

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2006
Chicago, IL 10:30 A.M.

Attendees: Chairman Ruth, Alex Alexandrou (via conference call), Curtis Beam (via conference call), Margaret Blackshere, Gerald Cooper, David Taylor, Jean Cannon, Kevin Leach, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Lynette Thompson-Edwards

Chairman Ruth called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. A previously prepared agenda was distributed, a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou, the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 12, 2006, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ruth reported that the new Commission panel was up and running and all cases had been assigned. Chairman Ruth further stated that 4,000 cases had been tried at the arbitration level.

Chairman Ruth further reported that the Insurance Compliance division was in the process of hiring three new investigators. Also, Insurance Compliance anticipated collecting an additional \$70,000 by the end of the month bringing the total collecting for the year to over \$400,000.

Chairman Ruth also stated that Amy Masters was appointed as Secretary of the Commission whose primary function will be to serve as Operations Manager. He further stated that due to the backlog on entering approved settlement contracts, a short term process had been developed to remove the settled cases from the open caseload.

Chairman Ruth further stated that he hopes to create a new computer system in the future.

III. Manager's Report

A. Bankruptcy-Exposure to Security Fund

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Board with the Bankruptcy-Exposure to Security Fund report as of 9/30/06.

B. Security Fund Forecast 9/30/06

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the security fund forecast as of 9/30/06. She also presented a report of payments made by self-insured employers under bankruptcy protection that continue to pay workers' compensation benefits.

Maria Sarli-Dehlin informed the Board that based on the assessment fund balance, she was requesting authority to issue an assessment during January 2007. After discussion, and upon motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou, the Board unanimously voted to issue a security fund assessment.

IV. Committee Report

None

V. New Business

Maria Sarli-Dehlin discussed the issue of newly created companies applying for self-insurance. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Office of Self-Insurance staff continue its policy of requesting three years of financial statements.

Maria Sarli-Dehlin further presented a draft of fraud language to be added to the initial and renewal application forms. After discussion, there was a motion by Alex Alexandrou, seconded by David Taylor to add proposed language to the forms. Motion carried.

At 11:10 A.M., the Chairman moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation/attorney's report pursuant to 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting, after which the Board convened in closed session.

After closed session, the Board reconvened in open session. There being no further business, upon motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.