

Members present: Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Joswiak, Mr. Kugler, and Ms. McKinzie
Member absent: Mr. Kante
Staff present: Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Moreth, and Mr. Tomsyck

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. in conformance with Wisconsin's open meeting law.

Open session

New Member Effective January 1, 2012 the seat formerly held by Keith Garrett of Dairyland Power was filled. The Council and staff welcomed Dan Kugler to the Council. Mr. Kugler is Assistant Treasurer and Corporate Risk Manager for Snap-on Incorporated. Snap-on has been in the self-insurance program since January 1996.

Review and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes of the November 17, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed, and approved as written.

State budget roundtable Mr. Metcalf provided a summary of the April 30, 2012 meeting that certain business representatives, including members of the Self-Insurers Council, were invited to attend. Topics focused primarily on health care issues and the circumstances of the Supplemental Benefit Fund.

Closed session review reports of self-insured employers. In accordance with s. 19.85(1)(f) the council convened in closed session to review financial, loss experience, safety and other information of employers presently or previously exempt from the duty to insure. Some of the companies' specific financial or other business information may be confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Open session

The Council returned to open session

Miscellaneous

Ms. Joswiak reported no change in the excess insurance market for utilities.

Mr. Moreth discussed proceedings of the excess insurance workgroup headed by the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau. In order to bring practice into compliance, carriers currently writing excess insurance will file their policies with the Rating Bureau, and those policies will be assembled into a manual for approval by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Mr. Moreth reminded Council members of their duty to maintain confidentiality of any and all financial or claims information learned about applicants/existing self-insurers per state law.

Expense vouchers were distributed to Council members along with an explanation about their rights to receive expense reimbursement for Council business.

Staff are following the Maine/Missouri bankruptcy case of Prime Tanning. The proposed orders in the case threaten surety bonds and letters of credit as third part instruments, with the possibility of having these types of security subject to being part of the estate.

Mr. Krueger noted that he has requested an opinion from DWD legal counsel on whether or not the private sector self-insurers would be liable for a default of any public sector self-insurer. The Council had requested this opinion in light of municipal bankruptcies in other states.

Next meeting. Mr. Moreth will poll the members in the late summer for acceptable dates for a meeting to be held in Fall 2012 as applications or conditions warrant.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM