

Workers' Compensation Section Council-State Bar of Michigan
Minutes of the meeting of the Council of October 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Hamm

Attendees: Andrea Hamm, Rosa Bava, Jayson Chizick, Phil Frame, Chris Westgate, Mark Long, Dan Zolkowski, Sam Larrabee, Jessica Stark, John Combs, Jeff Kirschner, Luke McMurray, Rick Lovernick, Dan Hebert and Sean Shearer

Report of the Secretary: The secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2019 Bava ***moved*** to approve the minutes of the three meetings. Lovernick ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Discussion was held to obtain quotes from the Lansing Lugnuts for an April or May past-chairperson meeting/function. Chizick to obtain quotes. Deferred to January meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: The treasurer advised that the council is doing well financially and that all necessary documentation has been presented to the State Bar. The winter meeting will be at the Inn of St. John's on 12/6/19, and include a full hot breakfast. Mr. Frame is looking for a speaker. A note will post in the Bar Journal.

Report of the Director:

Director Long advised of the efforts of the Agency to provide electronic service of orders and other documents. Director Long advised the council that the Agency desires the input of all parties into the new rule-set being developed.

Report of the Chief Magistrate:

Chief Magistrate McMurray advised of the desire of the Board of Magistrates to obtain input from stakeholders in the upcoming rule-set. Changes to BOM forms and procedures are anticipated. There was some discussion regarding increasing the attorney fees charged by plaintiff counsel. Director Long indicated that he was not opposed to rule changes on attorney fees.

Newsletter: No discussion

Legislative Update: No discussion

Annual Meeting: Chairperson Hamm indicated a desire to move the annual meeting to June 18-19, 2020. Council concurred with the move.

Kids Chance: Mr. Westgate spoke with the treasurer of Kids Chance about scholarships and needs. Council discussed donation values.

Chizick ***moved*** that council donate \$1000 to Kids Chance of Michigan.

Bava ***seconded*** the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Bar Journal: A search for authors and topics continues.

New Business: Mr. Lovernick advised that Mr. Ducey has practiced in this field for 60 years and as a member of SIA. Members were encouraged to join the SIA in honoring Mr. Ducey.

Vice-chairperson Bava elaborated on Mr. Ducey's civility and professionalism as a member of the bar and this section. To that end, Ms. Bava sought council's input in the establishment of a section award for civility. Members discussed their thoughts, opinions and encouragement of this award.

Adjournment: Treasurer Frame ***moved*** council adjourn the meeting.
Vice Chairperson Bava ***seconded*** the motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.