

**Workers' Compensation Advisory Board
November 30, 2009 OPEN meeting Minutes
Illinois Workers Compensation Commission, Chicago
3:00 p.m.**

Present at the meeting:

Acting Chairman Amy J. Masters
Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen Haskins, Nicholson & Menchetti
Mr. David Vite, Illinois Retail Merchants Association

Attending the meeting via conference call:

Mr. Aaron Anderson, Painters Dist. Council #30
Mr. David Buckman, CORE Construction Group
Mr. Michael Carrigan, Illinois AFL-CIO
Mr. Frank Cavarretta, United Steel Workers
Mr. Mark Flannery, Caterpillar, Inc.
Mr. Michael Holewinski, Ace Industries
Ms. Kim Maisch, National Federation of Independent Business
Mr. Kim Presbrey, Presbrey & Associates

Also Present

Bertha E. Parker, Acting Secretary

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2009, were approved.

Chairman Masters noted that the medical fee schedule seminars held across the state and webinar, both directed to payers and providers, were a success and received positive feedback from participants. She also provided an update regarding rules review. She noted the rules group has already met to review and discuss rules revisions and will meet again in January. Once the rules group reviews current language changes in January, rules revisions would be forwarded to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board for review.

Chairman Masters also provided an update on the Rate Adjustment Fund (RAF) regarding a recent case where a claimant eligible for RAF in 1995 filed a petition for back-payments. The Attorney General agreed that back-payments should be paid in full. Chairman Masters indicated she would keep the board updated regarding the impact of this case on all other claimants who may be eligible for back-payments.

The board set future meeting dates at 2:00 pm.

January 21, 2010 (Chicago)
April 15, 2010 (Springfield)
July 8, 2010 (Chicago)
October 14, 2010 (tentative due to Veto Session Calendar)

Upon motion, the board went into closed meeting at 3:20

The board returned to open meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Upon motion, the Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 3:30