

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION
December 2, 2009

Location: Hawthorne Inn

Members present: Mark Leighton, David Weil, Donna Civitello, Bob Enright, Maribeth McGloin, Joe Passaretti, Bud Drapeau, Cori-Lynn Webber, David Weil, Ken Katz, Betsy Zaccardi, Larry Pellett, Diane Duhamel, Bob Bystrowski, Frank Vignati, Jr., Guy DePaul, Kevin Coombes, Jason Matthews, Dave Morrissey, Andy Hern, Ken Plumb, Barbara Collins, Lawrence Morizio, Howard Schiller, Luke Strunk

Guests: Don Philips, Greg Goodstein

**Secretary's note: If you were present at this meeting but did not sign the attendance sheet, please e-mail me at dc.cartercivitello@snet.net so that I can correct these minutes. The following members were registered to attend, but didn't sign the attendance sheet, and I am not sure if they were present. Thanks, Donna
Rick Aiken, Jack Clarkson, Kevin Coombes, Kristen Falls, Victor Ferrante**

The meeting started at 5:55 P.M.

Mark Leighton reported that there was no real news regarding the proposed closing of the Middletown district office. He also outlined strategies to boost attendance at the CBA annual convention dinner.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mark gave the Treasurer's report in Tracey's absence. The section had \$15,274.32 as of the most recent bank statement. The Treasurer's report was approved.

CLE

David Weil reported for the CLE committee, which has scheduled a half-day seminar on *Osterlund* - type cases on March 12, 2010. The CLE committee is also planning a pain management seminar for next fall.

Diane Duhamel commended the CLE committee on the excellent cardiology seminar it presented.

Certification

Diane Duhamel reported for the Examining Committee that five candidates had sent notices of intent to take the certification exam.

Exotic Seminar

Mark Leighton reported on the Exotic Seminar. Fourteen attorneys had registered.

Golf Tournament

Mark Leighton reported that the Golf Tournament resulted in the distribution of between \$10,500 and \$11,000 to two charities.

Legislative Activity

Luke Strunk reported that there is a bill to re-visit the issue of delays in medical treatment, and Chairman Mastropietro is forming a committee to study the problem.

C.G.S. §5-142(a) benefits

Howard Schiller reported that he is investigating a reported recommendation by the governor to reduce state employee 5-142(a) benefits, to less than the current level, but still more than temporary total disability benefits.

Pomeranz-O'Brien award

Mark Leighton reported that the Pomeranz-O'Brien Award guidelines have been approved by the Executive Committee, and he passed out the nomination form. Cori- Lynn Webber reported that the guidelines and nomination form can be found on the section's website.

Guest speaker

Don Philips, government relations counsel for the CBA, gave a short presentation regarding ethical questions the section may encounter, and invited section members to contact his office with any questions.

The meeting adjourned following this presentation.

Submitted by Donna Civitello, Secretary