

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WILLIAM G. STRATTON BUILDING, 401 S. SPRING ST., ROOM 500 ½, SPRINGFIELD, IL and
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, ROOM 9-35, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratiani
Rich Aleksy
Mark Flannery
Robert Karr
Kim Maisch
Jay Shattuck
Sean Stott

Present by phone:

Michael Carrigan
Mark Denzler

Not present at the meeting:

Aaron Anderson
Phil Gruber
Todd Maisch
Mark Prince

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Dennie Michelle Mogensen, Deputy General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Darlene Senger, Chief Financial Officer

Member of the public present at the meeting was:

David Reim

Chairman Joann Fratiani called the meeting to order at 11:03 am and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Rich Aleksy and seconded by Robert Karr and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2015.

In Old Business, the Commission is making progress in the email receipt of decisions and notice project. There is no form to allow parties to waive service by mail and accept service by email because of potential JCAR issues. Almost everyone is cooperating. There is some limited postage remaining for extreme circumstances such as pro se petitioners and Injured Workers Benefit Fund cases. It is the intention of the Commission that eventually, service of notices, decisions, and other documents by email will be a permanent situation.

Board member Sean Stott asked about the Quincy location and the possibility of either moving or adding additional hearing locations. Based on a variety of reasons, the Commission will remain in the current Quincy hearing site location for at least one more year.

In New Business, the Chairman announced that the 2016 calendars are out. The hearing sites remained the same. Additionally, there is a new Collinsville office. The Chairman is also still open to suggestions re better hearing sites and/or locations.

Additionally, the Commission has hired a new Chief Financial Officer in Darlene Senger, as well as two new arbitrators – Paul Cellini and Gary Gale. There will also be a global rules committee meeting in January.

Finally, board member Karr wanted to know if former Arbitrators Dearing and Steffen had gotten their proposed decisions in prior to their departures. The Chairman did not know of any, but if not, those cases would be reassigned to different Arbitrators to get the decisions out. Board member Stott wanted to know if NCCI had rate recommendations for 2016. Board member Shattuck said they recommended no change.

There was a motion by Mr. Aleksy, seconded by Mr. Karr, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.