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MINUTES OF BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

April 17, 2015

Holiday Inn North Campus
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Present:

ALBAUGH, T., Kellogg Company
AZAR, S., General Motors LLC
BRUNO-HERLINE, L., AT&T Michigan
COULSON, C., City of Grand Rapids
DICICCO, S., Kelly Services, Inc.
FLYNN, T., Johnson Controls (by phone)
GALLOWAY, P., Wayne State University
GREEN, D., DTE Energy
LEE, L., Marathon Petroleum Company LP (by phone)
NIEHAUS, M., Ilitch Holdings, Inc.
OHMAN, S., Spectrum Health Occupational Services
PARKER, J., Ford Motor Company
SCHNEIDER, M., Trinity Health (by phone)
SMITH, C., Wayne County Airport Authority (by phone)
SUSSER, D., MacArthur, MacArthur & Associates, P.C.
WHITE, D., Chrysler Group LLC
WRIGHT, D., Consumers Energy Company

Chairperson's Council:

McKINLEY, D., Michigan Manufacturers' Association (by phone)
SUSSER, D., MacArthur, MacArthur & Associates, P.C.

Not Present:

BLOCK, W., Michigan Chamber of Commerce
CHILD, L.
HANNA, T., Regency Group
PENZ, M., HSAWCF (representing the Group Funds)
RYCHLINSKI, K., University of Michigan

The Chairperson, Mr. Ohman, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. to address the following Agenda:

1. Minutes of Board of Managers' prior Board Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Funds Trustee Report
4. Legislative Committee Report
 - a. First Responders Presumed Coverage Fund
 - b. Status of SISF redemptions
5. Membership Committee Report
6. Nominating Committee Report
 - a. Interview/candidates
7. *Amicus Curiae* Committee Report
 - a. *Arbuckle v General Motors LLC*
8. Technology Committee Report
9. Health Care Committee Report
10. 2015 Spring Conference Committee Report
11. 2015 Fall Conference Committee Report
12. Member Roundtable Committee Report
 - a. MSIA connection event – tour at Lansing Delta Township
13. Old Business
 - a. 2015 Fall Conference contract with Suburban Collection Showplace
 - b. Recognition of Members/Awards at Spring Conference
14. New Business
 - a. Conference Guidelines for Board Members
 - b. Transition of administrative duties to MHSA

Present at today's meeting was Ms. Keeli Baker, of Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates (MHSA). Ms. Baker attended the meeting to familiarize herself with the Board's policies and procedures to better assist the Board.

The **Minutes** were approved with changes to reflect Mr. Wright and Mr. Coulson were both present at the March 20, 2015 meeting. Upon motion by Ms. Bruno-Herline and seconded by Mr. Wright, the Minutes were approved.

The **Treasurers' Report** was submitted by Mr. Niehaus. He discussed the reconciliation summary, as well as the statements of accounts. Mr. Niehaus indicated that the MSIA address has been changed to the new Lansing address for all bank statements. Additionally, he indicated that he had reviewed all of MSIA's general liability and director's & officers liability insurance policies. He indicated there is also a small insurance policy on the storage unit. Mr. Niehaus indicated he would look at the MSIA workers' compensation insurance policy to see if those premiums are necessary. Ms. Smith indicated she would provide assistance with review if necessary.

Mr. Green voiced concern as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee regarding the current format of the Treasurer's statements. Mr. Green requested more description and detail on the reports provided. Mr. Schneider suggested perhaps the bank statements be supplemented with a more descriptive account of expenditures. Mr. Niehaus also indicated he is working on a general reimbursement form for all Board members.

The **Funds Trustee Report** was submitted by Mr. Green. He advised the Board Mr. Mark Long is the new Director of the Workers' Compensation Agency (WCA). Mr. Long, who had been serving as administrator for the WCA's Funds Administration, replaces Kevin Elsenheimer. The Trustees are waiting to hear whether Mark Long, the Director of the Agency, will now be one of the Fund's Trustees. Mr. Green stated the next meeting will be on April 27, 2015. He stated there will be discussion at that time pertaining to the annual assessments.

The **Legislative Committee Report** was submitted by Ms. McKinley. There was discussion regarding the funding of the First Responders Presumed Coverage Fund. Specifically, the question revolves around the estimation as to how much coverage the Fund would need. Questions pertaining to the Fund have been put out to the workers' compensation community, as well as to the fire fighters' unions. The unions are estimating how much money they feel is necessary, and how many people might qualify for the Fund. The next step would be to have an actuary evaluate how much money would be necessary for the Fund to operate. Additional research and discussion will be had pertaining to how this Fund will be handled.

Pertaining to the Group Funds, the Michigan Council Self-Insured Group Administrators (MCSIGA) is seeking legislation as to who owns the surplus in the Fund. The Court of Appeals decision in December indicated that there was no definitive answer to that question. Therefore, the Group Funds are seeking clarification on this point. The hearing is to be held on April 28, 2015 and testimony is to be taken.

Additionally, Mr. Ohman brought up the recent auto reform legislative bills currently in the Senate. There was discussion by Ms. Bruno-Herline as to the fact that this has been an ongoing dispute between the insurance companies versus the hospital groups. The insurance industry has been trying to get no-fault reform for years, as Michigan is the only state in the country with unlimited medical coverage for PIP claims. MSIA will continue to watch the auto reform bills and any effect they may have on workers' compensation.

The **Membership Committee Report** was presented by Ms. Baker. She indicated that Ms. Flynn had relayed five new applicants had applied for membership. Those applicants are:

- Oakland Regional Hospital
- EDIX, Inc.
- Siena Health Care
- Michigan IME
- John Pomasi, Esq.

Upon motion by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Wright, the applicants were approved as new members.

The **Nominating Committee Report** was submitted by Ms. Susser. She stated that while there had initially been three candidates interested in the Board vacancy, only two have been responsive to the interview process. Ms. Susser and her committee will be having more formal interviews with the candidates. She hopes to have the Board member vacancies filled to be presented to the general membership for approval at the 2015 Fall Conference.

The **Amicus Curiae Committee Report** was submitted by the Executive Secretary. There was further discussion pertaining to the recent Court of Appeals case of *Arbuckle v General Motors LLC*. There will be a Brief submitted on behalf of MSIA by Mr. Jerry Marcinkoski after he has reviewed the briefs submitted by all parties. Mr. Marcinkoski anticipates MSIA's brief to be filed in May.

The **Technology Committee Report** was submitted by Mr. Parker. He stated that the website has been updated pertaining to the Spring Conference at the Amway in Grand Rapids on June 10, 2015 and June 11, 2015. Additionally, he stated MSIA currently has 65 members who have joined the MSIA "Linked In" website. Mr. Parker stated that pursuant to the information received from Go Daddy, visits to the MSIA website have increased to averaging 263 hits per day.

The **Health Care Committee Report** was submitted by Ms. Azar. She indicated there will be a meeting on April 23, 2015 pertaining to the relevant issues before the Committee.

The **2015 Spring Conference Committee Report** was submitted by Ms. Albaugh. She stated that the brochure is finalized and will be e-mailed to all members. She indicated at this time there are 23 exhibitors, sixteen regular and seven gold sponsors. The gold sponsor numbers will be increased to eight. Reminder e-mails will be sent to all members advising of the date and registration for the conference. All conference committee details are running smoothly with the speakers and events. All Wednesday events are to be held in the Pantlind Ballroom at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, and the Thursday events to be held in the International Ballroom at the J.W. Marriott.

The **Member Roundtable Committee Report** was submitted by Ms. Azar. She indicated that she is working on setting up a tour of the General Motors facility at the Lansing Delta Township Assembly Plant. As the date is confirmed, further details will be forthcoming.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Niehaus indicated we have received finalized contracts for the 2015 Fall Conference at the Suburban Collection Showplace. The Conference will be held on October 15, 2015. In other old business, discussion was held pertaining to recognition of outgoing Board members at the Spring Conference, as well as other distinguished MSIA members.

Under **New Business**, Ms. Droblich discussed the handout pertaining to Conference guidelines for Board members. Additionally, there was a discussion of the transition of the administrative duties performed by the administrative assistant to the Executive Secretary to MHSA.

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No further business to be conducted, the Board Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Ms. Bruno-Herline and seconded by Mr. Coulson at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Droblich
Executive Secretary