

National Council of Self-Insurers
2012 Annual Meeting
Program

Sunday, June 3, 2012

2:00-5:00 pm Meeting Registration

2:00-3:30 pm Meeting of State Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund Administrators

3:30-5:00 pm Meeting of State Self-Insurers Association Administrators

6:30 pm President's Reception and Buffet Dinner

Monday, June 4, 2012

7:30 am – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
Meeting Registration

8:30 am Call to Order
Election of Board of Managers
*Dave Kaplan – President of National Council of Self-Insurers and
Executive Director of Washington Self-Insurers Association*

9:00 am Workers' Compensation at Age 100
Robert Minor, Attorney with Vorys, Sater; Columbus, OH

The first workers' compensation laws were enacted in the United States in 1911, as the economy become more industrial and less agricultural. An overview of the events and developments which caused and subsequently changed these laws to the complex workers' compensation system of today will be presented.

9:30 am Washington DC's View of Workers' Compensation
*Doug Holmes, President of UWC, the Voice of Business in Nation's Capitol
for Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation*

Current legislation and issues of workers' compensation being considered and discussed in Washington, DC will be presented.

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Medicare Case Law Update & SMART Act Reform Proposals
Mark Popolizio of Crowe Paradis Services Corporation, North Reading, MA

Will analyze impact of recent court decisions that address important Medicare Secondary Payer compliance questions. Decisions will impact daily claims issues and primary payer liability. The SMART Act, currently pending in Congress and which would affect MSP compliance, will be discussed.

11 am Value of Translation Services in Workers' Compensation Administration
Brian Gannon of 3iCorp, San Marcos, CA

Services are increasingly being used in our multi-cultural society. They are provided at meetings of claimants, defense and plaintiff attorneys, during telephone conversations, to make medical appointments and to translate documents.

11:45 am Adjournment

12 Noon Luncheon
Speaker: Mark Wilhelm, President of Safety National Casualty Corporation, St. Louis, MO

1:30 pm "Narcotics; Who's Driving?"
Paul Dykstra of law firm of Ganan & Shapiro, Chicago, IL

The use and misuse of narcotic drugs and opiates with regard to the treatment plan of an injured worker will be analyzed.

2:00 pm "New Michigan Workers' Compensation Law"
Jerry Marcinkoski, Executive Secretary of Michigan Self-Insurers Association

Law updates state's current W.C. laws. New law could reduce costs of W.C. as well as fraud, while encouraging injured workers to seek employment when they are able.

2:30 pm "Three Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Programs"
Peggy Downard of Cooper Tire and Rubber, Findlay, OH; Jay Norris of Duke Energy, Charlotte, NC; Kerry Dove of Nissan North America, Smyrna, TN

Ms. Downard, Ms. Norris and Mr. Dove will explain the administration of their companies' successful self-insured programs. They will cover their department's relationship with the company's medical doctors, communications with employees' medical doctors, as well as their department's relationship with attorneys, line organizations of their company and their company's safety department.

Each will also discuss the advantages to a company of self-insurance.

4:15 pm Adjournment

4:30 pm Board of Managers Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

7:30 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 am "Professional Employer Organizations (PEO's) and Workers' Compensation"
Burke McLemore, attorney with Thomas, Thomas, Harrisburg, PA

Mid and small-sized companies increasingly use PEO's for human resources, payroll, risk management and administrative services. As PEO's have become "big business," they have caused issues in a number of jurisdictions.

9:15 am “Validating the Costs of Pharmacy Benefit Managers”
Artemis Emslie of MyMatrixx, Tampa, FL

Presentation will focus on how companies may examine the accuracy of their PBM programs, including the understanding of key terms used in proposals/contracts, covered vs. non-covered drugs and assurance of compliance. Auditing of PBMs will be discussed.

10:00 am Break

10:15 am “Living Enabled or Disabled”
Dr. Chris Brigham of Impairment Resources

Outdated concepts and the self-serving behavior of W.C. participants, especially attorneys and physicians, often create a disability mindset for the injured worker. Dr. Brigham will explain processes that will empower those who perceive themselves as disabled and methods to help injured workers change their state of mind and their reality.

11 am “Closing Psychological and Psychiatric Claims”
Dr. David Fisher of PsyBar Inc., Minneapolis, MN

Procedures to obtain information which leads to correct decisions regarding psychological and psychiatric claims will be explained. Identifying information in medical records that signal valid and invalid claims, as well as effective methods of treatment, will be part of presentation.

11:45 Adjournment

12:00 noon Lunch (on own)

1:00 pm NCSI Committee Meetings

5:00 pm Adjournment

7:00 pm Reception

7:45 pm Dinner & Entertainment

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

9:00 am Adjournment Breakfast

Speaker: Lloyd Brown of Stumar Investigations, Norristown, PA
Subject: Value of Social Networking Web Sites to Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation claimants, who say they are too disabled to work, have posted information about sporting events in which they will be competing and announced businesses they have begun. The self-incriminating information makes surveillance much more efficient and reduces investigator costs.

Description of personal incidents will hold conferees' attention and be educational as well.

11:00 am Closing of Meeting