WORKERS' COMPENSATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, May 11, 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
Patrick Cummings
Danielle DeRosa
Ashley Drinkwine
Jennifer Etkin
Kaitlin Files
Alexis Handrich
Ian Landman
Mark Mazzanti
Ruxandra Osgood
Christian Petrucci
Deborah Richman
Joseph Ring
Catherine Surbeck
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1. Meeting is called to order. Motion for approval of March 2018 meeting minutes is seconded and all are in favor.

2. The Spring Party will be held June 14, 2018 at Water Works from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Donations will be accepted for Alex’s Lemonade Stand.

3. The Workers’ Compensation Awards Luncheon was discussed and all agreed that overall it was a successful event. Judge Todd Seelig advised that some attendees forgot to take their copy of guest speaker, Jim Fitzgerald’s memoir, *A Journey to the Center of the Mind*. As such, Section will direct members who forgot to take their copy of the memoir to collect same from Tracey McCloskey.

4. Committee Updates:

   a. Board of Governors: Judge Tina Maria Rago advised that the Philadelphia Bar Association Board of Governors approved amendments to the bylaws of Probate and Trust Law Section. Judge Rago reminded Section to ensure timely submission of Section’s Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.

   b. CLE: Maria Ciccotelli advised that Section will submit to Association proposed CLE for annual Bench Bar on the topic of using alternative treatments for chronic pain. Potential speakers were discussed, including the potential use of a pain management physician and physical therapist. Maria also advised that the next “Lunch and Learn CLE” will be presented on August 10, 2018 likely on the topic of social media and surveillance.

   c. Legislative: Christian Petrucci provided an update regarding the Governor’s veto of Senate Bill 936 – legislation that would have implemented a prescription drug formulary for Pennsylvania’s workers’ compensation system.

   d. Treasurer: Deferred.

   e. Fundraising: Jeffrey Gross has raised ample funds for Spring Party and is in the process of fundraising for next event.

   f. Events: Judge Denise Krass and Judge Tina Maria Rago suggested the Section form a planning committee for the Workers’ Compensation Awards Luncheon to be held in Spring of 2020 and all were in favor. The Section will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Workers’ Compensation Section.
Danielle DeRosa and Alexis Handrich volunteered to join the planning committee.

g. Charitable Events and Community Service: Jennifer Etkin advised that the charitable partner for the June 14, 2018 Spring Party will be Alex’s Lemonade Stand. Jennifer further advised that volunteers are still needed to serve lunch at St. John’s Hospice on June 18, 2018. Jennifer provided an update regarding Section’s fundraising for Police Athletic League (“PAL”) of Philadelphia and upcoming tour of the United Service Organization’s (“USO”) new facility at the Philadelphia Airport. Suggestion was made that Section should consider partnering with Team Foster, a charitable organization that raises money to partner service dogs with tri-state area veterans suffering from combat-related disabilities.

h. Membership: Ian advised that Andrea Morris-Tracey provided registration information for non-members who have attended recent Section related events. Ian will be following up with non-members for recruitment. Judge Todd Seelig requested an updated member list to evaluate increase in Section membership.

i. Arts in the Court: Catherine Surbeck advised that firm donation in the amount of $2,500.00 has been received for preservation fund.

j. YLD: Patrick Cummings advised that he will discuss hosting a joint happy hour with the YLD.

k. PBA: Joseph Ring deferred update until next meeting.

l. Diversity and Inclusion: Update provided regarding Section’s efforts to provide workers’ compensation and administrative law related presentation to children at Strawberry Mansion High School. Suggestion made that Section attorneys sponsor a mock trial team.

m. Law School Liaison: Ashley Drinkwine will resume efforts to secure applications for 2019 Irvin Stander Award.

n. Of Counsel: Deferred.

6. New Business:

a. Copy machine: Section will circulate survey through Survey Monkey inquiring as to member preferences regarding honor system copy machine, Wi-Fi with personal hotspots, and wireless printing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Post meeting votes:

1. On June 26, 2018, the majority voted to provide an additional $500.00 donation to the USO to represent the difference between the amount previously donated ($500.00) and amount required for Section to be placed on donor board, such that total donation is $1,000.00.

2. On July 31, 2018, the majority voted to support the proposed bylaw revisions prepared for our Section to forward to the Board of Governors.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle R. DeRosa
Secretary