

Workers' Compensation Section Executive Council Meeting
Joe's Stone Crab
Miami, FL
January 26, 2018

Meeting convened at 11:30 am

I. Welcome, Presiding – Paul Anderson, Immediate Chair

II. Approval of Minutes – Joanne Prescott, Secretary

- Motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report- Phil Augustine

- Motion to approve budget. Motion carried.
- The balance is \$233,194.00.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Section CLE

- Winter ski trip cancelled due to unforeseen increased expenses at resort.

B. Legislative Committee, Fausto Gomez

- Proposed legislation regarding PTSD bill, allowing WC benefits to first responders suffering PTSD
- Megabill-not much on horizon for other changes, but may be tacked on at last minute
- Senate Bill 1412 - OJCC judges to be paid same salary as county court judges and increasing initial term limit to 6 years

C. News & 440 Report - Rick Thompson, guest editor

- Zenith legal team wrote articles

D. Membership - Sean McCormack

- Will have a table at forum and convention
- Working to compare list from DOAH list serve to compare to section member list

E. Forum Committee, Leo Garcia

- Exec annual meeting to be held at Forum on Wednesday with dinner to follow
- Get your rooms now before sold out.
- Law firm sponsors capped out. Looking for more vendor sponsors.
- Unable to secure 1st DCA for oral arguments.
- Good registration so far.

F. Rules Committee - Richard Chait

G. Judiciary Committee - William Rogner

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H. Sponsorship & Advertising, Lizzette Francisco

- Law firm sponsorships for Forum doing well.

I. Technology Committee, Richard Manno

- Need to have 2.5 CLE for technology.
- We get boosts around events.

J. Gender Bias & Diversity, Karen Cullen

- Special committee created to address gender and bias issues and make recommendations. Recommendations included creation of a subcommittee on Women in the Profession, CLE's, creation of a reporting mechanism for reporting biased misconduct

K. Constitutional Revision Committee, Robert Strunin

- Public hearings will start in February.
- Proposals for revisions need to be provided 180 days prior to general election in November.

V. Chair Report –Paul Anderson

- Looking forward to retreat in Asheville. Willie Mae will send out room information shortly.

VI. Chair Elect Report - Leo Garcia

VII. New Business

- A. Excused Absences – Geoff Bichler, Tim Dunbrack, Paolo Longo, Dawn Traverso, Glen Wieland. Motion to approve. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion about contacting those who have missed 2 meetings without an excused absence, as the bylaws indicate that they are to be replaced.

VIII. Upcoming CLE Programs

- A. February 14, 2018 - Speakers: Judge Pitts, Judge Sojourner and Judge Arthur
Topic: The 120 Day Provision and Pleading Requirement
- B. March 14, 2018- Speakers: Judges Langham & Ken Topic: TBD
- C. April 11, 2018-Speakers: Judges Hedler & Johnsen Topic: TBD

IX. Future Meetings

- A. 2018 Forum, April 11-13, 2018
Omni ChampionsGate
- B. Long Range Planning meeting & Retreat - June 28-30, 2018
Omni Grove Park- Asheville, NC

X. Motion to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Attendees:

Philip Augustine
Jeffrey Appel
Richard Berman
Richard Chait
Karen Cullen
Rosemary Eure
Lizzette Francisco
Leo Garcia
Alan Kalinoski
Richard Manno
Sean McCormack

Rick Morales
Keith Pallo
Joanne Prescott
Bill Rogner
Mike Rudolph
Christopher Smith
Robert Strunin
Brian Sutter
Richard Thompson
Mark Touby
Mike Winer

Fausto Gomez
Willie Mae Shepherd