

NEW JERSEY SELF INSURERS' ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

DIVISION NEWS

After many years of distinguished service to the State of New Jersey and the Division of Workers' Compensation, the Honorable Peter J. Calderone announced that he would be retiring on March 1, 2015. The New Jersey Self Insurers' Association has had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Judge Calderone over the years. It is difficult to express how much we have appreciated his ongoing support for the Association, and his consistent willingness to be a speaker at our seminars and conferences. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and wish him happiness and health in this next chapter of his life. He will be missed. Judge, please join us anytime!

While we will miss Judge Calderone, we are excited to continue our relationship with the Division under its new Director and Chief Judge. Congratulations to the Honorable Russell Wojtenko! We are confident that the Division has been 'passed on' to very capable hands. We look forward to working with Judge Wojtenko and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

2015 WC CONFERENCE & VENDOR FAIR

Will be held on May 7-8 at Harrah's Resort Casino in Atlantic City. The program includes:

A panel discussions on "Workers Compensation 101", and "New Jersey and the Medical Fee Schedule".

A presentation by Dr. Charles Gatto on "The Aging Laborer".

A presentation by Dr. Lonner on Unilateral Knee Replacement.

Dennis Falvey from ABM will make a safety Presentation.

Matt Engels of Network Solutions will speak on "Managing The Safety, Necessity and Cost of Compounds in Worker's Compensation".

We will hear from the new Director & Chief Judge Russell Wojtenko and have a legislative update from Jon Bombardieri.

Registration information is included in this Newsletter. Hope to see you in Atlantic City.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

No recent activity on the pending WC bills.

The Association along with our representative Jon Bombardieri continues to monitor all legislation pertaining to the Workers' Compensation Act.

S929/A1908- The COLA bills that would cost employers an additional \$58 million dollars. The Senate has passed the bill. The Assembly version sits with the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

S374/A3403- Provides for increased legal fees on cases where voluntary offers have been paid. The Senate passed the bill. The Assembly has not voted on the Bill.

S750- Increases benefits for injuries to hand and feet. Referred to the Senate Labor Committee. No recent activity.

S2247- Covers employees injured in employer parking areas as well as during their walk from the parking areas to the place of employment. No action by the Senate Labor committee.

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S2332- Permits hearings to be held in counties contiguous to the presently designated counties. This is a new bill supported by the Division. Referred to the Labor Committee.

S2447- Permits Group Self Insurers and collective bargaining agreements to improve the provisions of worker's compensation. Has been referred to the Senate Labor Committee. There is no Assembly bill.

S-280- Healthy Workplace Act. Opposed by all Industry Groups. Referred to the Senate Labor Committee.

We continue to work closely with representatives of NJBIA, NJM, The Insurance Council and the Chamber of Commerce in stating our position on these Bills. If you need more information, please call our office, 609-587-4304.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Employers' Liability Insurance Law Title 24, Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 80 provides that employers who qualify to carry their own liability (self-insurers) must post and maintain a Notice of Compliance in the employers' work places. The association has a supply of these notices for our members.

JOIN NJSIA

For over 90 years the New Jersey Self Insurer's Association has represented the interests of New Jersey's employers in the area of worker's compensation. Membership in the Association is open to all employers, law firms, third party administrators, and medical groups. Visit our website for more information and an application. www.njsselfinsurers.com.

WELCOME to new member Shore Point Distributing Co.

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The Spring Conference opens on Thursday, May 7th with a Continental Breakfast at 8 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:15 p.m. and the Presidents reception at 5:30 p.m.

The Conference reconvenes on Friday with breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by Dr. Lonner and a "Mock Trial". Closing remarks will take place at 12:15 pm.

**SPRING WORKERS' COMPENSTION
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**MAY 7-8, 2015, HARRAH'S ATLANTIC
CITY**

Company name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E- Mail _____

Contact Person _____

1st Attendee _____

2nd. Attendee _____

FEE FOR 2 DAY SEMINAR

NJSIA MEMBER FEE- \$350, EACH ADDITIONAL
ATTENDEE- \$300
NON MEMBER FEE- \$450

**Payment by check: NJSIA, P.O. Box 3455,
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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS will be available for many professions. There is no additional fee. Request the registration information from Kappa59@AOL.com.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Rooms in the Water Front Tower are available at \$70 for Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Call 1-888-516-2215 by April 23rd and use group code SHSELF5.