CONDESED MINUTES

In attendance: Judge Tina Maria Rago- Co-chair
Andrea M. Graf - Co-chair
Anna V. Rio- Co-chair

Judge Sandra Craig
Judge Denise Krass
Judge Scott Olin
Judge Todd Seelig
Judge Michael Snyder
Judge Audrey Timm

Patrick Blair
Kimberly Costello
Patrick Cummings
Jon Paul DeMarco
Kaitlin Files
Christopher M. Fox
Jeffrey S. Gross
Alexis Handrich
Kelly Hemple
Jenna L. King
Mark L. Mazzanti
Katherine Mutschler
Eric Pearson
Christian M. Petrucci
Eric B. Pearson
Anna Rio
Andrea C. Rock
Joseph L. Ring
Catherine Surbeck
Caitlin Sullivan
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, April 17, 2020  

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1. Prior to the meeting, WCOA Director Joseph DeRita addressed the committee regarding the COVID-19 contingency operations and fielded questions from the committee. He reported that the WCOA continues with modified operations.

   Regular correspondence should utilize WCAIS. When necessary, physical mail, such as surveillance DVDs, should be sent the Petitions Division in Harrisburg, where they will be distributed to the sitting Judge. Procedures will include a chain of custody documentation.

   Alternative procedures are being refined regarding hearing attendance; however, Zoom will no longer be utilized due to security concerns. Director DeRita understands the importance of live testimony, and the WCOA is weighing options to accommodate this in some form as soon as the situation permits.

2. The Executive Committee Meeting is formally called to order by Co-chairs at 11:44.

3. Motion for approval of the February 2020 Condensed Minutes is seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Ms. Graf updated the committee on recent business.
   a. Bench-bar conference is still scheduled at this time. Updates will follow as the COVID situation develops.

5. Subcommittee Updates:
   a. CLE: Ms. Hemple reported that the Immigration CLE will be switched to Pitfalls of Working from Home CLE, to be presented by Ms. Hemple, Judge Craig, and Danielle DeRosa.

      The Immigration CLE will be included in August CLE.

      Discussion was held concerning the Commonwealth suspension of paying for Judge CLE credits.

   b. Events/Mission 25: Ms. Graf reported that the co-chairs are working to reschedule the June 25 Anniversary Gala due to concerns about the COVID. Mr. Gross offered to work with sponsors to ensure continued support.
c. Legislative Update: Mr. Petrucci updated the committee on pending COVID legislation as it applies to workers’ compensation, as well as responses from other states regarding the establishment of presumptions for COVID exposure in the context of workers’ compensation.

d. Charitable Events and Community Service: Ms. Handrich encouraged members to contribute to the sections’ charities despite disruption of live events.

The Children’s Alliance will be accepting donations online through Amazon. The subcommittee is working with the March and May charities to set up online donations for them as well.

The previously issued checks were held due to mail-processing issues related to COVID but will be sent upon return to regular operations.

e. Marketing and Communication: Mr. Fox reported that the links for charity donations have been added to the Facebook Page. Members are encouraged to share charitable posts via social media.

f. Law School Liaison: Ms. Mutschler reported that there have not been any applications for the Irv Stander Award due to COVID. The application deadline will be extended. Mr. DeMarco suggested that a longer extension would be preferable for the students. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

g. Diversity and Inclusion: No new business.

h. PBA: No new business

i. Membership: The email campaign will continue. Mr. Pearson reported that dues are up from last year.

j. Board of Governors Update: Mr. Mazzanti reported that several resolutions were passed in support of multiple reforms, including domestic violence, judicial gerrymandering, and probation reform.

k. Treasurer: Mr. Pearson reported that the Section is in good financial standing. Section dues are up from last year.
6. Due to the CLE scheduled for 12:30, the remaining updates were tabled for the next meeting, and a Motion to Conclude the Meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 12:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Ring
Secretary