

Kansas Chapter Public Risk Management
Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 20, 2009
Emporia, Kansas

Officers in attendance were: President- Alan Weldon, Vice President-Sid Cumberland, Treasurer- Melissa Fairbanks, Secretary- Donna Dolinger-Capria, Directors-Kelly Perkins and Verl Niedens, Past President-Eric Smith

Those attending the meeting were as follows:

JoAnn Nowatzke	Terry Fields
Liz Maisberger-Clark	Diana Mansouri
Kim Salanski	Mick McBride
Don Anderson	Jennifer Kuhn
Phil Rippee	Tim Gaarder
Tina Cox	Eric Hoffman
Bill Curtis	Lannie Linebarger
Gina Fischer	Scott Hildebrand
Terry Sinclair	Brian Branner
Dennis Quiring	Chris Kelly
Leslie Border	Anthony Greene
Cari Howard	

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

At 10:15 am Alan Weldon introduced the first speaker, Tim Gaardner from McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips who was speaking on Medicare reporting issues. The responsible, reporting Entity (RRE) is the entity that must report if an employee is eligible for Medicare, and receives money from a workers' compensation injury or liability payment. TPAs are not RREs, but you can request that they be responsible for reporting, by contract. May 1st, 2009 is open registration process until June 30th, 2009. Electronic process over the internet. July 1st-Sept 30th, 2009 is testing period. October 1, 2009 process goes "live" and penalties are imposed.

At 11:00 Alan Weldon called the business meeting to order.

Alan asked everyone to review the meeting minutes from the November 21st meeting. Don Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Mick McBride.
Motion carried.

Melissa Fairbanks presented the Treasurer's quarterly report. A motion was made by Eric Smith to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Liz Maisberger-Clark.
Motion carried.

Auditors report was presented by Kim Salanski and Liz Maisberger-Clark. They could not find the audit report from last year, to confirm the beginning balance. All other

transactions matched up with no discrepancies noted. A conditional report will be done next week and reported back to membership at the next meeting in May.

Alan Weldon mentioned the webinars that are being put on by National PRIMA. Alan also reminded the members that PERI offers the Small Entity Scholarships and encouraged those who might qualify to apply for the scholarships. Alan has the applications.

Alan opened a discussion on the annual Chapter Service Award. Eric Smith nominated Mick McBride and Phil Rippee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11:45 we broke for lunch.

At 12:45 Alan Weldon introduced the next speaker: Brian Branner from Lockton, speaking On the Employer's Responsibility for Protecting Employee Information. Employers are responsible for protecting personally identifying information. Even if your IT security is outsourced, the responsible entity is held accountable. Penalties will be imposed.

Kim Salanski reported on the MO/KS annual conference. Early registration ends March 13th, 2009. Kim mentioned that lower attendance is anticipated due to the economy.

Alan Weldon reminded members that scholarships were available to pay for registration and 2 nights hotel for a total of \$300. Mick McBride made a motion for the chapter to offer up to 10 Scholarships for \$300. each, with approval from the Board. A discussion ensued and Mick McBride revised the motion to apply to "any and all" applicants, as authorized by the executive board. Phil Rippee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alan brought up the Wichita Conference that was held last year. A discussion followed about whether to continue the conference in Wichita or move it to another location in Kansas. It was suggested that due to the success of the conference last year, and the chapter picked up several new members, that the conference remain in the fall in Wichita. Mick McBride will head up the committee to review holding the conference in October, and see if there are any other conferences that would be in conflict with that time.

Alan Weldon mentioned a Speakers Bureau-where organizations could ask for volunteers to speak about the benefits of PRIMA. Mick McBride said the City Clerk, had requested a speaker. Terry Sinclair said she would put together a list. Mick McBride said it should be put on the chapter's website.

A discussion on "regular" membership verses "associate" membership as well as clarifying if the individual or the entity the individual belonged to, is the actual member. It was determined that the membership belonged to the entity and that the entity needed to notify PRIMA as to whom was the "regular" verses the "associate" member. It was further discussed that vendors should not have to pay the same costs for each of their members to join PRIMA. Again the vendor membership belongs to the entity, not the individual. Additional vendors from the same organization may attend meetings by paying the quarterly fee. Terry Sinclair suggested members have the opportunity to order new shirts. The chapter allocated \$50 to each member, anything

ordered over that amount, would be the responsibility of the member. Motion was made to offer the shirts for each paying member, including vendors, associates and retirees, up to \$50 limit by Eric Smith and seconded by Sid Cumberland. Motion carried. Terry Sinclair will bring samples to the May meeting. Terry "appointed" several other members to assist in determining which shirts to recommend. Committee members are: Terry Sinclair, Sid Cumberland, Scott Hildebrand, Kelly Perkins and Kim Salanski.

Melissa Fairbanks passed around the membership list for review and requested those that have not paid their 2009 membership dues to do so.

May meeting is Vendor Appreciation month. Vendors do not pay for their lunches this month.

Phil Rippee reminded everyone that Senate passed the seatbelt law. Everyone has to be buckled up. Previously the law stated that you were stopped for another reason then they could address the issue of you not being buckled up. However, with the new law, you can be stopped just if you are not buckled.

Phil Rippee also mentioned the federal tax being imposed for gasoline. Information is being acquired from a computer chip, that determines the amount of miles that you drive.

Alan Weldon mentioned Senate bill 126 that requires owners of the project to insure their subcontractors, in wrap-up projects. There are three bills in the House and Senate that will jump workers' compensation costs, but they are not anticipated to be acted upon this year.

Mick McBride brought up Nationalized healthcare and Tom Daschel's book about regulation of healthcare, similar to banks, with a one payor system. Electronic medical records would be put on disks.

Terry Sinclair informed the membership on the new regulations on HIPPA in the stimulus bill and also for workers' compensation.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dolinger-Capria
Secretary