

Council on Worker's Compensation  
Meeting Minutes  
201 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI  
GEF-1 Building, Room F305  
Madison, Wisconsin  
June 25, 2019

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) provided public notice of the meeting under Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

**Members present:** Ms. Bloomingdale, Mr. Buchen, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Nettum, Mr. Peters (Chair), Mr. Reader, Mr. Redman, Mr. Streff, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Tindall

**Excused:** Ms. Frank, Mr. Fugina and Mr. Schwanda

**Staff Present:** Mr. Gottfredsen, Ms. Lake, Ms. McCormick, Mr. Moreth and Mr. O'Malley

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions:** Mr. Peters convened the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) meeting at approximately 10:06 a.m. in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings law. Members of the WCAC, the audience, and Worker's Compensation Division (WCD) staff introduced themselves.

Mr. Robert Streff was welcomed as the newest WCAC member representing insurance carriers.

- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Bloomingdale to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting. Mr. Reader seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved without correction.
- 3. Correspondence:** Mr. O'Malley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

A letter dated June 14, 2019 was received from Daniel A. Harris, Vice President of State Government Affairs of the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO). In his letter, Mr. Harris expressed NAPEO's support for the proposal before the WCAC that would allow Wisconsin employers to maintain their own worker's compensation insurance coverage inside a relationship with a professional employer organization (PEO).

A press release dated June 18, 2019 was received from the WCAC's Health Care Liaisons: Lisa Ellinger, Wisconsin Hospital Association; Mark Grapentine, Wisconsin Medical Society; John Murray, Wisconsin Chiropractic Association; and Lynn Steffes, Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association. The release discussed the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau's (WCRB) recommendation for filing an 8.84% decrease in Worker's Compensation rates with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI).

A letter dated June 21, 2019 was received from Tara Conger, Chief Operating Office of QTI Human Resources, Inc. QTI Human Resources supports the proposal before the WCAC to allow Wisconsin employers the option of maintaining their own worker's compensation insurance coverage inside a relationship with a PEO.

A letter of June 24, 2019 was received from Brian Dake, Legislative Director of the Wisconsin Independent Businesses (WIB). WIB supports the PEO proposal before the WCAC stating that there are 45 states that allow for client-sponsored workers' compensation coverage within a PEO agreement. The WIB respectfully requests that WCAC include this proposal in the 2019-2020 agreed-bill.

4. **Motion to Caucus:** Mr. Reader moved the members to go into closed caucus and adjourn directly after caucus. Ms. Bloomingdale seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the members went into closed caucus at about 10:15 a.m.

The Worker's Compensation Advisory Council's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019.