

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Location: Eli's, Hamden CT

Present: Bob Enright, Mark Leighton, Tracey Green Cleary, Victor Ferrante, Barry Moller, Kristen Sotnik Falls, Jason Dodge, Joe Passaretti, Bud Drapeau, Cori-Lynn Webber, David Weil, Maribeth McGloin, Frank May, Ken Katz, Elizabeth Zaccardi, Larry Pellett, Diane Duhamel, Andrew Hern, Ralph Russo, Kevin Coombes, Ken Plumb, Brian Mahon, Holly Fox, Lisa Weiss, Greg Goodstein, Lawrence Morizio, Guy DePaul, Marilyn Vencel, Frank Vignati Jr., Robert Bystrowski, Jason Matthews .

The meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

I reported that there is approximately \$9000 in the treasury at the end of the fiscal year. I also passed out a spreadsheet prepared by Mark Leighton that showed the member statistics and revenues/expenses for the last 5 years.

Amicus Committee:

There has been no activity per Jason Dodge.

Compensation Quarterly:

Donna Civitello was not present, so Mary Beth McGloin reported that Meg Crawford is taking over as the editor and they are working on the next issue now.

CLE Committee:

Dave Weil reported that there is an all day seminar scheduled Friday November 6, 2009 at the Marriott in Rocky Hill. The seminar will be completely focused on Cardiac Issues, and there will be several cardiac specialists speaking. In addition, Jason Dodge and Andy Morrissey will be presenting on heart and hypertension cases.

Then on March 11, 2010 there will be a 4 hour program at the CBA office in New Britain and the proposed topic is All About Osterlund.

Examining committee:

Diane Duhamel gave a brief report. There will be a joint meeting with the standing committee this month to address some rule changes and to decide whether an exam will be given in 2010.

Exotic Seminar

Kevin Coombes talked about the potential options for this year's exotic seminar. He gave out information about places in Key West, Hawks Cay, Boston and Newport. After some discussion,

the group decided that it should be either Newport or Key West and agreed to leave it to Kevin to make the final arrangements.

Golf Tournament:

Rick Aiken was not present to report but it was announced that the tournament is coming up on September 21, 2009 at Shuttle Meadow. There is still time to register.

Report on legislative developments:

Luke Strunk was not present so Mark gave the legislative update. The State budget passed and so far there no indication that any WC offices will be closed. Workers rehab was fully funded. At the section meeting October 7 the Chairman will speak and give us more info about the budget and proposed legislation.

Pomeranz-O'Brien Award:

The topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Standing Committee:

I reported that there is a meeting coming up on September 29, 2009. There are two new members to the committee; Joe Passaretti and Jeff Oliveira.

Website Committee:

Cory-Lynn Webber reported for the Website Committee. The CBA has bought a new website and our section will be able to add to it. It will be fully operational next spring. Cori's goal is to index "CQ" by topic and author, and she is looking into hiring a student intern. A motion was made to spend up to \$1,000 for an intern, and it was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Mark talked about the membership of the CBA and the WC section. It has been steadily dropping over the last few years. A letter went out last spring to all WC attorneys that are not CBA members-and 6 joined as a result. Mark handed out a list of all active WC attorneys and asked for help from the executive committee in asking those attorneys to join the WC section. Holly Fox spoke about WC specialization and said she was working with the standing and examining committees to market the certification efforts. She asked that people send her ideas for marketing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Submitted by Tracey Cleary, Acting Secretary