

WAWCA (Telephone) Board Meeting 5/6/14

Meeting called to order at 10:03 A.M.

Roll Call:

- Charlie Domer (CD)
- Peter Silver (PS)
- Chelsie Springstead (CS)
- Krysta Kennedy (KK)
- Curtis Lein (CL)
- Ben Welsch (BW)
- Trish Sandoz (TS)
- Melissa Kirschner (MK)
- Brian Baird (BB)
- Scott French (SF)
- Dennis Wicht (DW)

December 2013 meeting minutes approved by PS and 2nd by BW

BB is the newest boardmember, taking over Cherie Gon's term (ending December 2015). CD approved this change and 2nd by DW.

Treasurer Report-CS

- Spring seminar has profit of \$1300
- Membership has brought in \$5800
- There is an issue with different amount to be paid by seminar attendees only vs. attendee members. Approx 50 people paid the wrong amount, so an easier way to register is necessary.
- CD suggested simple, administrative fix...maybe just an add'l box to check?

Cost of Seminars

- Different amounts are charged for Spring and Summer seminars, members and non-members
- ALJ Lake explained there used to be fall (ethics only) seminar that transitioned to a half day spring seminar that transitioned into an all day seminar. There has always been enough available funding that the registration fees have been kept low and not needed to be raised. We have never really addressed whether the price needs to be increased and have just kept with the status quo.
- DW questioned if we could just split the difference and charge the same for both if generating more money was not the real issue?
- CD added the only real complaint has been food/beverage. Although we're a non-profit organization, a few options would be to lower the cost or raise the scholarship recipient amount.
- PS commented the cost should reflect the length of the seminar

- ALJ Lake added that historically the summer seminar has been the better attended of the two. A “traveling” (location) seminar has been attempted and did not have a good turnout. The game plan is to make a permanent, 6 credit/1 ethics credit every 3 of 4 seminars. Also both seminars will/should be full day.
- CS added that WAWCA remains one of the cheapest seminars (less than half of what the State Bar charges) available for worker’s compensation and would support raising the cost.
- KK asked the nature of the food/beverage complaints. ALJ Lake responded there has been a decrease in quality and choice although the price has not gone down. \$14.95/breakfast, \$26.95/lunch.
- CD proposed \$130 as the price for both seminars
- PS questioned if this would be for all attendees. CD noted that we are an organization which should benefit its members. CS added there were 41 who specifically sent in their registration as non-members. ALJ Lake pointed out that we do have seminar attendees that are not attorneys (a DWD employee, in-house management, claims adjustors, etc).
- SF added raising the cost should not be a problem as an attendee gets two meals plus 7 credits.
- DW proposed a motion to raise both the cost of both seminars to \$130 members \$150 non-members. CS tweaked the motion to take into account if it was a less than full day seminar, we should re-examine the cost.
- ALJ Lake questions why would one join an organization if we would treat everyone the same and believes a benefit should be given to the members.

Summer Seminar

- Thurs July 31
- DWD will be asked not to schedule hearings
- Annual meeting @ Delaney’s steakhouse at 5:30 p.m.
- Let ALJ Lake if hotel rooms are needed
- UW (2) and Marquette law scholarship recipients will attend
 - PS asked about the scholarship criteria
 - CD explained it was a student in the respective worker’s compensation class
 - CS said \$2500 went to each school and was split between two students at UW Law

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.