

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SELF-INSURED COUNTIES**

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**MAY 3, 2019 – OSWEGO, NEW YORK**

The NYSASIC General Business Meeting was called to order by President Robert Chetney (Oswego County) at 11:00 am in the Lake Ontario Ballroom Room A, Best Western Plus Captain's Quarters Hotel & Conference Center, Oswego, New York.

The minutes of the October 5, 2018 Annual Business Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Amy Poff (Tioga County), seconded by Monica Farquhar Brennan (Sullivan County), passed.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed to the group for review and a detailed report was given by Amy Clute (Warren County), Treasurer. Total checking and money market balance as of 4/19/19 is \$66,252.50. Details as follows:

Checking Balance as of 4/19/19	\$31,233.30
Total Revenue from 9/26/18 through 4/19/19	\$36,100.66
Total Expenses from 9/26/18 through 4/19/19	\$34,346.32
Money Market Balance as of 4/19/19	\$35,029.20
Money Market Interest earned 9/26/18-4/19/19	\$10.18

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion made by Terry Clark (Lewis County), seconded by Dorraine Whitney (Ulster County), passed.

The 2019 NYSASIC Fall Conference will be held October 2-4, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, New York.

There was no old business to address.

Under new business, Kim Godreau (Franklin County) distributed a list of relevant legislative bills with a verbal addition of bill S5302/A7045. Kim Godreau also noted updates to bills that were included in the NYS budget (A2183, A344, A3753 and S907).

Discussion regarding the association's ability to react timely to specific legislative proposals and how to best gauge the membership's desire to voice an opinion given there are only two business meetings annually. President Robert Chetney (Oswego County) will review the association's by-laws for specific language surrounding voting, i.e. in-person or electronically, and will seek NYS Association of County's (NYSAC) and NY Self-Insured Association's (NYSIA) perspective on legislative proposal S5302/A7045, for which there seems to be a general consensus of concern from the membership.

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Also under new business, a proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding extending lifetime membership to vendors was discussed as follows (stricken text removed; underlined text added):

Article II

Membership and Dues

Section 1.

c. Lifetime membership will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Those desiring lifetime membership status shall submit intent for review by the Board of Directors upon retirement from ~~Municipal~~ service. Lifetime members will be non-voting members and will be eligible to attend NYSASIC events ~~at the member cost~~ with the Association's registration fees waived.

The NYSASIC by-laws edit, as presented above, was made on a motion by Dorraine Whitney (Ulster County), seconded by Christie Bonville (Franklin County), passed.

President Robert Chetney announced the nominating committee for the upcoming Board of Directors' expiring terms. The nominating committee will be: Chairperson Amy Poff (Tioga County), Colleen Capwell (Broome County), and Monica Farquhar Brennan (Sullivan County).

The meeting was adjourned on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 11:21 am on a motion by Jack Welch (Orleans County), seconded by Bethany Cheever (Jefferson County), passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Godreau  
Secretary

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

BILL NUMBER(S)	DESCRIPTION
A242	Creates parity between pharmacists and physicians in the prompt pay provision.

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<b>A255</b>	Provides for cost-of-living adjustments of disability benefits for an employee with a permanent total disability to be based on 50% of the annual increase in the consumer price index as promulgated by the U.S. department of labor.
<b>*A267</b>	Establishes a volunteer firefighters' benefit claim assistance unit within NYS WCB to initiate contact with injured firefighters or surviving dependents and assist with filing claims and expediting payments.
<b>A377</b>	Requires employers and insurers to offer direct deposit to recipients of workers' compensation payments.
<b>A550</b>	Establishes the payment of certain volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits shall be within ninety days of the filing of application to receive such death benefit and requires Board to conduct outreach/support services to persons entitled to the benefit.
<b>A649</b>	Allows temporarily disabled claimants to not seek work in order to maintain benefits unless the loss of wages is due to an unrelated injury.
<b>A864</b>	Permits claimant to use pharmacy of choice versus contracted pharmacy of provider within WC fee schedule is followed
<b>A1324</b>	Benefits for Perm or Temp PD, or perm or temp TD shall not be less than 1/5 of the statewide AWW; if wage is less than 1/5 of SAWW, claim shall receive actual earnings.
<b>A1952</b>	Defines a public group self-insurer for the payment of compensation to employees of county self-insurance plans, boards of cooperative educational services and consortia by boards of cooperative educational services; makes related provisions.
<b>*A1979</b>	Provides presumptive coverage for police officers, firefighters, EMT, Emergency Dispatcher or other person certified to provide medical care in emergencies personnel diagnosed with PTSD
<b>A2183/A344/A3753</b>	Permits acupuncturists, occupational therapy assistants, licensed clinical social workers to treat/care for claimants (in respective order of Bill #)
<b>A2184</b>	Relates to the establishment of a fee schedule covering the costs of ambulance services provided to injured employees and to clarify that the employer or its insurer is liable for the payment of such services. <i>Exempts Air Transportation.</i>
<b>S879</b>	Includes telehealth services within medical care and treatment services
<b>S4763</b>	Establishes a task force to conduct a study on telehealth services in WC

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<b>S907</b>	Authorizes Physician Assistants to most perform services under supervision of Physician
<b>*S1980</b>	Relates to claims for mental injury premised upon extraordinary work-related stress incurred at work; applies to all workers.
<b>*S1981</b>	Relates to claims for mental injury premised upon extraordinary work-related stress incurred at work; applies to a correction officer, sergeant, captain, corporal, lieutenant, deputy warden or warden employed by . . . any county or municipality.
<b>A5417/S2060</b>	Changes age from 25 to 35 limit for purposes of wage increase expectation
<b>*S2061</b>	Specifies that opioid overdose deaths are compensable for the purposes of WC if the IW was prescribed opioids due to a compensable injury.
<b>A2677/S2436</b>	Provides a claim-filing opportunity for the widows and dependents of workers who died as a result of cancer caused by exposure to diesel exhaust.
<b>A864</b>	Allows claimant to use pharmacy of choice provided pharmacy adheres to prescription fee schedule.
<b>*Of particular interest.</b>	<p>For more details, visit the Assembly and Senate websites:  <a href="http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/">http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/</a>  <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/search/legislation">https://www.nysenate.gov/search/legislation</a></p>