

Winter Meeting December 7, 2018

Chair Dennis Flynn called the meeting:

- Special recognition was given to Andrea Hamm and Phil Frame for organizing the meeting.
- The Summer Section Meeting is scheduled for June 13-14, 2019.
- Hall of Fame nominees are to be send to Chair
- May 2019 will be Past President Outing. This may be a Tiger game again. It will be organized by Chris Westgate.
- Kids Chance contribution will be decided in August 2019
- There is a WC theme based issue of the bar magazine in late 2019 or 2020. This will be spear headed by Andrea Hamm and Rosa Bava

Secretary Report

Rosa Bava explained the procedure and where to find minutes on the State Bar site. It as moved to accept the minutes by Sean Shearer and seconded by Phil Frame. Vote was taken. All present voted aye no nays.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer report was discussed. Receipts are needed for reimbursements.

Dan Zolkowski moved to accept the report. Rick Lovernick seconded. All present voted Aye no Nays. Therefore, treasurer's report was accepted.

Director Mark Long

Director Long stated that we are all dedicated to improve and do the right thing.

- There was discussion regarding self insured and the guidelines and protocol before reducing or returning funds to the self insured found. There is concern with no record of insurance
- If there is to be an Appeal of a Redemption. Transcript may not be needed if all the appeal involves a technical issues.

- Health Care Service Rules are trying to establish fee schedule and cost control but still have access to care.
- There will be a system re design with more electronic filings by early 2020. A work group has been established with their first meeting in January 2019 to establish framework of rules for access to care and when medical provided appropriately

There was a discussion regarding rescission of WC policy if obtained fraudulently.

MCAC George Wyatt

Mr. Wyatt stated that there are 65 active WC appeals and 48 ready for review. There are 60 currently pending and 50 decisions have been written

Unemployment has 495 pending appeals. In July 2019 there will be two vacancies on the Commission.

Chief Magistrate Lisa Klaeren

- There have been cases that discuss no policy and independent contractor issues. This type of cases are on the rise.
- In reference to Medicare and Medicaid providers, we should document contacts.
- Redemption Orders need to add affidavits for Social Security life expectancy.
- The board of Magistrates have a 19 day average for decision writing. 80% of trials were open and closed within the 30 day requirement. We are still seeing a downward to filing of cases.
- 7 magistrates are up for re appointment.

Dr. Noud

Dr. Noud presented a detailed and informative discussion on shoulder issues.

Darryl Royal

Darryl Royal discussed his handout regarding the new appellate decisions.

Rosa Bava moved to adjourn. Rick Lovernick seconded. All present voted ayes and no nays.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted
Workers' Compensation Council Secretary
Rosa Bava