

Workers' Compensation Section Council-State Bar of Michigan
Minutes of the meeting of the Council of March 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Hamm

Attendees: **Andrea Hamm, Rosa Bava, Jayson Chizick, Phil Frame, Danial Hebert, Jessica Stark, Sam Larrabee, Sean Shearer, Jeff Kirschner, John Combs, Daryl Royal, Mark Long, Chris Westgate**

Report of the Secretary: The minutes of the meeting of 2/7/20 were presented.
Shearer **Moved** and Bava **Seconded** a motion to approve the minutes of 2/7/20.

A sufficient number of members having voted, the motion is PASSED

Secretary Chizick provided information regarding MSA reversionary interests and managed care MSA that has become a subject of interest in cases recently. A member raised concerns regarding managed care MSA and reversionary interests. Another member discussed structured settlement issues. Members discussed the impact of reversionary interest MSA on injured workers. Discussion was held regarding a speaker at a future meeting regarding managed care MSA.

Vice-Chairperson Bava continued to work on securing Justice Bernstein's attendance at the annual meeting.

Westgate **Moved** and Bava **Seconded** a motion to authorize up to \$750 for food and drink at the annual past-chairperson gathering at Cooley Law School stadium.

A sufficient number of members having voted, the motion is PASSED

Report of the Treasurer: The plan is not increase section dues by \$5.00, and a request to the State Bar will be made by Treasurer Frame. There were no significant expenses of late. Five section members will be honored with 50 year service pins at the annual meeting.

Interim Director Report: Director Long advised that Mr. Nolish is to return as director on a 3-year contract that is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chief Magistrate is planning on returning from leave soon, and in the interim plans were made to cover the Saginaw docket. The magistrates have been alerted to reversionary interest MSA requests, and the Director discussed this issue with both sides of the Bar. MSA issues continue to evolve.

WDCAC Report: Chairperson Royal advised that there were 49 appeals pending as of the date of the meeting. Letters were in process to parties regarding records and panel members.

Newsletter: n/a

Legislative update: none

Annual General Meeting: Westgate reported that the beer tour was set up and that he would be paying vendors directly out of the proceeds of member contributions. Stark continued negotiations for an after party following the HOF dinner. Registration charges for the annual meeting and HOF dinner were set at \$50 for section members and \$40 for non-members of the section, with those under 16 set at \$10.00 Vice-Chairperson Bava agreed to purchase the plaques for the Hall of Fame members, the Don Ducey award and for the incoming chairperson.

Westgate **Moved** and Larrabee **Seconded** a motion to authorize up to \$750 to purchase plaques for Hall of Fame members, the Don Ducey award and for the incoming chairperson.

A sufficient number of members having voted, the motion is PASSED

Kirschner **Moved** and Combs **Seconded** a motion to pay for room and dinner for 3 speakers and a guest.

A sufficient number of members having voted, the motion is PASSED

There will be no golf outing this year.

The Hall of Fame committee is set up and has already reviewed 6 nominations.

A nominating committee is to be struck by Chairperson Hamm for nominations to council.

The next meeting of council shall be May 8, 2020.

Frame **Moved** and Westgate **Seconded** that the meeting be adjourned.

A sufficient number of members having voted, the motion is PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Jayson Chizick, Secretary