

**WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION ATTORNEYS  
(WAWCA)**

**MINUTES  
Board of Directors' Telephone Conference Meeting  
Friday, December 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Wulf telephonically at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members present included John Edmondson, Scott French, Tom Niemiec, Cathy Lake, Ted Franti, Chuck Soule, Mark Parman and William Wulf.

Cathy Lake explained that the Department is planning to have scheduling conferences at 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. due to limitations in their software. She also explained that the in-house computer person had set up the software in a way whereby the traditional time slot of 11:00-1:30 could not be put in the schedule as a computer option. She also advised that there is money available to modify the software.

During the discussion it was also mentioned the Department was probably going to adopt a policy requiring mandatory prehearings on all bad faith cases.

John Edmondson moved and Mark Parman seconded a motion to write Francis Huntley-Cooper a letter explaining that the attorneys feel that the present schedule of having prehearings between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. work better for the parties and their counsel. Included in the letter would also be the feeling that prehearings in bad faith cases are only necessary when a party is unrepresented or an attorney requests one. The motion contained a provision whereby John Edmondson would draft the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Wulf  
for Charles E. Hanson, Secretary