

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION ATTORNEYS  
(WAWCA)

**BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2010**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President John Edmondson at Delaney's Restaurant in Madison, Wisconsin. Board members present included John Edmondson, Tom Niemiec, Patricia Sandoz, Mark Parman, Jennifer Edmondson, Bill Wulf, Melissa Kirschner, Tom Horvath, Scott French, John Jokela and Dennis Wickt.

**Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the board minutes of the April 9, 2010 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report.** Mark Parmon gave the Treasurer's Report. There is a current account balance of \$36,841.74. The seminar costs are estimated to be \$13,600, and the costs for the dinner board meeting are estimated at \$1,500. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the Treasurer's Report.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Continuing Education.** John Jokela reported on continuing education. A general discussion ensued as to possible topics for a spring seminar. Without duplicating the Spring 2010 seminar on Medicare issues in Wisconsin, possible future topics included a follow-up on Medicare Set-Aside Agreements, medical treatment guidelines and how they affect our practice, a Medicare update, as well as obligations of counsel once a set-aside account has been created. Trisha Sandoz and Melissa Kirschner agreed to join the Continuing Education Committee.

**Membership Committee.** Tom Horvath reported with respect to the Membership Committee. Last year, we had a total of 236 members. We are currently at 195 members, of which 26 new members signed up for the summer seminar. Some additional new members are expected to be "walk-ins" tomorrow. In an effort to increase membership, the Membership Committee will provide a list of current members to each district representative to assess which worker's comp. practitioners in each district are not members. This could be a valuable exercise and allow targeted efforts to increase membership. Mark Parman agreed to join the Membership Committee.

**Website Committee.** John Edmondson reported on behalf of the Website Committee. Insofar as education is a major function and the purpose of this organization, there is a desire to improve our Website, and to timely post recent seminar information (e.g., within six months after the seminar). It was reported that Mary Lynn Endter is spending approximately two to three hours per month as the WAWCA Webmaster. There was a general discussion as to whether we should utilize the services of a professional

Webmaster. Tom Niemiec reported that his firm's resources could be available to assist the Association with Website improvement. Scott French will follow-up with Tom Niemiec to see what resources may be available, and then present any recommendations at the next Board meeting.

**Website Advertising/Sponsorship.** John Edmondson reported on behalf of the Website Advertising/Sponsorship Committee. This Committee has not yet met. Jeanne Welcenbach is asked to come up with a recommendation with regard to our policy on advertising for Mary Jo Schiavoni as well as others.

**Policy/Procedure Committee.** John Edmondson reported on behalf of the Policy/Procedure Committee. Given the lack of interest, John moved that the Policy/Procedure Committee be disbanded. Upon further discussion, Bill Wulf pointed out that issues may come up in the future (e.g., such as COR) that would justify and warrant a continuation of the committee. An amendment was made to the Motion to make the Policy/Procedure Committee inactive at this time. The motion carried.

**Annual Membership Meeting Agenda.** John Edmondson then reviewed the agenda for the Annual Membership Meeting. He reported that John Jokela is nominated for District 2; that Jennifer Edmondson will not be running again for District 3, but that Tom Landowski has agreed to accept this nomination; and that Trish Sandoz is nominated for District 4.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Thomas L. Horvath  
for Charles E. Hanson, Secretary