

**Workers' Compensation Section Executive Council Meeting
Omni Orlando at Championsgate
Championsgate, FL
April 11, 2018**

Meeting convened at 3:14 pm

I. Welcome, Presiding – Paul Anderson, Chair

- Introduction of guests, Jonathan Kilman and John Yapo

II. Approval of Minutes – Joanne Prescott, Secretary

- Motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report- Phil Augustine

- Motion to approve budget. Motion carried.
- The balance is \$224,000.00, \$60k in the black; budget is \$162k.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Section CLE

- Winter retreat cancelled
- Next year, working on ski retreat
- Beginning August will ask for presenters for learn and lunch.

B. Legislative Committee, Fausto Gomez

- 3 items focused on
 1. Increase for jcc's, senate bill moved quickly, HB stalled, and refused to accept. Significant changes in Tallahassee given head office change. 21/19 party split, so it will be difficult to get anything done.
Anderson-Issue went the way to speaker, and did not want to hear it.
Trying to separate this from practice issue, but rather a joint issue on behalf of industry, jcc's and bar.
Wieland pointed out the Section can not address many substantive issues given bipartisanship makeup
 2. First Responders Bill-Longo-one of the good things that passed was PTSD bill for First Responders Bill. Wage loss for PTSD. Passed shortly after Parkland.

C. News & 440 Report – Paul Anderson

- Looking for guest editor.

D. Membership - Sean McCormack and Tim Dunbrack

- We are down 100 since comp convention
- All Board Certified attorneys should be members
- Proposal that each exec member get 2 new members
- Winer recommended appointing captains for each DCA as they do with FWA
- There will be a table tomorrow at the Forum
- Manno suggested having a happy hour to attract new members at convention

E. Forum Committee, Leo Garcia

- 525 attendees. Largest ever.
- Largest number of sponsors and vendors.
- Anderson noted voting open until lunch ends tomorrow.

F. Rules Committee – Tracy Hyde

- Phone hearing in December, nothing proposed
- Meeting tomorrow evening
- Augustine recommended addressing pretrial rule, as some pretrials getting set prior to mediation

G. Judiciary Committee – Bill Rogner

- Morales-Lawsuit filed by Judge Castiello re: rules regarding judicial appointment. Rules published re appointment by JNC. Public hearing this week.
- Rogner-2 new judges. Tim Stanton in Gainesville. He was state mediator in Tampa. New judge in Tallahassee, Jacqueline Newman. Prior defense attorney.
- Anderson reached out to Judge Newman on Friday to offer help
- Langham would like us all to take judicial survey
- Need to push for judicial salary increased, it needs to remain a focus. Clearly fits with our judicial position

H. Board Cert Committee

- Will join us in Asheville

I. Technology Committee, Richard Manno

- Need timely updates
- Flabarwcs.org
- We are on facebook and twitter as well
- Room for sponsorsip on the website

J. Sponsorship & Advertising, Mike winer

- 19 sponsors, all time high
- Mercedes de los Santos mediator in South Florida
- Anderson-Total MSA, sponsor for Asheville, Randy Gasman

K. Gender Bias & Diversity, Karen Cullen

- Nothing new to report since last meeting

L. Constitutional Revision Committee, Robert Strunin

- 123 proposals by commissioners
- 728 proposals by public
- Good news, no WC issues
- Article V Court proposals, increase judges' eligibility to75; increase term limits on JNC; additional benefits for correctional officers, parole officers and military performing State work

V. Chair Report –Paul Anderson

- Looking forward to retreat in Asheville. Hotel is phenomenal. Willie Mae working on trip to Biltmore.
- Frierson-Colling award-Judge Neal Pitts is the recipient. Judge Langham commented that he is the most deserving recipient on the Bench.
- Elections tomorrow for 4th and 5th DCA

VI. Chair Elect Report - Leo Garcia

- No report as of yet

VII. Bylaws

- Bar finally approved after approval by section 2 years ago
 - No term limits
 - Emeritus status-former Chair may retain the right to vote at future meetings-thought is to free obligations and allow young blood
 - Chait suggested keeping emeritus committee to notify emeritus of meeting

VIII. New Business

- A. Excused Absences – Geoff Bichler, Richard Berman, Rosemary Eure, Lizzette Francisco, Albert Garcia, Dawn Traverso. Motion to approve. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion about contacting those who have missed 2 meetings without an excused absence, as the bylaws indicate that they are to be replaced.

IX. Upcoming CLE Programs

- A. March 14, 2018- Speakers: Judges Langham & Ken Topic: TBD
- B. April 11, 2018-Speakers: Judges Hedler & Johnsen Topic: TBD

IX. Future Meetings

- A. Long Range Planning meeting & Retreat - June 28-30, 2018
Omni Grove Park- Asheville, NC
- B.Comp convention
 - Garcia recommended continuing judicial luncheon

X. Motion to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

Attendees:

Paul Anderson
Jeff Appel
Philip Augustine
Richard Chait
Karen Cullen
Timothy Dunbrack
Leo Garcia
Tracey Hyde
Alan Kalinoski
Gary Lesser

Paolo Longo
Richard Manno
Sean McCormack
Rick Morales
Keith Pallo
Joanne Prescott
Bill Rogner
Mike Rudolph
Christopher Smith
Robert Strunin
Brian Sutter
Richard Thompson
Mark Touby
Glen Wieland
Mike Winer

Fausto Gomez
Willie Mae Shepherd

Jonathan Kilman
John Yapo