WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, May 15, 2020

CONDENSED 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 Todd Seelig  
Judge Michael Snyder  
Judge Audrey Timm  
Patrick Blair  
Kimberly Costello  
Kaitlin Files  
Jeffrey S. Gross  
Alexis Handrich  
Jenna L. King  
Mark L. Mazzanti  
Katherine Mutschler  
Ruxandra Osgood  
Christian M. Petrucci  
Eric B. Pearson  
Joseph L. Ring  
Catherine Surbeck  
Caitlin Sullivan
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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.

The Office of Adjudication is proceeding with 100% remote hearings, and there is no set return date for live hearings. The developing COVID situation will dictate. To keep cases moving forward, testimony will be conducted via video conferencing, either through WebEx or Skype. To date, Zoom is not permitted.

Director DeRita fielded several questions and comments from committee members regarding the merits of live testimony and the Office of Adjudication’s contingency operations.

2. The Executive Committee Meeting is formally called to order by Co-chairs at 11:47.

3. Motion for approval of the April 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: The Committee continuing with the previously scheduled CLE programs as the situation allows.
   b. Events/Mission 25: The Committee is continuing efforts to reschedule the 25th Anniversary Gala. It will not proceed on 6/25 due to the pandemic. New dates will be discussed at the Mission 25 meeting on 5/20. Catering by Design is assisting with rescheduling the gala.
   c. Treasurer: Mr. Pearson reported little activity since the last meeting. Judge Seelig successfully reduced the Section WiFi fee for 8th Street. Charitable donations from the Section will be paused until the Section can confirm that the various charities have the administrative ability to receive and process checks.
d. Legislative Liaison: No new business.

e. Charitable Events and Community Service: Ms. Handrich reported a successful round of fundraising for Children’s Alliance via online donations in April. The proceeds will be delivered in-person.

May was previously scheduled for the USO; however, as of the meeting, the USO remained closed due to COVID. The upcoming Compliance Crusher CLE program will be used to support charitable efforts by making it a Compliance and Charity Crusher.

f. Marketing and Communication: The Section’s Facebook page will begin posting articles, and the Section discussed how social media can bridge the gap between the Section and members during social distancing.

g. Law School Liaison: The Irv Stander Award winner was announced as Elizabeth Rosenblatt.

h. Diversity and Inclusion: No new business.

i. PBA: No new business.

j. Membership: No new business.

k. Board of Governors Update: Mr. Mazzanti discussed the financial situation of the Association and several pending resolutions. Judge Snyder encouraged members to support the proposed creation of a non-profit section within the Association.

l. Arts in the Court: Ms. Surbeck reported that a sketch was complete, and the Section can expect first delivery in November or December.

m. Bar Reporter: Mr. Fox will be publishing an article in the upcoming Bar Reporter on how the Section has successfully navigated the difficulties presented by COVID.

n. YLD: No new business.

o. Martha Hampton Award and Nominations: The deadline for Martha Hampton nominations was extended to June 25. Details will follow regarding rescheduling the gala and presentation of the award.

6. A Motion to Conclude the Meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 12:27 PM.
7. Following the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Graf called an email vote to authorize a payment of $666.67 to the artist for the Arts in the Court as the first installment of a $2,000 contract. This passed 9-0 with 9 “Yes” votes and 2 abstentions. A second email vote was called and the committee approved payment of $500 to sponsor the quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Ring
Secretary