

May 10, 2019 Workers' Compensation Section Council Meeting

Attendees: Dennis Flynn; Rosa Bava; Andrea Hamm; Jeff Kirschner; Chris Westgate; Sean Shearer; Sam Larrabee; Jayson Chizick; Rick Lovernick; Phil Frame; Dan Zolkowksi; John Combs; George Wyatt and Chief Magistrate Luke McMurray

Secretary Report

Minutes from the last meeting of April 12, 2019 were submitted. Rick Lovernick moved to have the minutes approved. Jeff Kirschner seconded. All in attendees voted Aye. No Nay votes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jayson Chizick submitted the financials. He indicated that were had a balance of approximately less than \$14000 from last year. This was due to having 50 less in members and the expense from last year's summer meeting.

Discussion was held regarding that the magistrates' section dues are paid by the Section.

Jayson Chizick also discussed that an email blast will regarding golf interest and Dan Zolkowski will spear head it. Wine email blast will go out for Mike Brenton's tour. It will also be in the newsletter.

Rosa Bava moved to have treasurer's report approved. Phil Frame seconded. All members present voted aye. No nay votes. The treasurer's report was approved.

Chief Magistrate Luke McMurray

Magistrate McMurray discussed the three new magistrates:

- Phillip DellaSantina with Pontiac Docket
- Michael Heck with Detroit Docket
- David DeGraw with Kalamazoo and Lansing

All have tried at least one case as a magistrate at this time. Magistrate McMurray is getting good feedback. There is a record redemption of \$9 million dollars being heard by Magistrate Lou Ognisanti.

Commissioner George Wyatt

There are 59 pending cases with one ready to go. 39 are being prepared for review. The average pending is just over a year. The Appellate Commission is still down one and there are two commissioners that are up for reappointment in July 2019.

Newsletter

Jayson Chizick edited his last newsletter. Dan Zolkowski is now the editor of the Workers' Compensation Section Newsletter. There will be an article/statement that the dues will increase \$5. It will be mentioned at the Summer Meeting.

Legislature News

John Combs discussed House Bill 4473 which provides a presumption for fire and police for PTSD being related to work. No need for any extra step to take place; even the usual requirement of taking a duty disability pension. Basically this is a strict liability provision. This shifts burden to defense. Discussion was held. It was noted that this still needs to pass the House and Senate. It may pass with revisions.

Summer Meeting

- We will have a In Memorium recognizing practioners who have passed away since the Summer Meeting of 2018.
- It appears that we are having a great turn out.
- Council Meeting will begin at 4 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Tiger Game

Please advise Chris Westgate of any concern.

Rosa Bava moved to adjourn. Andrea Hamm seconded. All were in favor and the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Bava