

Kansas Chapter Public Risk Management
Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 18, 2011
Emporia, Kansas

Officers in attendance were:

President- Melissa Fairbanks
Vice President-Donna Dolinger-Capria
Treasurer- Kelly Perkins
Secretary- Diana Mansouri

Director – Gina Fischer
Director – Liz Maisberger-Clark
Past President – Sid Cumberland

Also in attendance were:

Marcia Payne
Sonya Drake
Todd McMullen
Kim Salanski
Michael Bennett
PJ Baker
Leslie Borden
Regina Bartlett
Stephen Sopinski

Colleen Browne
Darrell Simons
Randy Porter
Clo Whitaker
Danielle Tyler
Phil Rippee
Bill Curtis
Tom Adams
Don Anderson

Grant Goldsmith
Bob Fee
Dennis Quiring
Alan Weldon
Victoria Vanderhoof
Don Osenbaugh
Mick McBride
Terry Sinclair

At 10:05 am Melissa Fairbanks, President, called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

Members were asked to review the November minutes and Treasurers Report. Don Anderson made a motion to accept the November minutes, seconded by Mick McBride.

Phil Rippee requested a correction to the spelling of his last name on the Treasurer's Report. On behalf of the audit committee, Kim Salanski told members to cash any checks received before the end of the year to make the audit process easier. A motion was made by Mike Bennett to approve the Treasurer's Report with correction, and was seconded by Dennis Quiring.

Melissa Fairbanks recognized the following past Board members for their service and presented them with a plaque or faceplate, for previously received plaque, acknowledging Board position held: Alan Weldon, Past President, Sid Cumberland, President, Melissa Fairbanks, Vice-President, Donna Dolinger-Capria, Secretary, Kelly Perkins, Treasurer, Gina Fischer, Director-at-large, and Verle Niedens, Director-at-large.

Quarterly meeting topics were discussed:

May – Vendor Recognition Month. No registration fee for vendors. Topics are Park Signage and Pool Drain Issues.

August – Presentation on State's public pension fund by Glen Deck, Executive Director, KPERS. Looking for second topic of interest at MO/KS or National PRIMA conferences.

November – Retiree Recognition Month. Members were asked to notify Board if planning to retire this year. Topics are Electronic Discovery and Sexting & Bullying.

Melissa Fairbanks asked that suggested topics for future quarterly meetings be sent to any of the Board members. Melissa will try to arrange a presentation from City of Shawnee Fire Chief Jeff Hudson on the firefighter fatality which occurred last May.

The topic of promoting the value of the benefit of membership in the Kansas chapter of PRIMA and the need for growth was discussed. At the board meeting there was an agreement not to change the amount of dues this year in consideration of tight budgets. The board developed an incentive program that involves a drawing for a free membership for 2012 to be held at the November meeting. A member's name will go into the drawing for each meeting attended and each guest the member brings to a meeting this year.

Parking options were discussed. There is metered parking available along the street for four and ten hours, there is also some side street parking that may be available. Parking is available in the Violet parking lot by permit only. Members may park in this lot and then proceed to purchase a one day permit for \$2.00 at the Information Desk just inside the Student Union. This permit must then be placed in the parked car.

At 10:30 a.m. Tom Adams, Travelers Insurance, gave a presentation on the State of the Insurance Marketplace. Tom shared an overview and outlook for the P/C insurance industry including challenges and opportunities for 2011 and beyond. Mr. Adams' observations in the property market include flat rates, with some of the rates on schools being very low. Insurers are using Marshall Swift to check appraisal values. Since 1980 the number of natural disaster events have increased drastically with Hurricane Katrina remaining the most expensive insurance event in U.S. history. Tom explained that inadequate pricing and inadequate loss reserves caused insurance companies to fall. The risk must be priced appropriately and the loss reserves must be marked adequately. The soft market is going to be hardening. While personal lines insurance is making money, commercial lines insurance is not. For approximately 5 years the rates have been going down. Mr. Adams said the cost of claims are not going down, the number of claims are not going down, but the premiums are going down. Profits are not being generated so the pricing is going to have to start strengthening. Tom said he feels that Kansas overall has been a good insurance climate.

11:30 a.m. – Lunch break

At 12:30 p.m. Larry Karns, Kansas Self-Insurer Association gave a legislative update. Marsha Payne shared that Larry was a member of the team that made the proposed changes to the Work Comp law. Mr. Karns explained what it took to get where we are today. Larry and other attorneys representing self-insureds, employers, and insurance carriers started meeting and formulated ideas on what needed to be changed, what and how the group was going to do it, and what the end product was going to look like. Keystone to the proposed law is the prevailing

factor test, which is what is going to affect compensability for every claim. The product of their negotiations with the AFL-CIO and trial lawyer groups also includes a new definition of "accident", new notice provisions, changes in scheduled injuries (what constitutes a whole body injury), changes in future medical provisions, and increases in maximum benefits. The primary changes benefiting trial lawyers/employees were cap increases and they got Casco. There is a minor change to the "going and coming" rule: a parking lot has to be owned exclusively by employer. Mr. Karns shared that McCready vs. Payless was the case that inspired him to take the initiative to make changes to the work comp law. With these changes, neutral falls are no longer compensable in Kansas. Larry reassured the group of his belief that employers should be responsible for the care of an injured worker if the worker was legitimately injured at work.

Melissa Fairbanks opened discussion on the MO/KS Conference, April 13-15, in Lake of the Ozarks, MO. The contract for conference assistance has not been finalized therefore this is a delay in the brochures. Once this is finalized the final conference schedule with information on where to send registration fees will be e-mailed and hard copies will be mailed out.

Sid Cumberland is the contact for vendors interested in conference sponsorships. Last year the Chapter offered approximately seven \$300 conference scholarships (\$100 – registration fee, \$200 toward cost of lodging and travel). Melissa suggested the Chapter offer a maximum of ten scholarships this year on a first come first considered basis with requests submitted to Sid. The request needs to include why and how the scholarship would benefit the member. Mike Bennett made a motion to award up to ten scholarships which was amended by Kelly Perkins to include recipients of the scholarships must be members who have paid dues. Phil Rippee seconded.

The National PRIMA Conference is June 5 – 8, in Portland, OR. Melissa Fairbanks told members the deadline to apply for the \$1,500 scholarship available through PRIMA National has been extended to February 28 and eligibility requirements include membership in PRIMA National. Mick McBride mentioned that only voting members are eligible. Discussion on the Chapter scholarships to the National conference was opened by Melissa. The Board recommended awarding three scholarships to the President, Vice-President, and one to the Chapter Service Award recipient was discussed. Phil Rippee suggested increasing the maximum scholarships by one or two due to the educational opportunities available at the conference. Mick McBride suggested sending every member of the Chapter to the MO/KS conference rather than sending one extra to the National conference. Alan Weldon suggested if there is an extra scholarship awarded it should be given to a new or prospective member as an incentive. Alan made a motion to award a total of four \$1,500 scholarships to the three officers and a person that has been a member for less than a year. Motion dies for lack of a second. Sid Cumberland made a motion to send the three recommended positions to National conference but not to limit the \$300 MO/KS conference scholarships. Alan Weldon seconded.

Melissa Fairbanks awarded the Chapter Service Award to Dennis Quiring at the meeting as Dennis was unable to attend National conference. Dennis was nominated for this award due to all the work done for the Chapter on the website for the past seven to eight years. Mr. Quiring does all the updates, sends out notifications, agendas and other work as needed by the officers. Melissa asked for nominations for the 2011 Chapter Service Awards to be presented at National conference. Ms. Fairbanks nominated Sid Cumberland for the Award. Phil Rippee nominated

Melissa Fairbanks. Donna Dolinger-Capria nominated Alan Weldon. The nominees were asked to step outside while Phil Rippee took a vote. Members chose Sid Cumberland as the recipient of the Chapter Service Award. Kelly Perkins reminded members Sid is unable to attend National conference and therefore the scholarship will be open to other interested members.

Melissa opened discussion on the Fall Seminar. Alan Weldon mentioned last year's discussion on having a Risk Management 101 which vendors were willing to help us with this as opposed to having a variety of sessions as we did in 2009. There was no Fall Seminar in 2010 due to lack of interest. Mick McBride suggested sending a survey to members to determine whether or not there is interest in attending. Tom Adams added that the idea was to recruit new members and it did not succeed. Members agreed to table this item for discussion at a later date.

Other educational opportunities: National members may sign up for the PRIMA National webinar series. There are a total of eleven webinars available free of charge. PERI has free online Symposium – Community Recovery from Disaster.

In consideration of the inclement weather typical of January and the safety of members, future Board meetings will now be held immediately after November meetings.

Mick McBride distributed a CMS Alert handout to members and cautioned members to take a close look at what is being reported as diagnostic codes. Mick strongly suggested CMS Reporting as a topic at a quarterly meeting.

Terry made a motion to adjourn meeting, Dennis seconded.

2010 National Scholarship Recipients:

Melissa Fairbanks, Vice President (City of Ottawa) (in Sid Cumberlands place)
Kelly Perkins (City of Lenexa)
Diana Mansouri (Sedgwick County)

2009 National Scholarship Recipients:

Melissa Fairbanks, Treasurer (City of Ottawa).

2010 MO/KS Conference Scholarship Recipients:

Terry Fields	Alan Weldon
Michael Bennett	Terry Sinclair
Diana Mansouri	Dennis Quiring
Donna Dolinger-Capria	Colleen Browne

2009 MO/KS Conference Scholarship Recipients:

Terry Fields	Dennis Quiring
Tamara Brandt	Donna Dolinger-Capria
Schott Hildebrand	Kelly Perkins
Terry Sinclair	Diana Mansouri