

Workers' Compensation Section Council-State Bar of Michigan
Minutes of the meeting of the Council of February 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Hamm

Attendees: Andrea Hamm, Rosa Bava, Jayson Chizick, Phil Frame, Dan Zolkowski, Danial Hebert, Rick Lovernick, Jessica Stark, Chris Westgate, Sam Larrabee, Mark Long, Daryl Royal, Sean Shearer, Jeff Kirschner

Report of the Secretary: The secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2019, December 16, 2019 and December 19, 2019.

Larrabee ***moved*** to approve the minutes of the meetings.

Bava ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

The secretary noted that the past-chairperson's event will begin at 11:30a.m. on April 22, 2020 at Cooley Law School Stadium.

WCA Nurse Kris Kloc was suggested as a speaker at the summer meeting.

The council agreed to invite Ms. Kloc to make a presentation at the meeting.

Lovernick ***moved*** to pay dinner and hotel for Ms. Kloc and guest on 6/18/20

Frame ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Larrabee ***moved*** to pay dinner and hotel for Long, McMurray and Royal and guest for 6/18/20.

Stark ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Authorization was sought for continued use of UBERconference.

Bava ***moved*** to authorize up to \$200 for UBERconference expense.

Kirschner ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Report of the Treasurer: The treasurer reported that dues receipts were up secondary to increased dues. The council is planning on raising dues again \$5 per member and that vote will be put to the section at the Annual General Meeting. Finances were determined to be insufficient to provide free meals for non-honorees at the Hall of Fame dinner.

Bava ***moved*** to accept the report of the Treasurer

Chizick ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Report of the Director: Director Long informed the council of his now interim status. The governor is looking at appointing a new director after the position is posted. There are opportunities for email updates from the Agency and LEO, and information was provided to the council in that regard. The Agency is now capable of receiving electronic petitions. If one wishes to use this option, they should email Director Long.

Report of the Chief Magistrate: Deferred

Report of the Appellate Commission Chair: Chair Royal advised that 52 appeals are pending.

Legislative Update: No discussion

Spring Meeting: Council was requested to approve a contribution for food and supplies for a spring meeting in Las Vegas May 13-16, 2020. Discussion was held by council, and a consensus was reached to look at options for a spring meeting in the next year, to be discussed in the fall.

Annual Meeting: Chairperson Hamm provided an update to council about the annual meeting. Westgate confirmed that the beer tour is in the process of finalization. Speakers for the annual meeting are being set. Matt Conklin is being discussed for nomination to treasurer position on executive council. A search is on for new council members. Discussion was deferred on payment of hotel rooms for 50-year section members.

Chizick ***moved*** that council authorize of up to \$1000 for 6/18/20 after party.
Westgate ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Bar Journal: A general discussion was held regarding the journal articles.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Frame ***moved*** council adjourn the meeting.
Larrabee ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayson Chizick, Secretary