



IAIABC Committee Week: Meeting Summaries **April 27 – May 1, 2020**

When The IAIABC Forum was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IAIABC responded by hosting “IAIABC Committees Week” where IAIABC committees met virtually all in one week. Following are summaries of each committee’s meeting. If you are interested in learning more about each committee, visit their webpage on the IAIABC website at www.iaiaabc.org/committees.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors received and accepted the 2019 audit report. IAIABC President, Evelyn McGill, gave a presentation on her participation in the ISSA Technical Seminar on Digitalization held in Kuala Lumpur. The program highlighted new forms of work and how social security programs, including occupational accident insurance programs, must adapt to support health and safety for all workers. The Board discussed Association operations and activities for 2020 and how they may be impacted by COVID-19 including strategies for hosting the 106th Convention in September. Additionally, the Board held a jurisdictional roundtable to identify topics and issues they were currently facing.

Disability Management and Return to Work Committee: The Committee discussed updates on its paper, “A How-to Guide for Injury and Work Disability Prevention,” which will be published shortly. The Committee is considering changing its name and mission to align with current terminology, literature, and perspectives on disability. A new Committee project idea involving the development of educational modules on return to work with a focus on best practices and stakeholder roles and responsibilities was vetted.

Dispute Resolution Committee: The Dispute Resolution Committee continued the tradition of having a spotlight presentation on a jurisdictional dispute resolution system. During this meeting, Hon. David Langham presented on and answered questions about the dispute resolution system in Florida. Participants also engaged in a roundtable to discuss COOP for the future and COVID-19 issues and responses. This discussion touched on challenges, use of technology (for hearing and mediations), and lesson learned. The Committee discussed judicial topics to guide the formation of a judicial program this fall that the IAIABC will again co-host with the NAWCJ.

EDI Claims Committee: The EDI Claims Committee met on Monday, April 27, 2020. A status of all pending and recently approved Issue Resolution Requests was provided. The State of Missouri introduced a request for Accident Site information that is needed for their implementation of Release 3.1. The group reviewed the existing legacy claim guidelines and the need to look at restricting what can be required on a UR transaction. An XML project update was provided.

EDI Council: The EDI Council heard reports from each of the EDI Committees. An EDI Training Status was provided along with EDI Membership and Financial Summary reports. The annual election of EDI Council chairs was completed with both incumbents, David Sprick and Harte Pricer, reelected for second terms. The final deliverables for the IAIABC Claims Release 3.1 XML Standard were approved and sent to the IAIABC Board of Directors for adoption.

EDI Medical ProPay Committee: A presentation of electronic payment options was provided to the committee by Tina Greene and Sherry Wilson. The committee would like to create a best practice

or model rule for electronic payment to guide states writing rule language. A Federal update was provided which included the status of attachments and COVID-19 support. The committee talked about the need to add IAIABC DN0437 Employee Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to the EDI Medical Standard.

EDI Proof of Coverage Committee: The committee heard updates from the jurisdictions present. The State of Oregon talked about their need to collect PEO Federal ID Number for clients having only a PEO policy. A new POC data element will be required and is pending WCIO approval to add to WCPOLS. An XML update was provided that included a timeline for the development of a future POC IAIABC XML standard. The committee also discussed the use and reliability of the Number of Employees data element. A WCIO update was provided which included an update on the new injury codes for COVID-19.

EDI Systems Committee: A status of all pending projects was provided along with an XML project update. The committee reviewed changes that are proposed to the Sequencing Table. The group also reviewed changes that have been made to the Claims Trading Partner Tables.

EDI XML Task Group: An XML Project update was provided. The XML Quality Assurance team reviewed all of the XML deliverables during the meeting. The feedback, timeline, and next steps were discussed along with a future project to create an IAIABC XML standard for Proof of Coverage.

International Committee: The International Committee invited Evelyn McGill, IAIABC President and Executive Director of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, to give a presentation on her time at the ISSA Technical Seminar on Digitalization in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (February 2020). Jennifer Wolf, IAIABC Executive Director, provided an update on the AUVA meeting she attended and presented at in December of 2019. The COVID-19 roundtable began with a presentation from Gleb Pavlov on the Social Insurance Fund of the Russian Federation's response to the pandemic. Topics that were discussed during the roundtable included challenges of moving to remote operations, state of the economy, impact on gig workers, and access to care and supply chain concerns.

Medical Issues Committee: The Medical Issues Committee heard a presentation on the health and safety implications of sleepiness and fatigue on workers. Discussion centered on strategies employers could implement to reduce risks by supporting workers. The Committee is finalizing a discussion paper on medical fee schedules. The paper examines policy choices and consequences in fee schedule methodology, maintenance, and stakeholder engagement. The Committee also addressed healthcare policy in response to COVID-19 including emergency guidance on telehealth and the possible impacts of delayed access to providers during shelter-in-place.

Regulation Committee: The Regulation Committee heard an update on a project to create a user-friendly resource for injured workers and reviewed the general FAQ answers that the workgroup came up with. Sally Coen from Oregon provided an update on the responses to a recent survey on PEOs and provided next steps for the PEO subcommittee. The Committee followed with a roundtable to discuss challenges processing claims, maintaining regulatory processes, presumptions, and virtual hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Research and Standards Committee: Jurisdictions discussed how they are using data to drive COVID-19 policy, with jurisdictions sharing updates in claims volume and tracking of COVID-19 claims. Susan Schulte and Jeff Eddinger shared ways NCCI is tracking COVID-19 data. The Committee

discussed the publication of its Claims Measures Survey, 2016 data, with data visualization provided by NIOSH. Project 19 continued forward with ideas on how to get more responses from jurisdictions.