

MINUTES OF 2/5/16 WC COUNCIL MEETING

Chris Rabideau called the meeting to order at 9:00. Upon motion by Andrea Hamm, seconded by Jayson Chizick, the minutes of the 12/4/15 Winter Meeting and WC Council meeting were adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Flynn reported a balance of \$91,058.83 before payment of Winter meeting expenses. He projected a net balance of \$86,238.41. Ella Parker moved to accept the report, seconded by Andrea Hamm, adopted unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Long reported John Schrock is now officially the Funds Administrator. The agency continues to push for a new computer system. The agency's 10 year old website language for medical subpoenas was updated. Regarding EBM, Mark said he intends to adopt some guidelines and described what he sees as the advantages of adopting EBM. Andrea Hamm commented that the impact of EBM would be that doctors won't treat WC patients.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S REPORT

Lisa Klaeren reported that Dave Kurtz's LDW was 2/5/16. The spot will not be filled. 14 or the 17 authorized magistrate positions are filled. Magistrates Boyle and Ognisanti will alternate weeks in Pontiac. The # of decisions by year: '15 (thru Dec):115; '14:105; '13:157; '11 and '12: just under 200 each year. One goal for the magistrates meeting in the Spring is to develop more consistent scheduling order practice. The time between App filing and signing of trial decisions is now 16.4 mo's, down from 17.9 in '12. 6 magistrates are up for reappointment in Jan '17. The new computer system for the Agency, including the docketing system, is still a work in progress.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

John Combs described the effect of SB 493 signed in December, amending the Act to include a new Sec 120 re: franchisor employees. The upshot is that, in most cases, injured employees can only collect WC from the local franchisor, and not the franchisee.

2016 SUMMER MEETING

Ella Parker advised that Steve Bohringer is the invited guest speaker to address the PIP/WC interface. Mike Reinholm is to provide the law update. The meeting is a Boyne Mtn June 16-17.

HALL OF FAME

Nominees were to be finalized by 3/7/16. Subsequent to the meeting, Jayson Chizick moved to amend the HOF criteria to require nominees to be 65 or older, and retired or semi-retired. By electronic vote, the motion was defeated 7-5. The HOF committee nominated Terry Groesser and Daryle Salisbury. By a 7-0 electronic vote, with 4 abstentions, the nominees were approved and will be inducted at the Summer Meeting.

PAST PRESIDENTS GOLF OUTING

The outing is set for May 13 at Brookshire Golf Club in Williamston, MI. Tim Esper sent a "save the date" notice to past presidents and current council members. Formal invitations will be sent approximately one month prior to the event.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Submitted 4/15/16

Tim Esper, Council Secretary