

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on July 27, 2011 by President Tom Niemiec. Board members present included Krysta Walsh, Mark Gilles, John Jokela, Trish Sandoz, Dennis Wicht, Tom Horvath, Ted Franti, Scott French, Mark Parman, and Chuck Hanson. Also present were Cathy Lake, Mary Lynn Endter, and Bill Wulf.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2011, telephone conference were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Parman reported on expenses and revenues of the Association. Our beginning balance as of January 11, 2011, was \$23,447.50. Since that time, we've had income of \$16,825.00, less expenses of \$11,994.40, and our balance as of June 15, 2011 was \$28,278.10.

Memberships

It was reported that we have 203 paid memberships and our Seminar enrollment was 133.

Elections

John Edmondson will not be able to complete his term on the Board. A motion was made and seconded to have Bill Wulf serve the remaining portion of John Edmondson's term, which will expire as of January 1, 2012.

The following persons were nominated to serve the vacancies that have arisen in the following Districts: District 1: Ted Franti; District 6: Dan Arndt; District 8: Scott French.

With regard to the officers of the Association, the following nominations were approved to forward to the general membership: Secretary: Chelsie Allan; Treasurer: Krysta Walsh; and President-Elect: Mark Parman.

Old Business

There was further discussion of the WAWCA website. Mary Lynn Endter does not have the time to update the website and it was generally agreed we needed to update it and improve the design. A committee was appointed, including Tom Niemiec, Trish Sandoz and John Jokela to explore changes to the website. It was suggested that there might be a resource through the State Bar of Wisconsin. The Association does have the resources to pay for professional assistance, if necessary, to update the website.

New Business

Mary Lynn Endter reported that the tan Worker's Compensation book is available.

The possibility of having one or more Administrative Law Judges on the Board was discussed. While an Administrative Law Judge could run for a seat on the Board by virtue of residing in the appropriate District, it was felt that some may be reluctant to do that and it was important to have an Administrative Law Judge as part of the WAWCA Board. The consensus was to amend the By-Laws to provide that the Board could appoint up to two Administrative Law Judges to the Board who would serve for one year at a time, but no more than two consecutive years, and they would be non-voting members. Chuck Hanson and Tom Niemiec were to propose language at the next Board meeting.

There was a discussion of the upcoming Spring Seminar and Board members were urged to propose topics.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hanson
WAWCA Secretary