31, 2010. Prepaid expenses as of September 30, 2011, decreased \$59 thousand to \$483 thousand as of September 30, 2011, compared to \$542 thousand as of December 31, 2010. The decrease in prepaid was mainly due to a decline in prepaid rent and general and administrative expenses.

Other receivables as of September 30, 2011 increased \$0.6 million to \$1.0 million when compared to December 31, 2010. The increase mainly relates to \$0.4 million issuance of a notes receivable to the purchaser of the TrustWay agencies and \$0.2 million increase for balances related to the managing general agency agreements.

Assets of discontinued operations decreased \$7.5 million to \$0.8 million as of September 30, 2011 from the balance of \$8.3 million as of December 31, 2010. This decrease is mainly related to the sale of the intangibles and assets disposed of during the quarter. See note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

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Prepaid income taxes increased \$73 thousand as of September 30, 2011, when compared to the balance at December 31, 2010. Deferred tax assets increased \$1.7 million as of September 30, 2011 compared to the balance as of December 31, 2010. This increase was mainly due to operating loss carryforwards on the losses from continuing operations.

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Accounts payable and accrued expenses as of September 30, 2011, decreased \$0.8 million from December 31, 2010 to \$6.0 million from \$6.8 million. The decrease is primarily due to \$0.6 million in lower premium tax accruals \$0.4 million in general and administrative expense accruals and lower accrued expenses for personnel salary costs, offset by an increase in amounts due to agents of \$0.2 million.

Unearned premium decreased \$2.9 million to \$31.3 million as of September 30, 2011 from \$34.2 million as of December 31, 2010, and represents premiums written but not earned. This is directly attributable to a decrease in AAIC's premium writings during the first nine-months of 2011.

Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses increased \$10.1 million to \$43.5 million as of September 30, 2011 from \$33.3 million at December 31, 2010. This amount represents management's estimates of future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses. The increase is primarily related to reserve strengthening and increased loss frequency.

Reinsurance payable as of September 30, 2011 decreased \$3.2 million to \$26.2 million, compared to \$29.4 million as of December 31, 2010. The amount represents premiums owed to the Company's reinsurers. AAIC maintains nine quota-share reinsurance treaties with its reinsurers and is currently ceding approximately 64% of premiums for all of its states for 2011. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease in premiums during the year and the timing of settlements with reinsurers.

Provisional commission reserves represent the difference between our minimum ceding commission and the provisional amount paid by the reinsurers. These balances as of September 30, 2011 decreased \$0.9 million to \$2.4 million, compared to the balance at December 31, 2010 of \$3.3 million. The decrease is related to the provisional payments made on prior treaty years during the second quarter of 2011.

The revolving line of credit of \$1.5 million was paid off during the third quarter of 2011. The line was extended through September 30, 2011, but it will not be renewed.

Notes and interest payable as of September 30, 2011 decreased \$42 thousand due to payment on note with a third party.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash used by operating activities for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011, was \$9.9 million. The decrease in operating cash was primarily driven by lower premium volume and lower ceded claims for approximately \$3.1 million, timing on settlement of ceding commission of \$3.7 million, return of \$1.3 million held as restricted on behalf of the reinsurer and payment of provisional commissions of \$1.8 million.

Investing activities provided cash for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 of \$7.8 million as compared to a decrease of \$2.2 used as of September 30, 2010. The increase primarily relates to a \$1.3 million transfer of cash for restricted funds held for reinsurers, \$4.3 million related to the sale of the TrustWay insurance agencies and \$3.1 million net sale of bonds, offset by \$0.7 million of purchases of property and equipment related to the wholesale division.

Financing activities for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011, used cash of \$1.5 million compared to \$0.5 million of cash used in 2010. The year-over-year increase relates to \$1.5 million payment of the line of credit compared to \$0.5 million payment of related party debt repaid in the previous year.

On June 30, 2010, the Company entered into a First Amendment Agreement ( "First Amendment" ) to the Loan Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (as successor in interest by merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) ( "Lender" ). The First Amendment amends the Loan Agreement, dated July 17, 2009, between the Company and the Lender ( "Loan Agreement" ).

The First Amendment extends the maturity date for the facility to July 16, 2011. However, the lender extended the agreement through September 30, 2011 and will not be renewed and was paid off during the year. The proceeds of the facility was used for funding certain permitted acquisitions, funding short-term loans to the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, AAIC, or for working capital or general corporate needs in the ordinary course of business. The credit facility was secured by a pledge of the Company's ownership interests in two of the Company's subsidiaries, TrustWay and MGA, and was guaranteed by the same entities.

The Loan Agreement includes customary covenants, including financial covenants regarding minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and minimum net worth. As of September 30, 2011, the Company expects to receive a waiver for the fixed charge covenant and net worth covenants. The First Amendment provides that the facility shall be repaid in full and no loans under the facility may be outstanding for at least one period of 30 consecutive days during each 12-month period in which the Loan Agreement is in effect. In addition, the Company's minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, which was 1.35 under the Loan Agreement, decreases to 1.10 for each of the fiscal quarters ended June 30, 2010, and

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September 30, 2010 and increases to 1.25 for each subsequent fiscal quarter. The interest rate is 3.00% plus 90-day LIBOR (3.374% September 30, 2011) due and payable monthly. As of September 30, 2011, the outstanding balance was zero. The Company's liquidity and capital needs will be met through premiums, commissions and fee income.

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To support Company growth, the Company maintains a highly liquid investment portfolio and closely manages capital requirements. AAIC is required by the state of South Carolina to maintain minimum Statutory Capital and Surplus of \$3.0 million. As of September 30, 2011, AAIC's statutory Capital and Surplus was \$9.3 million.

***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

The Company does have off balance sheet leasing arrangements. For further information, please refer to Note 10 in the financial statements.

**Loss and LAE Reserves**

The Company is required to make certain estimates and assumptions when preparing its financial statements and accompanying notes in accordance with GAAP. One area which requires estimations and assumptions is the establishment of loss and LAE reserves. Loss and LAE reserves are established to reflect the estimated costs of paying claims and claims expenses under insurance policies we have issued. These reserves are an approximation of amounts necessary to settle all outstanding claims, including claims of which we are aware and claims that have been incurred but not reported ( IBNR ) as of the financial statement date.

At September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, we had \$13.9 million and \$9.9 million of net loss and LAE reserves, respectively, which included \$5.2 million case reserves and \$8.7 million and \$4.7 million of IBNR reserves. During 2011, the Company's case reserves were flat and IBNR reserves increased \$4.0 million. This increase in reserves is related to reserve strengthening and adjustments to the actuarial estimate for prior accident years related to the bodily injury and personal injury protection coverages.

**GROSS RESERVES BY LINE OF BUSINESS**

The following table presents the gross reserves by line of business as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	2011	2010
Personal Auto Liability	\$ 40,724,179	\$ 31,638,391
Personal Auto Physical Damage	2,736,248	1,672,676
<b>Total Gross Reserves-Unpaid Losses and LAE</b>	<b>\$ 43,460,427</b>	<b>\$ 33,311,067</b>

The increase in gross reserves was \$10.1 million representing a increase in the auto physical damage coverage of \$1.0 million and \$9.1 million increase in bodily injury and personal injury protection coverages.

**Variability of Reserves for Loss and LAE**

Management believes that there are no reasonably likely changes in the key factors and assumptions that materially affect the Company's estimate of the reserve for loss and LAE that would materially impact the Company's financial position, liquidity and results of operations. The Company's low average policy limit and concentration on the nonstandard auto driver classification help stabilize fluctuations in frequency and severity, thereby limiting the potential variability the reserve level may have on reported results. For example, approximately 96% of policies included within the nonstandard book of business include only the state-mandated minimum policy limits for bodily injury and property damage, which mitigates the complexity of estimating average severity. These low limits tend to reduce the exposure of the loss reserves on this coverage to medical cost inflation on severe injuries since the minimum policy limits will limit the total payout.

The following table provides the estimated changes in the liability and related payments made for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

	2011	2010
Change in net loss and LAE reserves	\$ 4,025,728	\$ (3,102,921)
Paid losses and LAE	20,720,776	20,995,151

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Total incurred losses and LAE	\$ 24,746,504	\$ 17,892,230
Loss and LAE ratio(1)	94.1%	71.1%

(1) The ratio was calculated by taking losses and LAE divided by the Net Premiums Earned.



**Table of Contents****Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses (LAE)**

The Company's claims costs represent payments made and estimated future payments to be made to or on behalf of our policyholders, including expenses needed to adjust or settle claims. These costs relate to current costs under our non-standard state-mandated automobile insurance programs. Claims costs are impacted by loss severity and frequency and are influenced by inflation and driving patterns, among other factors. Accordingly, anticipated changes in these factors are taken into account when we establish premium rates and loss reserves.

During the nine-months ended September 30, 2011, our loss and LAE ratio increased 23.0%, as compared to .3% increase in the same period a year ago, which reflects reserve strengthening for prior year loss development. We continuously monitor internal and industry-wide severity trends and adjust rates as appropriate to compensate for the higher loss costs.

The table below presents the development experienced in the following periods:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Prior year incurred losses	\$ 3,284,001	\$ 919,003
Current year incurred losses and LAE	21,462,503	16,973,227
<b>Total incurred losses and LAE</b>	<b>\$ 24,746,504</b>	<b>\$ 17,892,230</b>
 Increase to the calendar year loss and LAE ratio	 23.0%	 0.3%

**Table of Contents****Ceded Reinsurance**

The Company cedes a significant portion of its personal automobile premium to other reinsurers. The Company's reinsurance strategy is to use quota share reinsurance to mitigate the financial impact of losses on its operations, while enabling premium growth within its capital base. Historically, the Company's reinsurance contracts have been one or two years in duration, subject to renewal.

Effective May 15, 2011, the Company entered into a new catastrophe agreement with Shelter Mutual Insurance Company. The Reinsurer shall be liable private passenger automobile physical damage coverage with respect to each loss occurrence, for the ultimate net loss over and above an initial ultimate net loss of \$400,000 each loss occurrence, subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$1,600,000 each loss occurrence, and further subject to a limit of liability to the reinsurer of \$3,200,000 with respects all loss occurrences commencing during the term of this contract.

Effective April 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Greenlight Reinsurance Ltd. for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 50% of the bodily injury liability, physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. The reinsurance contract will cover the state of Florida. The losses incurred are ceded on a similar basis.

The Company will receive a 19% ceding commission on ceded premiums earned if the loss and loss adjustment expense ratio as a percentage of earned premium is 75.5% or greater. If the loss ratio is less than 75.5%, but not less than 71.5% then the ceding commission shall be 19.0%, plus one half of the difference in percentage points between 75.5% and the actual loss ratio. If the loss ratio is 71.5% or less, then the ceding commission rate will be 21.0%. The Company receives a provisional commission rate of 20% in advance, which is subject to adjustment once the final loss ratio is known.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company entered into a new quota share agreement with Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation for the 2011 treaty year business. The Company has agreed to cede 75.0% of the bodily injury liability coverage and 82.5% of physical damage and other automobile liability coverages. The agreement includes a loss corridor of 75.0%-79.0%, whereby the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred exceed 75% of collected net premiums earned, subject to a maximum additional retention equal to 4% of collected net premiums earned. The reinsurance contract will cover all states except Florida. Further, the Company shall retain the amount by which losses and LAE incurred, after the application of the loss corridor, exceeds 120% of collected net premiums earned Loss Ratio Cap.

The Company will receive a 21% ceding commission on ceded premiums earned if the loss and loss adjustment expense ratio is 73.5% or greater. If the loss ratio is 73.5%, but not less than 71.5% then the ceding commission shall be 21.0%, plus the difference in percentage points between 73.5% and the actual loss ratio. If the loss ratio is 71.5% or less then the ceding commission rate will be 23.0%.

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Company from its obligations to policyholders. The Company periodically reviews the financial condition of its reinsurers to minimize its exposure to losses from reinsurer insolvencies. The Company has nine reinsurers, of which eight are A- rated or better based on the most recent A.M. Best ratings available. While the ninth reinsurer does not have a rating, the contract is in run-off. Further, the reinsurers cover up to \$2,000,000 in aggregate claims for extra contractual obligations each policy year.

**The impact of reinsurance on the income statement as of September 30 is as follows:**

	2011	2010
Premiums ceded written	\$ 46,005,673	\$ 53,257,566
Ceded commissions incurred	\$ 9,459,123	\$ 12,037,522
Ceded losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred	\$ 51,620,377	\$ 45,395,554

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The impact of reinsurance on the balance sheets as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 is as follows:

	2011	2010
Reinsurance recoverable	\$ 44,233,444	\$ 34,013,415
Ceded unpaid losses and loss adjustment expense	\$ 29,534,078	\$ 23,410,446
Ceded prepaid premiums	\$ 21,465,291	\$ 23,643,822
Reinsurance payable	\$ 26,163,570	\$ 29,426,944

Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with the reinsured policies. The Company reports as assets (a) the estimated reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, including an estimate for losses incurred but not reported, and (b) amounts paid to reinsurers applicable to the policies-in-force. During 2011, the Company ceded approximately 64% of its premium and 68% of losses during the first nine-months of September 30, 2011 as compared to approximately 67% of its premium and 71% of losses were ceded to reinsurers for the prior year. The ceded premium and losses reflect the new contract terms entered into during 2011 as previously mentioned. The ceded premium under these reinsurance agreements for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 were \$46.0 million and \$53.3 million, respectively. The related ceding commission was approximately \$9.5 million in 2011 and \$12.0 million in 2010. The lower ceded premium and commission were mainly due to lower production and the reduced ceded premium related to the state of Florida, which is ceded at 50% effective April 1, 2011.

Ceded reinsurance for all programs reduced the Company's incurred losses and LAE for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 by \$51.6 million and \$45.4 million, respectively.

Reinsurance assets include balances due from other contracted reinsurers under the terms of reinsurance agreements. Amounts applicable to ceded unearned premiums ceded loss payments and ceded claims liabilities are reported as assets in the accompanying balance sheets. Under the reinsurance agreements, the Company has four reinsurers that are required to collateralize the reinsurance recoverables. As of September 30, 2011, all reinsurers have provided a letter of credit or a secured trust account to provide security sufficient to satisfy the Company's obligations under the reinsurance agreement. The Company believes the fair value of its reinsurance recoverables approximates their carrying amounts.

The Company's reinsurance recoverable balances amounted to \$44.2 million and \$34.0 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The recoverable includes ceded unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses of \$29.5 million and \$23.4 million of the same periods, respectively. The ceded reserves from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with the reinsured policies ceded. Reinsurance recoverable assets include paid loss balances due from other reinsurers under the terms of reinsurance agreements in the amount of \$14.7 million and \$10.6 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The paid loss recoverables are in good standing as of September 30, 2011.

The Company's ceded prepaid premium relates to policies in force and is earned ratably over the policy period. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the ceded prepaid premiums amounted to \$21.5 million and \$23.6 million, respectively. Reinsurance payable of \$26.2 million and \$29.4 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, and represents the amounts due to reinsurers for ceded premiums net of commissions. The Company pays its reinsurers on a collected premium basis. Effective for the 2011 treaty year, the Company will receive ceding commissions on a ceded earned basis, whereas for prior treaty years ceding commissions were based on ceded written premiums. The Company does not have any balances that are in dispute through September 30, 2011.

The Company's quota share reinsurance facility has a significant impact on its cash flows. Since the Company cedes a significant amount of its premium and losses, the Company relies heavily on its reinsurers to settle outstanding reinsurance balances due for loss payments net of premiums collected. The Company paid ceded premiums net of commissions of \$39.8 and \$39.7 million for the nine-months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively and received reinsurance recoverables on paid loss and loss adjustment expenses of \$41.4 million and \$57.0 million during the same periods.

The Company's reinsurance strategies have not changed from previous years and the Company's limited loss exposure is based on the existing quota share agreement. While the Company monitors conditions within the reinsurance market, adverse conditions could have an impact on the Company's ability to secure reinsurance capacity, thereby limiting its ability to cede future losses.

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**ITEM 3. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISKS**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report on Form 10-Q, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and are effective to ensure that such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

**Management's Annual Report on Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2011. In making this assessment, management used the criteria described in "Internal Control - Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies and procedures may deteriorate. Based on this evaluation, management determined that, as of September 30, 2011, we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting, and there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting made during our most recent fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.**

For 2011, each non-officer director may choose between (i) an amount in cash equal to \$15,000 plus the number of shares equal to \$15,000 divided by the share price on December 31, of the prior year or (ii) the number of shares equal to \$30,000 divided by the share price on December 31, of the prior year. During the first nine-months of 2011, the Company issued 316,174 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, to members of its board of directors pursuant to this director compensation program. The Company issued 264,703 shares on March, 22, 2011 and 51,471 shares on May 27, 2011 to the directors, each an accredited investor, as a private placement exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Regulation D. The Company received no consideration for the common stock issued.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 4. REMOVED AND RESERVED**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not Applicable

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

- (a) Exhibits.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the  
Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101 XBRL Instance Document

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**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ASSURANCEAMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ GUY W. MILLNER  
Guy Millner  
Chairman and CEO

Date: November 14, 2011

By: /s/ SHEREE S. WILLIAMS  
Sheree S. Williams  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 14, 2011