

October 23, 2018
Self-Insurers Council Meeting Minutes
201, E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53703

Members present: Ms. Joswiak, Mr. Kante, Ms. McKinzie, and Mr. Emerson
Staff present: Mr. Lasee, Mr. Moreth, and Ms. Yeap

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in conformance with Wisconsin's open meeting law.

2. Review and approval of the minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

3. Closed session review reports of self-insured employers

In accordance with s. 19.85(1)(f) the council convened in closed session to review financial, loss experience, safety and other information of employers presently or previously exempt from the duty to insure. Some of the companies' specific financial or other business information may be confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

4. Open session

The Council returned to open session.

- Mr. O'Malley updated the Council on proposed changes to the Wisconsin worker's compensation administrative statutes which are relevant to self-insurance. The purpose of proposed changes is to conform with current statutory provisions. A draft will be shared with the Council member when it is available.
- Mr. Moreth updated the Council on staff and recent changes in the WC Division
 - Ms. Yeap was recognized by the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) recently with Award of Merit. Ms. Yeap led a task force of the IAIABC Regulation Committee to revise the association's self-insurance hand book; the effort engaged self insurance experts and colleagues across state lines.
 - Mr. Tomsyck has retired in July. The bureau is in the process of hiring a new staff person.
 - The WC Deputy Division Administrator, Brian Kruger, has retired.
 - Jack Martz, a former division administrator passed away recently.

- Mr. Moreth briefed the Council about the existing SI program Access database. The database was previously maintained by Mr. Tomsyck. It is currently maintained by a contractor to keep it operational. The Access database will be moving to a new platform which will have in house IT support. The new platform will be similar to the current UEF system.
- Mr. Moreth updated the Council about a potential candidate who will replace Ms. Horvath as a Council member. Ms. Horvath's term has expired. Mr. Ed Bowen of Dairyland Power Cooperative is the candidate. The Department is working on getting the appointment letter ready.
- Mr. Lasee informed the Council that the next Worker's Compensation Advisory Council meeting will be held November 12, 2018.
- Mr. Moreth reported to the Council that Sears Holdings Corporation has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Sears is the parent of a formerly self-insure employer, K-Mart. K-Mart left the SI program over 16 years ago. Wisconsin does not have significant exposure.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.