

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION ATTORNEYS
(WAWCA)

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, June 24, 2011

Call to Order. The Board meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. on June 24, 2011 by way of phone conference. The participants included: Tom Horvath, Mark Parman, John Jokela, Mark McGillis, Tom Niemiec, Trish Sandoz, Scott French, Ted Franti, and Chuck Hanson.

Minutes. The minutes of the Board meeting of July 21, 2010 were amended to reflect that Tom Niemiec and Scott French did not attend the meeting as recorded, and as amended, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mark Parman gave the Treasurer's Report indicating we currently have a balance of \$28,278.10. For the March, 2011 Seminar, we had \$8,700.00 in expenses, but \$9,300.00 in fees and vendor contributions. We had 75 people attend the conference. With regard to Scholarship Grants, \$2,500.00 was given to the University of Wisconsin Law School and Marquette Law School. Marquette awarded its scholarship to Jim Brezinski, and the University of Wisconsin Law School divided the scholarship between Ray LaBarge and Bandie Mordenroth. The scholarship recipients will attend the July conference. There have been no significant expenses to date other than the purchase of a computer for our webmaster. As of this meeting, we have 184 paid members representing about \$5,500.00 in revenue. We are up-to-date on all of our filings with both the IRS and the State of Wisconsin.

Old Business. There was an extensive discussion with regard to the WAWCA website. There was general agreement that we had to do a better job with regard to the substance on the website making sure the content was up-to-date. There was also discussion of improving the appearance to the website. Tom Niemiec is going to check with his IT people to see who might be able to give assistance for a website make-over. This would probably be a firm in either Milwaukee or Madison. It was also felt that we should have a committee for the website and certainly someone dedicated to the case law update. Scott Wade was one person mentioned because he does the law updates at the WAWCA seminars. Tom Horvath mentioned that he thought he had in his notes someone from earlier meetings who might be a possible person for the job and he will check into that as well.

New Business:

July, 2011 Seminar. It was reported that everything is in order and going smoothly with regard to the July, 2011 Seminar. The Board expressed its thanks to the seminar committee, whose members include Cathy Lake, Trish Sandoz, Krysta Walsh, Katy Lounsbury, and Colleen Bero-Lehmann.

Elections. It was noted that elections for Board Members are open for Districts 1, 6, and 8. [With regard to District 1 Ted Franti is the current director and can serve one more term, with regard to District 6 Tom Horvath will be speaking with Mark McCabe and Dan Arndt. With regard to District 8, Scott French is the current director and can serve one more term]. Our current President-Elect will become President next year, Mark McGillis. Tom Niemiec will be talking with Tom Horvath and Mark Parman about their stepping up to the position of President-Elect. Mark Parman will no longer serve as treasurer, but has recommended Chelsie D. Allan for this position.

By-Laws. Chuck Hanson proposed that the By-Laws be amended to allow two at-large members of the Board of Directors who would be Administrative Law Judges. These two positions would be by Board appointment. There was general consensus that it would be valuable to the Association to have more participation by Administrative Law Judges. Chuck Hanson will work with Tom Niemiec with regard to proposed By-Law language which will be circulated to the Board for approval by e-mail and then presented at the July conference.

Committee Assignments. There was a general discussion of the current committee structure and the feeling that some committees could be consolidated. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

Dues. There was discussion with regard to the current dues structure and it was felt by the Board that no increase in dues was necessary at this time.

Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. on June 24, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hanson
WAWCA Secretary