

## Self-Insurers Council Minutes

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Members present: Ms. Joswiak, Mr. Kante, Mr. DeVries, Ms. McKinzie, and Ms. Horvath  
Staff present: Mr. Dernbach, Mr. Moreth, Mr. Tomsyck, and Ms. Yeap

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. in conformance with Wisconsin's open meeting law.

### 2. Review and approval of the minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the February 7, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed, and approved as written.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Open session

The Council returned to open session.

Council members received training related to the Wisconsin Public Records Law by watching a video created by the Department of Administration. Mr. Dahlen, Chief Legal Counsel of DWD met with the members to give an overview of the subject, and answered questions members had related to public records. Members were reminded to contact the DWD leadership team if they have any questions/issues, or if they receive requests related to public records.

Mr. Dernbach shared upcoming meeting date of the Workers Compensation Advisory Council to be held in May.

Mr. Dernbach shared information on a recent opioid study by the Workers Compensation Research Institute. The trend is many states have policies in place or are developing policies limiting the prescribing and dispensing of opioids. Wisconsin is one of the states that has a prescription drug monitoring program.

Mr. Dernbach shared changes proposed in the state budget bill that are related to worker's compensation. These proposed changes include: 1) elimination of the Labor and Industry Review Commission and changes the way appeals are handled, 2) elimination of the requirement that stenographic court reporters record testimony at worker's compensation hearings, and testimony may be recorded by a recording machine instead, 3) transfer of staff positions, and 4) remove ambiguity of a current statute by removing a word "usually" in it, due to a recent court case; this statute pertains to when an employer is required to obtain worker's compensation insurance.

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Mr. Moreth gave a brief history of the Grand Bargain premise of worker's compensation.

Ms. Yeap shared information on top U.S. manufacturing states, from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Ms. Yeap will poll Council members for the next meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.