

Tennessee Self-Insurers' Association 2018 Annual Conference – Celebrating 12 Years

Who Should Attend

Current and prospective self-insured employers, high deductible employers, risk managers, loss prevention/safety personnel, attorneys, TPAs, healthcare providers, case managers, claims examiners, group fund administrator/trustees, local and state government representatives, legislators, regulators, vocational rehab professionals, government agencies...anyone involved in workers' compensation for the self-insured/high deductible business.

Continuing Education Credits

CLE and other continuing education credits will be available upon request.

Accommodations

- Embassy Suites by Hilton, Nashville South Cool Springs
- 820 Crescent Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37607
- Discounted room rate is \$179 plus tax
- Group Reservation Discount deadline is Monday, August 6, 2018
- Room reservations require a one night deposit
- Deposits are refundable, if the hotel receives timely notice
- Check-In time 4:00 PM, check-out 11:00 AM
- Register online at www.tnselfinsurers.org
- Or call 1-800-EMBASSY and reference group code "SIA"

Parking

Parking is free.

Welcome Reception

Join us for cocktails and hors d' oeuvres from 4:30 - 6:00 on Thurs., Sept. 6th for networking, silent auction and a stroll through the vendor booths.

Registration Information

- All attendees must register at www.tnselfinsurers.org.
- Free attendance for self-insured/high deductible active members - limit 2
- \$250 Associate Members, \$300 Non-Members
- Registrations after August 31st, 2018 will incur a \$25 late fee.
- Only cancellations received on or before August 31, 2018 will be refunded.

Vendor & Sponsor Opportunities

The 2018 Conference offers an agenda with ample networking time to enhance the vendor and sponsor opportunities. Visit www.tnselfinsurers.org for more information.



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Conference Agenda

CONFERENCE Day 1 – Thursday, September 6th Birch-Chestnut-Poplar-Redbud-Sycamore

1:00 – 2:00 Registration

2:00 – 3:00 *Utilization of Genetics Testing in Workers' Compensation*

- **Dr. Dave Vigerust, MS, Ph.D** – MyGenetx, Chief Science Officer

3:00 – 3:30 Break | Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction

3:30 – 4:30 Bureau of Workers' Compensation Panel Update

- **Abbie Hudgens** – Administrator, Bureau of Workers' Compensation
- **Kenneth Switzer** – Chief Judge, Bureau of Workers' Compensation

4:30 – 6:00 Welcome Reception

CONFERENCE – Day 2 – Friday, September 7th

Birch-Chestnut-Poplar-Redbud-Sycamore

8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast | Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome & Update

- **Curt Gross** – TNSIA Chairperson
- **John Hayes** – Financials
- **Jill Talbert** – TNSIA Executive Director

9:15 – 10:45 *Inclusion & Leveraging Our Generational Strengths!*

- **George Stoll** – Diversity & Inclusion Consultant, Marathon Petroleum Company

10:45 – 11:15 Break | Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction Closes

11:15 – 12:00 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: *Ending our Uncivil War*

- **Jim Brown** – TN State Director, National Federation of Independent Business

12:00 – 12:15 Vendor Bingo Drawing & KCOTN Silent Auction Winners Announced for Pick-Up

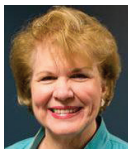


Speakers



Jim Brown

Author of *ENDING OUR UNCIVIL WAR*, Jim Brown has an extensive background in government, media and interpersonal relations. He is the Tennessee State Director for the National Federation of Independent Business, Tennessee's and the nation's leading small-business advocacy association. He was named to NashvillePost.com's "In Charge" list of 400 influential Middle Tennessee leaders from 2011-2016.



Abbie Hudgens

Abbie Hudgens is the administrator of the State of Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Before coming to the state she was the risk manager for Nashville and Davidson Co., the risk and benefits manager for Knoxville, Tennessee, and consultant in private practice. A Tennessee native she received her B.A. from the University of Memphis and a Masters of Public Administration from U.T. at Knoxville. She has been president of the national Public Risk Management Association, president of the Knoxville Risk Management Society, and Tennessee Valley Employee Benefit Council. She is currently the Vice President of the IAIABC, and President of SAWCA.



George Stoll

George Stoll is Senior Diversity & Inclusion Consultant with Marathon Petroleum Company. He joined MPC fulltime in July 2011, after serving MPC for six years as a diversity and inclusion trainer and consultant. George specializes in providing diversity and inclusion awareness and skills education for company managers and employees, conducting diversity and inclusion assessments, as well as working with MPC's Diversity & Inclusion Teams. In addition to previous experience with MPC, George has over 20 years experience as a Manager, Trainer, and Consultant in major corporations. He also worked with a management consulting firm for three years and operated his own training and consulting business for eight years. In all, George has trained and facilitated over 1,500 sessions to over 30,000 employees in 60 organizations in the United States, Canada, and Europe. His expertise includes training design and development, conducting assessments, facilitation, team development, strategic planning, and conflict resolution. George holds a BS in Management and a MBA from Northern Kentucky University, where he has taught Organizational Behavior and Managing Diversity as an adjunct professor.



Kenneth Switzer

Kenneth M. Switzer was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Workers' Compensation Claims in spring 2014 to serve as the Court's first chief judge. In that role, he has led rolling out the new court, which officially opened its doors on July 1, 2014. Chief Judge Switzer oversees all court operations, in addition to handling a full docket of cases. In the past he spoke frequently on the subject of civil trial practice and Tennessee worker's compensation law at continuing education seminars and before business and community groups. At present he speaks exclusively on workers' compensation and the new system.



Jill Talbert

Jill is owner and president of Talbert Government Relations LLC in Nashville. Since starting in 2012, she has represented clients in the state legislative, executive and regulatory arenas. Her clients' interests are diverse, ranging from health care to data analytics. For two of her clients, she serves as the Executive Director for their associations. She has served as the Executive Director for the Tennessee Self-Insurers Association since January 2014, and represents Tennessee's largest self-insured employers on workers' compensation issues. In October 2015, Jill became the first Executive Director for the TN Distillers Guild representing nearly thirty distilleries in Tennessee.



Dr. Dave Vigerust, MS, Ph.D

David Vigerust is Chief Scientific Officer for MyGenetx Clinical Laboratories in Franklin TN, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy. Dr. Vigerust received his BS in Biology and chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso, an MS in Immunology and Microbiology from Texas Tech University and his Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr. Vigerust completed postdoctoral fellowships at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Pediatric Infectious Disease. Prior to joining MyGenetx, Dr. Vigerust was full time faculty at Vanderbilt University in the Department of Pathology and a Health Research Scientist for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Vigerust currently maintains an active role in research and development, entrepreneurship and education around the role and benefits of molecular diagnostics in medicine.

