WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, February 22, 2019

CONDENSED MINUTES

In attendance: Judge Sandra Craig
Judge Nancy Farese
Judge Tina Maria Rago
Judge Todd Seelig
Maria Ciccotelli
Jon Paul DeMarco
Danielle DeRosa
Ashley Drinkwine
Andrea Graf
Jeffrey Gross
Alexis Handrich
Kelly Hemple
Mark Mazzanti
Matthew McGurrin
Jenna Messa
Ruxandra Osgood
Eric Pearson
Christian Petrucci
Joseph Ring
Anna Rio
A. Michael Snyder
1. Meeting is called to order. Motion for approval of January 25, 2019 Condensed Minutes is seconded and all are in favor.

2. Co-chairs provided summary of the Committee and Section Chairs Orientation held February 13, 2019, with focus of discussion on Association’s goal of increased membership and opportunities for membership sponsorship of law school students. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship of administrative law student(s). Suggestion made that Section provide a one-year membership sponsorship to recipient of 2019 Irvin Stander Award should the recipient’s law school not provide same. Motion for approval of $20.00 (or equivalent of Association dues for one year) for membership sponsorship of 2019 Irvin Stander award recipient is seconded and all are in favor.

3. The Workers’ Compensation Awards Luncheon will be held on May 3, 2019 at the Sheraton Society Hill and the contract for same was recently completed. Section will invite the mock trial students and chaperones, approximately 13 total, to attend the luncheon. Two tables will be required for mock trial guests and Section will use “extra” firm sponsored seats to accommodate same. Motion for four charity related speakers at luncheon is seconded and all are in favor. Main charity for luncheon will be the Sean F. Hogan, Sr. Foundation and Mrs. Hogan will accept the donation and speak to guests. In addition, an individual from St. John’s Hospice will accept and present. Motion that $2,500.00 in funds allocated for past speakers gets dispersed between the four charities is seconded and all are in favor. The $2,500.00 in funds will be dispersed as follows: $1,000.00 to Sean F. Hogan, Sr. Foundation and $500.00 for each of the other three charities, not yet chosen.

Discussion ensured regarding entertainment for Spring and Holiday Party. Suggestion made that we hire a quiet band, or a harpist, for Holiday Party and co-chairs will obtain estimates and samples of music. Maria Ciccotelli suggested use of the Marshall Dennehey band at the Spring Party.

4. Judge Seelig provided an update regarding WiFi in Court. Comcast performed a site visit and confirmed they are now in the building, so it is likely we can improve the internet for much less than previously quoted when there was no high speed source in the building. Discussion ensured regarding security and need for faster internet speed. Suggestion made that if we implement new internet system, we provide faster internet to members via password that is changed monthly as incentive to join Association while non-members would have access to slower internet. Judge Seelig is searching for another vendor to bid this new internet process. Discussion ensued
regarding potential firm sponsorship of part of the WiFi costs, with plaque indicating the specific firms that sponsored the capital improvement.

5. Committee Updates:

a. Board of Governors: Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019 and summary will be provided at next meeting.

b. CLE: Maria Ciccotelli advised the new CLE dates are as follows: March 22, 2019, April 12, 2019, August 9, 2019 (2 hour CLE), September 13, 2019 and November 22, 2019. Bench Bar will be held October 11, 2019 and October 12, 2019. Judge Snyder suggested an interactive evidence program.


d. Fundraising: Jeffrey Gross provided update indicating sufficient sponsorship funds secured for Spring Party.

e. Legislative: Christian Petrucci advised that the bill on the radar currently deals with making post-traumatic stress disorder a presumptive disability for first responders.

f. Charitable Events and Community Service: The charity for February is PAWS and March is USO. Volunteers are needed for St. John’s Hospice lunch on April 3, 2019.

g. Marketing: Deferred

h. YLD: Deferred.

i. PBA: Joseph Ring advised the PBA Annual Meeting will be held May 15, 2019 through May 17, 2019 and the Workers’ Compensation Section Fall Meeting will be held September 26, 2019 through September 27, 2019 at the Hershey Lodge.

j. Diversity and Inclusion: Jenna Messa advised the mock trial team lost in the first round and won in the second. Although they will not be advancing, the after school program will continue to prepare for next year’s competition. There is an opportunity for the Section to be involved in their after school mock trial program which would involve obtaining clearances and coaching the students, about an hour per week. JP suggested a listserv sign-up and Judge Rago reminded that participants need to be familiar with mock trial rules.

k. Arts in the Court – Per Judge Craig, the panels are not yet ready.
1. Law School Liaison: Deferred.

m. Of Counsel: Judge Snyder advised that the Association is ahead as far as revenues. The Association continues to push for increased membership. Judge Snyder reminded all of the “Did You Know” section of the Bar Reporter and suggested we participate and include things such as Section’s monetary and time commitment to various charities we support and our basis for same.

6. New Business:

Motion that Section sponsor t-shirts for the mock trial team which include the school name and workers’ compensation section (up to $250.00) is seconded and all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle R. DeRosa

Secretary