

WORKER'S COMPENSATION SECTION

By-Laws

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This section of the Hennepin County Bar Association shall be known as the Workers' Compensation Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Section 2. The purpose of the section shall be to improve and promote the study of legal and practice issues relating to the unique needs of practitioners in the area of workers' compensation issues.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. All members of the Hennepin County Bar Association in good standing shall be eligible to membership in this section and shall be enrolled as a member upon request to the Association. Members so enrolled shall constitute the membership of this section and are entitled to receive the benefits extended by said section to its members.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. At a minimum, the section shall elect a Chair. Additional officers may be elected by the membership. Additional positions may include but are not limited to a Co-Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. By default, the chair will represent the Section to the Counsel of Sections of the Hennepin County Bar Association unless another officer is designated to fill the position.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of all elected officers, the chair of the Program Committee if there is such a committee and a maximum of five (5) additional members of the section if the membership so chooses. All resolutions and other formal acts of the section shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the section and shall become effective only when approved by such Executive Committee. The section Chair may appoint such committees as may be necessary to carry on the work of the section, including a Program Committee consisting of not more than five (5) members of the section. The Program Committee shall provide speakers for the regular meetings of the section. In the absence of a Program Committee, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to provide such speakers.

Section 3. The Chair, other officers and any additional members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the membership of the section in the manner hereinafter provided.

Article IV

Elections

Section 1. The Chair, other officers and any additional members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by and from the members of the section at the last meeting of the section in the spring of each year, and they shall take office on the following July 1 and hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and take office.

Article V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall preside at all meetings of the section and shall formulate and present an annual report to the Hennepin County Bar Association. The Chair shall be entitled to represent the section on the Council of Sections of the Hennepin County Bar Association and shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to the office. In the absence of an elected Secretary-Treasurer, the Chair will be responsible for the execution of the Secretary-Treasurer's duties.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings of the section in the absence of the chair and shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to the office.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all minutes of meetings and other records of the section and shall maintain a record of and safely keep any funds belonging to the section.

Article VI

Duties of Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have full power and authority in the interval between meetings of the section to do all acts and perform all functions which the section itself might perform, except that it shall have no power to amend these By-Laws.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the section shall be held at regular intervals, at such places and on such days as shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. All members of the section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All binding action of the section shall be by a majority vote of the members present.

Article VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 1. These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval by the members of the section present at any regular meeting and upon approval by the Board of Directors of the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Section 2. No action of this section, or of any committee of the section shall be promulgated or publicized in any way without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors of the Hennepin County Bar Association, and no action taken by this section or a committee thereof shall be considered the action of the Association unless it has been approved or authorized by the said Board of Directors.

Article IX

Amendment

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the section by a majority of the members present provided written notice of the proposed changes has been given to the membership five (5) days in advance of the meeting, together with a notice of the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered. Such amendment shall not be effective until approved by the Board of Directors of the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Section 2. The Hennepin County Bar Association and its Board of Directors shall have the power to require these By-Laws to be amended, altered or changed from time to time to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and policies of the Association.