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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

November 19, 2010

Holiday Inn North Campus  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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### Present:

AZAR, S., General Motors LLC  
BRUNO, L., AT&T Michigan  
CLIMER, L., Amway  
FISK, T., Trinity Health  
HEALY, M. Ilitch Holdings, Inc.  
JELKS, M., City of Grand Rapids (by phone)  
MILLER, S., Meijer  
PARKER, B., Marathon Oil Company  
PARKER, J., Ford Motor Company  
STEPANIAK, L., Wayne County Airport Authority  
WRIGHT, D., Consumers Energy Company  
ZIELINSKI, L., Kelly Services, Inc.

### Chairperson's Council:

CHILD, L., Qualifications Advisory Committee  
SUSSER, D., Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge

### Not Present:

BLOCK, W., Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
GALLOWAY, P., Wayne State University  
GREEN, D., DTE Energy  
LEVINS, N., Chrysler Group LLC  
OHMAN, S., Spectrum Health Occupational Services  
SAYLOR, J., Parker Hannifin Corporation

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SPIKE, J., Michigan Manufacturer's Association

TICKNOR, B., Sheriff-Goslin Company

The Chairperson, Mr. Jonathan Parker, called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. Mr. Parker asked that the Board Members identify themselves in light of new faces. The Board then took up the following Agenda.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of Board of Managers' Prior Board Meeting
  2. Treasurer's Report
  3. Membership Committee Report
    - a. Recommendations regarding fees
  4. Nominating Committee Report
  5. Funds Trustees' Report
  6. *Amicus Curiae* Committee Report
  7. Technology Committee Report
  8. Health Care Committee Report
  9. Legislative Committee Report
  10. Final 2010 Fall Conference Committee Report
  11. 2011 Spring Conference Committee Report
  12. Old Business
    - a. Event Planner issues and vendor representative issues as they relate to Conferences
    - b. Self-Insured Security Fund recent news.
    - c. Use of MSIA Workers' Comp 101 Booklets
    - d. Other Old Business
  13. New Business
    - a. Recent appointments to Appellate Commission and Board of Magistrates
    - b. Filling in Janet Kransz's spots on committees
    - c. Result of November elections and its impact on workers' compensation
    - d. Other New business
- MSIA

The **Minutes** were approved upon Motion of Ms. Zielinski, seconded by Ms. Child.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Mr. Healy. He provided the Board with a handout summarizing MSIA's financial status. It included the budget through November 13, 2010, as well as the

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final accounting of the Fall Conference receipts. The Fall Conference receipts, as compared to preceding years, increased. The Board congratulated Mr. Doug Wright, Chair of the Fall Conference Committee, for a job well done. The Board briefly discussed whether we would be returning to Rock Financial for the 2011 Fall Conference. The Board will check with Denise Pretzer as to the status of that particular contract. Mr. Healy concluded his report by indicating that MSIA's materials have been provided to our tax preparer to begin tax preparation.

The **Membership Committee Report** was provided by Ms. Zielinski. Ms. Zielinski indicated that the Membership Committee had met that morning to discuss renewals. She reported that dues reminders had been sent out to MSIA members. Ms. Zielinski then distributed a sample letter to be sent prospective MSIA members. Ms. Zielinski reported that the committee agreed to have Ms. Pretzer follow up on potential new memberships and suggested that Ms. Pretzer be compensated for those efforts. Ms. Climer moved to approve a 10% commission for each member Ms. Pretzer succeeds in enrolling after the letters have been sent out through August 31, 2011. Ms. Parker seconded Ms. Climer's motion and it unanimously passed. The committee had also met with Mr. Bruce Stubbs who will help recruitment and will pass on word of MSIA and perhaps help in recruitment. The Membership Committee also noted that there are upcoming PRIMA and RIMS conferences coming up that might be fertile grounds for recruitment. Ms. Zielinski then reported that the Board has three new members since the last meeting: The Andersons, Tech Health, and the City of Battle Creek. Upon Motion of Ms. Zielinski, seconded by Ms. Jelks, the members were accepted. The Board tabled for discussion the possibility of changing fees for conferences.

The **Nominating Committee Report** was presented by Ms. Susser. She reported that the Board now has a full complement of 17 members. Ms. Susser suggested the Board compose a packet for prospective Board Members and will work on that with Ms. Climer. Ms. Susser further indicated that even though the Board is presently full, Board Members should keep avenues open for the possibility of new MSIA Board Members should Board positions become vacant.

The **Funds Trustees' Report** was tabled in Mr. Green's absence. The Board was provided with an informative handout, however, which had been brought to the MSIA Fall Conference by then-director Nolish and Dennis Morrill of the Funds.

The **Amicus Curiae Report** was given by the Executive Secretary. He provided the Board with a handout summarizing a recent case, *Harris v General Motors Corporation*, where the Supreme Court ordered an oral argument on the employee's application for leave to appeal. The issue in *Harris* relates to an idiopathic or unexplained fall in the employer's washroom, after which the employee passed away four days later. Benefits were denied at every level. The Supreme Court, early last year, had denied leave to appeal. But, later last year, plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration with the Supreme Court which was granted. [The changes in the votes seemed to relate to the changes in the composition in the Court]. After discussion, per the suggestions of Ms. Jelks, the Board authorized spending not more than

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\$1,500.00 dollars for an *amicus curiae* brief supporting the employer's position. The Board assumed that the Michigan Manufacturers Association would also contribute at least \$500.00 dollars. Upon Motion of Ms. Zielinski, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Motion unanimously passed.

The **Technology Committee Report** was provided by Mr. Parker. He indicated that the MSIA website has been updated with pictures from the Fall Conference. The Board then discussed and suggested that Mr. Parker advise Mr. Dana, the webmaster, that job postings remain on the website for 30 days. The Board also expressed the opinion that resumes can be left on the website for the duration desired by the person posting the resume.

The **Health Care Committee Report** was presented by Ms. Azar. She reported that the Health Care Rule Committee had conducted a meeting subsequent to the last MSIA Board Meeting. The Committee had voted to keep the fee schedule the same, other than the normal Medicare increases. Ms. Azar did indicate that there would be a hearing on the concerns of ambulatory surgical centers on December 3, 2010 before JCAR.

The **Legislative Committee Report** was tabled give the absence of Ms. Block and Ms. Spike. The Board was provided with a copy of the letter sent by the MSIA Board to Senator Jansen thanking him for his attentiveness to workers' compensation matters in the state.

The **Final 2010 Fall Conference Committee Report** was provided by Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright reviewed the evaluations of speakers at the Fall Conference. He also reported, as indicated earlier, that the conference was a financial success. Congratulations were again extended to Mr. Wright and his committee for the successful conference. Mr. Wright reiterated that Ms. Pretzer will check on next year's contract.

On a related point, Ms. Zielinski moved that Janet Kransz be recognized with a plaque and that motion was seconded by Ms. Miller and passed unanimously. Ms. Bruno provided the Board with a positive update on Mr. Calille's health. The Board suggested exploring a small intimate dinner at the Spring Conference with Mr. Calille, if he is so inclined.

The **2011 Spring Conference Committee Report** was provided by Mr. Wright. He reported that the Committee had met that morning for the first time. The Committee discussed in general the 2011 Spring Conference. The thought was to have the Conference downstairs at the Grand Traverse Resort with the goal being that the entire conference would be in one large room. MSIA members will be surveyed in December for topics for the Spring Conference. One possibility is the legal consequences of "social networking" as it affects business and workers' compensation. The thought was to return to the MSIA's old schedule with a reception on Wednesday, no MSIA dinner or entertainment on Wednesday night, golf

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and the wine tour on Thursday again, and Agency and legal updates on Friday. There will again be gold sponsors and individual sponsors for specific events.

Under **Old Business**, the Board again discussed the possibility of a job description and payment for an event planner. With respect to the vendor relations for conferences, Mr. Wright suggested a subcommittee do the work that had been done by Ms. Kransz and include perhaps persons from the vendor community. Mr. Wright also encouraged, in general, greater participation and volunteering for conferences as opposed to suggestions after conference agendas and committees have already been fixed.

The Board discussed redistribution of Workers' Comp 101 Booklets to new legislators. The Executive Secretary was directed to make the necessary changes to the prior booklet and circulate a draft of the change. On the assumption that the MMA would again kindly print the booklets for less than \$300.00 dollars, the Board was authorized to so proceed. If the costs exceeds \$300.00, the Executive Committee is to review the matter.

Under **Other Old Business**, the Executive Secretary revealed that there has been no recent progress in any re-negotiation of contracts with Grand Traverse.

Under **New Business**, the Executive Secretary reported that there had been three recent appointments to the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission: Mr. George Wyatt, Mr. James Harvey, and Mr. Granner Ries (a re-appointment with respect to Mr. Ries). And, on the Board of Magistrates, there had likewise been three recent appointments: Mr. David Grunewald, Ms. Rosa Bava, and Mr. Kim Rochau. The Executive Secretary noted the letters the Board had sent in praise of Ms. Kransz' efforts to her superiors.

The Board then discussed the impact of the upcoming elections on workers' compensation in Michigan. The Board also discussed upcoming potential dates for Board Meetings in 2011. The Board agreed to stay with the proposed dates, except for the proposed July date. The Board discussed new committee assignments. Ms. Stepaniak and Ms. Saylor will be on the Conference Committee. Ms. Bruno will be on the *Amicus Curiae* Committee. Ms. Susser will review the attendance of Board Members over the calendar year 2010 and inquire and follow up where necessary. The Executive Secretary's office will provide other Board Members with the names of all Board Members and current addresses.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. upon Motion of Mr. Healy, seconded by Ms. Stepaniak.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Marcinkoski

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