



2021 Roger L. Williams National Regulators College

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The Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators

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2021 Course Curriculum & Schedule

College Deans:

**Honorable Karl Aumann
Chairman, Maryland WCC**

**Beth Harkins
Commissioner, Mississippi WCC**

Monday December 13, 2021

Hall of Cities – New York & New Orleans

Continental Breakfast: 8:00am – 8:45am

Session 1: 8:45am – 9:00am

“Workers’ Compensation 101: A History & Overview”

**Presenters: Honorable Karl Aumann, Maryland WCC
Beth Aldridge, Mississippi WCC**

Welcome, Introduction and overview of topics to be covered & issues discussed during seminar beginning with a brief history of the origins of the state programs.

Session 2: 9:00am – 10:00am

Topic / Title: “Insurance Coverage Issues – An Employer Focus”

Moderators / Presenters: Susan Schulte (NCCI), Tom Glasson (AIG)

Description: Various Insurance Coverage issues/options will be explained and discussed including Voluntary Market, Self-Insurance, Large Deductibles, PEO’s, Captives, Residual Market / Assigned Risk Pools, & State Funds.

10:00am – 10:15am

Monday Morning Refreshment Break

Session 3: 10:15am – 11:00am

Topic / Title: “Insurance Coverage Issues – An Employee Focus”

Moderators / Presenters: Susan Schulte (NCCI) & Tom Glasson (AIG)

Description: Various Coverage issues/options will be explained and discussed including, Retroactive Legislation, Covered Employees, Independent Contractor, Impact of a 1099 & How Payment Is Issued, Undocumented Workers, Exempt Employees and more.

Session 4: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Topic / Title: Insolvency & Bankruptcy...What You Need To Know

Presenter(s): Gary Davis (KY), Jack Reale (GA), Charles Hough (AL), & Brian Gee (FL)

Description: Insolvencies and bankruptcies will occur...how you have prepared and how you respond will determine how successful you will be in “managing” the event ...including staying out of the news.

12:00pm -1:00pm Lunch Provided for All Students & Presenters

Session 5: 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Topic / Title: Compliance & Fraud – 30,000 Foot Overview

Presenter: Andrew Sabolic, Asst. Director, Florida WCC

Join Andrew Sabolic as he shares how Florida encourages compliance throughout the industry providing services to employers of all sizes.

Session 6: 11th Annual National Regulators Roundtable

Crystal Ballroom G1 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Moderator: Honorable Melodie L. Belcher, GA State Board of Workers’ Comp

Joint Reception: College & NAWCJ / 5:00pm - 6:00pm

All Students & Presenters Are Invited

Tuesday December 14, 2021 Hall of Cities – New York / New Orleans

Continental Breakfast: 7:45am – 8:45am

Session 6: 8:45am – 10:00am

Topic / Title: The Roger L. Williams college is pleased to incorporate the “Live Surgery” session presented by WCI as part of the College Curriculum for 2020.

See WCI agenda for location & details.

10:00 –10:10am Monday Morning Refreshment Break

Session 7: 10:10am – 11:10am

Topic / Title: Medical Fee Schedules & Formularies

Presenters: Bob Swisher (KEMI) & Wes Marshall (VA)

A discussion of the administrative challenges and political realities of implementing and updating medical fee schedules and formularies. Former KY Commissioner Bob Swisher and current General Counsel for KEMI (Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance) teams up with Virginia Commissioner and SAWCA President Wes Marshall to share their recent real-world experience in the process and issues involved with fee schedules and formularies.

Session 8: 11:10am – Noon

Topic / Title: Will the Controversial Become the Norm?

Speaker: Greg Gilbert, Chief Reimbursement and Government

Relations Officer for Concentra

A discussion of challenging medical issues including Telemedicine, Robotic Process Automation/Artificial Intelligence (RPA/AI), & Non-opioid Pain Management Alternatives.

Noon – 1:00pm Lunch Provided

Session 9: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Topic / Title: Information Technology – A Comparative Panel

Moderator: Karl Aumann, Chairman of the Maryland Worker's Compensation Commission

Panelists: *Industry and regulatory leaders in information technology join Karl Aumann for a comprehensive discussion on the issues that arise when you build/revamp your outdated system to accommodate the technological needs of your agency, industry stakeholders, and the citizens you serve.*

2:30pm – 2:45pm Tuesday Afternoon Refreshment Break

Session 10: 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Topic / Title: "Political Challenges & Realities Of Agency Leadership"

Presenters:

Dwight Lovan, Former KY Commissioner & SAWCA President

Scott Beck, Former South Carolina Legislator & SAWCA President and the current Chair of the South Carolina WCC.

An interactive discussion focused on the political and bureaucratic realities of leading a state agency covering personnel issues, public relations, Legislative and Executive Branch communications, ethics and more.

Session 11: 3:45pm – 4:15pm

“Developing Tools, Resources, & Networks”

Presenters: Honorable Karl Aumann, Maryland WCC

Beth Aldridge, Mississippi WCC

Our College Deans provide an overview of the various national, regional, and statewide associations that exist to support the workers' compensation industry concluding the program with an open discussion of workers' compensation issues.