

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEYS

July 30, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** President Bill Wulf called the meeting to order at the Marriott Madison West Hotel in Middleton, Wisconsin during the Association's 2009 Annual Worker's Compensation Seminar.
2. **Minutes of Prior Meeting.** By agreement of the membership, reading of the prior minutes were waived and the minutes of the July 17, 2008 Annual Membership Meeting were accepted.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Mark Parman presented the Treasurer's Report. He indicated he had taken over this responsibility from John Griner effective January 1, 2009 with a starting balance of approximately \$10,000.00. Our membership and registration for this current annual meeting are up and as of July 23, 2009, we had \$30,945.92 in our account prior to paying the expenses of the summer annual seminar. There was a motion made, seconded, and passed to receive the Treasurer's Report.
4. **Continuing Legal Education.** John Jokela reported with regard to continuing education concerning the issue of whether to maintain a Fall seminar. Many people indicated they would be interested in a half-day seminar involving Medicare Set-Aside accounts. He reported that the directors would be looking at presenting such a seminar sometime before April, 2010. He also reported that the Continuing Education Committee would be exploring the possibility of videoing the seminar which might be held in Madison or Milwaukee, so the videos could be played in other parts of the State for the convenience of the membership.
5. **Communication and Membership Committee.** The Communication and Membership Committee report was submitted by Tom Horvath. He reported that they are looking for ways to increase membership.
6. **WAWCA Webmaster.** Mary Lynn Endter was thanked for her work as our current webmaster. We currently have 216 members of our organization as of July 29, 2009.
7. **Policy and Procedures Committee.** John Edmondson reported that last year a Policy and Procedures Committee was formed to encourage attorneys to work to find ways to make the worker's compensation system function better. The committee had worked on the issue of applicant's attorneys fees and problems with scheduling. He reminded the membership that we have an opportunity through our Association to have an impact in improving the practice of worker's compensation law in the State of Wisconsin.

8. **Young Lawyer's Committee.** Rich Davis reported to the membership with regard to the possibility of a Young Lawyers Committee. The Committee would provide seminars and resources for young lawyers who practice in the worker's compensation area. He invited other lawyers present who had an interest to contact him.
9. **Presentation of Plaques.** Plaques were presented to Cathy Lake for her services as President, Barry Stern for his work as Secretary, and John Griner for his work as Treasurer.
10. **Scholarships.** One of the Association's ongoing projects is to award scholarships to two law students, one at Marquette and one at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The students who receive the award have an express interest in worker's compensation law. This year the awards went to Ellen Anderson and Staci Flinchbaugh.
11. **Election of Officers.** The membership elected John Edmondson to serve as President commencing January 1, 2010, Tom Niemiec to serve as President-Elect commencing January 1, 2010, Mark Parman to serve as Treasurer for another term, commencing January 1, 2010, and Chuck Hanson to serve as Secretary for another term, commencing January 1, 2010. All the above terms are for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hanson,
Secretary