

WC COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 14, 2018

Our meeting was conducted at Hotel Indigo in Traverse City. Although members not in attendance could have attended via UberConference through and by <https://www.uberconference.com/jayson2> or (517) 234-3318, none attended in this fashion.

Present were the following: Chairperson Tim Esper, Jayson Chizick, John Combs, Rosa Bava, Dennis Flynn, Chris Westgate, Danial Hebert, Rick Lovernick, Sean Shearer, Dan Zolkowski and Andrea Hamm.

On this date, there were two visiting section members at the meeting: Sam Larrabee and Len Hickey.

Chairperson Tim Esper called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

1. Secretary's Report – Andrea Hamm

The Secretary's minutes from the May 11, 2018 council meeting authored by Phil Frame were previously emailed to all members of the council. Chairperson Esper called for a Motion to adopt the Secretary's Report. Dennis Flynn so moved, seconded by Rosa Bava and the Motion passed without objection or discussion.

2. Treasurer's Report – Rosa Bava

Mrs. Bava reported the financials she previously emailed to council members included all expenditures up through May 3, 2018. Mrs. Bava noted that we only have 571 members of our section, down 40 from last year. She encouraged us to find practitioners in and out of the practice area to sign up as members. The balance as of May 3, 2018 was \$73,974.87 and was \$69,226.57 before dues were collected. Last year in May, we had \$84,527.00. Chairperson Esper called for a Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Andrea Hamm so moved, Chris Westgate seconded and the Motion passed without objection or discussion.

Chairperson Esper informed the members that dues can only be increased by \$5.00 increments and must be voted by the whole section with notice. Therefore, he encouraged, the council to increase dues next year due to declining membership.

Off topic discussion – Chairperson Esper informed the members that the cell phone list cannot be sent out by a blast due to the rules of the State Bar. Instead a link has been created on our Section page of the State Bar website. Chairperson Esper noted that any changes or corrections to any telephone number on the list will be up to the new Chairperson to fix.

Off topic discussion – Rosa Bava requested the name of the State Bar Representative Assembly liaison. Chairperson Esper stated that he has tried on several occasions to get Michael Hohausser, our State Bar Liaison, to participate in council business. Due to illness, Mike was unavailable during a significant portion of the year. Chairperson Esper recommended that his successor try to get him to participate Mike, or his replacement, to participate.

3. Legislative/Rules Update – John Combs/Jayson Chizick

Mr. Chizick advised there has been a 1% modifier added to Telemedicine in the Health Care Services Rules. Len Hickey added that there is a proposal pending to add a modifier for billing purposes.

4. Newsletter – Jayson Chizick

Chairperson Esper noted that a vote to continue Mr. Chizick as editor was not necessary but he did receive a vote of confidence from all members in attendance. In addition, Dan Zolkowski agreed to be an assistant editor.

5. New Business

Chairperson Esper moved to table any discussion of Chris Morris' requested Affidavit which he received only the day before this meeting not allowing enough time to fairly consider the request. Andrea Hamm seconded and the motion passed. Esper recommended that Dennis Flynn respond to Chris Morris' request as Dennis sees fit.

Chris Westgate made comments concerning how bad the Affidavit was and stated we should move on it today. Rick Lovernick questioned if Plaintiffs would even support. Chairperson Esper ended the discussions based on the Motion passing.

Chairperson Esper requested to be reimbursed \$26.49 for the bench he bought for Mike Brenton's house to provide additional seating for the after party. Sean Shearer so moved, Rosa Bava seconded and the Motion passed without objection or discussion.

Jayson Chizick moved for Dan Zolkowski to be reimbursed up to \$75.00 for any ancillary expenditures for the Hall of Fame dinner and Annual Meeting. Dennis Flynn seconded and the Motion passed without objection or discussion.

Chairperson Esper asked that the attendee list be attached to the minutes.

6. Chairperson Esper called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

John Combs so moved, Rosa Bava seconded and the meeting was adjourned without objection or discussion.