WORKERS' COMPENSATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, November 2, 2018

CONDENSED MINUTES

In attendance:

Judge Audrey Beach
Judge Sandra Craig
Judge Denise Krass
Judge Tina Maria Rago
Judge Todd Seelig
Maria Ciccotelli
Andrea Cicero Rock
Danielle DeRosa
Jennifer Etkin
Kaitlin Files
Jeffrey Gross
Alexis Handrich
Mark Mazzanti
Eric Pearson
Christian Petrucci
Deborah Richman
Joseph Ring
Amit Shah
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1. Meeting is called to order. Motion for approval of September 2018 meeting minutes is seconded and all are in favor.

2. Alexis Handrich provided update as to fundraising efforts and CLE presentation at Bench Bar conference. Section collected $650.00 for Ronald McDonald House, which includes profits from sales of sock puppets. Section’s CLE was well attended and speakers were well received.

3. Alexis provided update regarding Section’s Halloween Happy Hour. Attendance was high and likely doubled last year’s attendance. Judge Denise Krass posted photos from party on Association’s website. Deborah Richman provided update regarding fundraising efforts for Team Foster and advised Section raised $340.00.

4. Judge Seelig provided update regarding Section’s upcoming Holiday Party scheduled for December 5, 2018. The invitation and attendee rates were reviewed and it was decided that rates would remain the same as prior year. Jeffrey Gross advised Section has raised $15,000 in sponsorship revenue thus far, with sponsorship fundraising efforts continuing. Deborah Richman reminded that arrangements will be made for charity, Toys for Tots, collection at Holiday party.

5. Committee Updates:
   
a. Board of Governors: Per Judge Tina Maria Rago, nothing of significance to Section occurred at last Board of Governors meeting, aside from review of budget and upcoming election. Association is still continuing efforts to hire executive director.

    b. CLE: Per Kelly Hemple, Section’s Lunch and Learn CLE today will focus on interpreters and workers’ compensation litigation. Section intends on presenting CLE regarding WCAIS tips, presented by workers’ compensation judges, on January 25, 2019.

    c. Legislative: Christian Petrucci advised Act 111 was signed into law last week. Discussion ensued about interpretation of statute in regard to whether retroactive credit can be taken for IRE performed prior to enactment of Act 111, as well as argument that Act 111 is unconstitutional.

    d. Treasurer: Eric Pearson provided treasury update and advised we will have year-end figures in early 2019, possibly by the January 25, 2019 meeting. Judge Rago inquired as to whether Lunch and Learn CLE monetary figures are reflected on Section’s ledger. Discussion ensued about process by which
sponsorship money should be collected and it was decided funds would be sent to Treasurer who will then provide same to Sue Knight with a copy to Tracey McCloskey. Treasurer will also prepare and send sponsorship confirmation letter to sponsors.

e. Charitable Events and Community Service: Deborah advised that October charity is Team Foster, November charity is Women Against Abuse, and December charity is Toys for Tots. Section will be hosting luncheon at St. John’s Hospice on November 14, 2018 and November 15, 2018.

f. Marketing: Judge Krass reminded about photo and article submissions and deadlines. Judge Krass further advised that the weather announcement will remain the same as prior year’s announcement.

g. Arts in the Court: Deferred.

h. YLD: Deferred.

i. PBA: Deferred.

j. Diversity and Inclusion: Kaitlin Files advised that Section has organized youth court mock trial to occur November 16, 2018. Kaitlin requested attorney and judge volunteers to help assist with presentation of youth court mock trial and workers’ compensation mock trial. Discussion ensued regarding whether mock trial would be limited to students observing court and inclusion of student run mock trial with decision that both would be performed.

k. Law School Liaison: Per Judge Seelig Irvin Stander Award applications will be accepted by electronic submission via Ashley Drinkwine. Judge Krass reminded that last year’s application period ran from 12/22/18 through 3/23/18 and suggested announcement be prepared and circulated soon. 2019 co-chairs will select Workers’ Compensation Awards Luncheon date wherein Irvin Stander Award will be announce.

l. Of Counsel: Deferred.

6. New Business:

Motion for approval of $500.00 donation to charity chosen by 2018 co-chairs for in memoriam donation is seconded and all are in favor. Motion for approval of expenditure of $500.00 donation to Kid’s Chance is seconded and all are in favor. Motion for approval of $1,000.00 donation to Philadelphia Bar Foundation is seconded and all are in favor. Motion for approval of $3,000.00 donation to VIP is seconded and all are in favor. Motion for approval of expenditure of $500.00 in gift
cards and up to $150.00 for gift basket to Association staff is seconded and all are in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle R. DeRosa

Secretary