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MINUTES OF BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING
January 18, 2008

Present:

General Motors Corporation	Susan Azar
Manier & Herod	Terry L. Hill
Ajax Turner	Todd Williams
Averitt Express, Inc.	David McDowell
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Parker Hannifin Corporation	Curtis Gross
Thompson Machinery	Michael White
Tenn. Chamber	Bradley Jackson

Absent:

Fisher & Company, Inc.	Joe Ratta
Wasco, Inc.	Paul Kneeder

The Board of Managers of the Tennessee Self-Insurers' Association met via teleconference on Friday, January 18, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Susan Azar at 10:05 a.m. CT.

DISCUSSION:

1. **Minutes** of the December 13, 2007 meeting were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Don Rickenbaugh and approved. Don reported a present balance of \$41,676.88, with 74 members. Some members were

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deleted that have not paid the 2008 dues. Mike White conducted an independent audit and the financials were found to be in order. Don contacted a CPA firm to do tax return and forwarded all documents for that purpose.

3. **Membership/Nomination.** Don reported one new member, Marsh.
4. **Amicus.** Terry Hill reported that he had some ideas, but nothing appeared worth putting our money into right now.
5. **Technology.** Nothing to report.
6. **Conference Committee.** Susan – nothing to report. She noted a reminder to those on the Conference Committee of the meeting on February 5th at 8:30 prior to the regular Board meeting. Terry suggested adding a topic about the 6th Edition of the AMA Guides. He will try to get a doctor to speak on that.
7. **Legislative.** Bradley Jackson and Terry indicated a package of five (5) bills is on the legislative agenda. Those bills deal with the following issues: (1) Work at home, (2) closing medicals, (3) telecommuter bill, (4) lump sum—credit for present day value, and (5) on-site workout.

Bradley said members should call their representatives about these issues, as the biggest problem is the subcommittee in the House. Susan suggested sending out a mass email to all members to start making phone calls. We need to identify the committee members. Bradley will send an email with the Senate numbers and Terry will do an email re: where we are headed on the legislation.

Terry indicated the plaintiff bar has not filed many bills on workers' compensation. Burchett & Brooks filed a bill on behalf of Interstate Mechanical in the *McIntosh* case.

With regard to tightening up the bill on repetitive motion, Bradley said we have one out there from last year.

Bradley indicated he filed a caption bill that opens up §50-6-445 which is the entire private company self-insured statute. This basically opens up the entire code on that and authorizes the Commissioner to promulgate rules that would allow self-insureds to aggregate capital or, in the alternative, a capital model. It lays out guidelines for how the fund would operate. Marsh will talk to Commerce & Insurance and get numbers for people to look at.

8. **Old Business.**
 - a. Marsh Presentation on Alternative Collateral – Susan said there is no down side to proceeding. Marsh is waiting to hear back from Commerce & Insurance.
 - b. UR Rule Change Notice – This was canceled. The rule was apparently put out without notice or discussion, and the doctors got stirred up about it. On the medical fee schedule, Bradley said there is an issue with finding doctors. A meeting will be held next week on that.

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- c. TN Chamber Public Affairs Conference – Bradley attended and it went well. Their annual meeting is February 26th, and will include a presidential election panel and a legislative panel.
 - d. Trademark Application – Terry reported the service mark has now been registered. Terry recommended sending the attorney a gift card. That was approved, and Terry will take care of that.
9. **New Business.**
- a. TNSIA 2007 Accomplishments – This will serve as a historical document, and would be good to put on the website.
 - b. National Council of Self-Insurers meeting – Motion was made by Susan and approved to send Terry to this meeting. TNSIA will pay a maximum of \$2,000 toward this expense. Terry will absorb any expense over \$2,000. Terry also stated he would be attending a PEIS national seminar, and will list himself as Executive Director of TNSIA to help us expand our scope of contacts. This may also give him the opportunity to find potential speakers.
 - c. Change in Lobbyist Regulations – Diann Morshead discussed this issue, and the possibility of TNSIA becoming a member of the Chamber so Bradley can technically lobby on our behalf. There are a lot of self-insureds that are members of the Chamber. Don moved, and it was approved, that TNSIA join the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
 - d. WC Advisory Council Meeting – January 14th.
 - e. The *Tennessean* article – Terry was quoted in this as TNSIA Executive Director, giving the Association good exposure. A link to it will be put on the website.
10. **Other:** Rob Behnke advised that the RIMS chapter local meeting will be March 5th. A link to RIMS will be put on the website.
11. **Open Discussion.** None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

The next Board of Managers meeting will be held in person on **Thursday, February 7th** at **10:00** a.m. at the offices of Manier & Herod in Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Azar, Chairperson
Terry Hill, Executive Director