

# ***2015 SAWCA All Committee Conference***

**Nov 17-20, 2015**

**The Greenbrier**

**White Sulphur Springs, WV**

## **Tuesday, November 17**

Executive Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hayes Room

**Executive Committee Reception & Dinner 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Crystal Room**

**(By Invitation Only) Sponsored By NCCI**

## **Wednesday, November 18**

**7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**Eisenhower Foyer**

**Sponsored By: ISO**

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

Eisenhower Foyer

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. General Session

Eisenhower AB

### **How Long Does the Honeymoon Last?**

A panel discussion of challenges that administrators face when new to leadership in state agencies regulating workers' compensation.

Moderator: Abbie Hudgens, Tennessee

Panelists:

Beth Aldridge, Mississippi

Robert Gilliland, Oklahoma

Tom Hebson, Safety National

Frank McKay, Georgia

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Morning Refreshment Break**

**Eisenhower Foyer**

**Sponsored By: Concentra**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session - Special Committee Report From MIS Eisenhower AB

### **The Technological "Re-Tooling" Of State Workers' Compensation Systems**

An in-depth discussion of real world issues that arise as state workers' compensation systems initiate whole-system upgrades to meet the increasing demands of a growing system while striving to maintain acceptable levels of service for all stakeholders.

Moderator: Larry White, Louisiana

Panelists:

Delece Brooks, Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation

Fran Davis, Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims

Roger Williams, Virginia WCC

Matt Bryant, WorkCompStrategies

Christine Dicken, Business Process Lead, SLI Global Solutions



## **Thursday, November 19**

**7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**Eisenhower Foyer**

Sponsored By: ISO

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration**

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**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session**

**Eisenhower AB**

**Hosted by the Claims Administration Committee**

This will be a discussion of apportionment (and contribution), an issue that is arising in various states. The statutory parameters are defining what payments must be made to or for recovering workers. This leads to disagreements between multiple employer/carriers, and may impact the worker.

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Morning Refreshment Break**

**Eisenhower Foyer**

Sponsored By: Concentra

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Convention Lunch**

**Cameo Room**

**Keynote Luncheon Speaker:**

**Mitch Barnhart, Athletics Director, University of Kentucky**

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**1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

**General Session Panel Discussion:**

**Eisenhower AB**

Paul Sighinolfi moderates a panel discussion focused on the recent Supreme Court decision from Pennsylvania... **Protz v. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Derry Area School District)** regarding the constitutionality of the most recent AMA Guides with potential national implications for workers' compensation.

Panelists:

William Taylor, PA Compensation Rating Bureau

Vince Quatrini, Managing Partner, Quatrini Rafferty, P.C.

Ken Eichler, ODG WorkLossData Institute

Karl Aumann, Chair, Maryland WCC

**2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Afternoon Refreshment Break**

**Eisenhower Foyer**

Sponsored By: Trean Corp.

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Presentation**

**Eisenhower AB**

**Guest Speaker: Albert J. Osbahr, III, MD**

Albert J. Osbahr, III, MD, is a Member of the Board of Trustees with the American Medical Association and the current medical director of occupational health services at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, N.C., a position he has held since 2004. Previously he served as occupational health director for 14 years at Haywood Regional Medical Center in Clyde, N.C. He is a past president of the North Carolina Medical Society (2008–2009) and a past member of its Industrial Commission Liaison Committee and Hospital Medical Staff Committee.

(Presented by the Medical Rehabilitation Committee...Lucretia Johnson, Chair / Betty Reid, Vice-Chair)

**3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Medical Rehabilitation Committee Eisenhower C**  
A Continuation of the Medical Discussion From the Preceding General Session, including an open dialogue with experts Pat Merrill, Health Management Resources and Rosalie Faris, OMCA regarding the lack of qualified specialty physicians available and willing to evaluate injured workers and suggestions on how to recruit them.

**8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Coffee Cordials & Confections Victorian Writing Room & Lobby Bar**  
Sponsored By: UBS Financial Services

## **Friday, November 20**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Friday's "Farewell" Grits Breakfast Eisenhower AB**  
Sponsored By: ISO

**9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. General Session Eisenhower AB**

**Judicial Update... Robert L. Swisher, Chief Administrative Law Judge for Commonwealth of Kentucky will discuss a recent KY Supreme Court decision that has implications for a significant change / extension of the statute of limitations on both injuries and occupational diseases.**

**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. General Session Eisenhower AB**

### **Things that make me go Hmmm? With Bob Wilson, WorkersCompensation.com**

Workers' compensation corporate humorist Bob Wilson conducts his version of a "show cause hearing" when our panel of distinguished regulators and an industry professional takes the stand and responds to those subjects that have caused Bob to go "Hmmm." This will be a free-flowing discussion with audience participation welcomed and expected.

#### Panelists:

Frank McKay, Chairman, Georgia  
Dwight Lovan, Commissioner, Kentucky  
Rachel Bayless, General Counsel, New Mexico  
Tom Glasson, State Relations Officer, AIG

**10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Final Wrap Up and Adjournment Eisenhower AB**