

Minutes of WC Section Council Meeting–December 6, 2013

Members Present: Palmer, Housefield, Rabideau, Combs, Frame, Esper, Flynn, Conklin, Sesi, and Bava (by phone). Also present was Commissioner George Wyatt and Jayson Chizick.

1. Chuck Palmer called the meeting at 12:45 p.m.
2. **Secretary's report:** Chris Rabideau submitted the minutes of the November 1, 2013 Section Council Meeting. Following a motion to accept the minutes, the motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ella Parker was not present, but Bill Housefield provided a brief update on the Section's finances.
4. **Subpoena Issue:** Chuck Palmer wrote a letter to an attorney for Beaumont Hospital explaining that attorney signed subpoenas are valid and should be complied with under the law. He requested the attorney contact him for a dialogue on the issue. He has not received a response. Rosa Bava also stated that she has had ongoing problems with providers complying with subpoenas. Chuck Palmer stated the only way we may get some resolution on this compliance issue is to take cases to trial on this and create law.
5. **Cost of Medical Records:** Phil Frame looked extensively at the proposed Health Care Service Rules and noted ambiguity in the rules. He indicated that in one provision the rules call for 45 cents per page and in another provision it is 25 cents. The copying services almost always request 45 cents. These copying services are also adding on additional fees including search fees, late fees, etc. The proposed Health Care Services Rules do not provide much clarity. Another issue is that providers and copying services are charging for copying large volumes of documents but simply send a disk containing the documents. The attorneys must then print the documents on their own paper to obtain hard copies. Chuck Palmer and Rosa Bava will develop a proposal to submit to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) for modification of rules to lower copying charges and to include language that deals specifically with the cost of electronic records. Chuck and Rosa will present their ideas to the Council before the proposal is presented to MAHS.
6. **Summer Meeting:** Chuck Palmer recommended that we choose Crystal Mountain for the summer meeting on 6/19 to 6/21. The Council voted unanimously in favor of holding the meeting at Crystal.
7. **New Council Member:** Tim Esper moved that Jayson Chizick fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kevin Kales. The Council voted unanimously in favor of Jayson Chizick filling the vacancy.
8. **Kids Chance of Michigan:** After discussion, Tim Esper made a motion that the Section make a \$2,500 donation to Kids' Chance of Michigan in Memory of John Buehler. The

motion was seconded and the Council voted unanimously in favor.

9. **Internet web-based video conferencing:** Matt Conklin provided Council members with instructions and assistance on setting up and using Fuze on their electronic devices. Matt believes that Fuze will serve the meeting purposes well. The Council will do a test on 1/6/2014 at 3:00 p.m, and will hold its meeting on 1/10/2014 using Fuze.
10. **Winter Meeting Summary:** All agreed that the winter meeting was a success. The panel discussion was lively and informative. The attendance was approximately 72 section members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Rabideau
WC Section Council Secretary