

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION
May 27, 2009

Location: Eli's, Hamden

Present: Bob Enright, Mark Leighton, Donna Civitello, Tracey Green Cleary, Maribeth McGloin, Kristen Sotnik Falls, Jim Pomeranz, Doug Drayton, Rick Aiken, Jason Dodge, Marilyn Vencel, A. Paul Berté, Joe Passaretti, Bud Drapeau, Cori-Lynn Webber, David Weil, Maribeth McGloin, Ken Katz, Betsy Zaccardi, Larry Pellett, Diane Duhamel, Albert Desrosiers, Robert Bystrowski, Bob Carter, Greg Goodstein, Frank Vignati, Jr., Kevin Blake, Guy DePaul, Kevin Coombes, Holly Fox (CBA guest), Livia Barndollar (CBA guest)

The meeting started at 5:50 P.M. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Bob Enright began the meeting with a brief discussion of the need to increase section membership and involvement.

Legislative activity

Bob Carter reported that the final judgment bill was stalled in the judiciary committee because of fears that lawyers would appeal evidentiary rulings. Bob worked with Senator MacDonald to add an amendment to the bill requiring certification by two Appellate Court judges in order to appeal an interlocutory decision.

CBA Annual Meeting

Bob Enright reported that the speaker at the annual section meeting in June will be Dr. Selig.

Holly Fox of the CBA reported that the reception for workers' compensation specialists will be postponed because many specialists won't be able to attend due to the conflict with the CTLA annual meeting. CBA will be giving out lapel pins for specialists.

The members of the Executive Committee commended Ms. Fox for her work on behalf of the section.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was not available as of the time of the meeting.

Speaker

Bob Enright introduced Livia Barndollar, President of the CBA. She discussed the failure of the Real Estate Section to get its proposed specialist certification approved. She also discussed CBA involvement in defeating Governor Rell's proposal to use the Client Security Fund to

reduce the budget deficit. Diane Duhamel commended Livia for her outstanding leadership at the CBA.

Website committee

Cory-Lynn Webber reported for the Website Committee, noting that the updated Section website has become a model for other sections of the CBA. The Committee is still considering whether to add a brief/deposition/trial decision bank, as the reaction to that proposal has been mixed. She brought up a possible Facebook page. Compensation Quarterly will be available on-line, but only to Section members. The Committee is working on making the specialization page more user-friendly.

Exotic Seminar

Kevin Coombes reported on the Exotic Seminar, which was very well attended by 25 attorneys and 3 individuals from CRC Services. He reported a surplus of \$1771 after all bills were paid. The surplus was due to the fact that IWP (Injured Workers' Pharmacy) donated \$1000 to the seminar, and CBA charged less than last year (about \$800 this year) for printing and mailing seminar advertisements. The brochures were only sent to Section members this year, which reduced mailing costs. The facility was very nice. He is evaluating Boston, Newport and Key West as possible locations for next year's Exotic Seminar.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by Donna Civitello, Secretary