

# 2019

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

THAT'S A WRAP!

### ASIA 2019 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE

Head over to our ASIA Facebook page to view our conference recap video & pictures!

<https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasSelfInsuredAssociationAsia/>

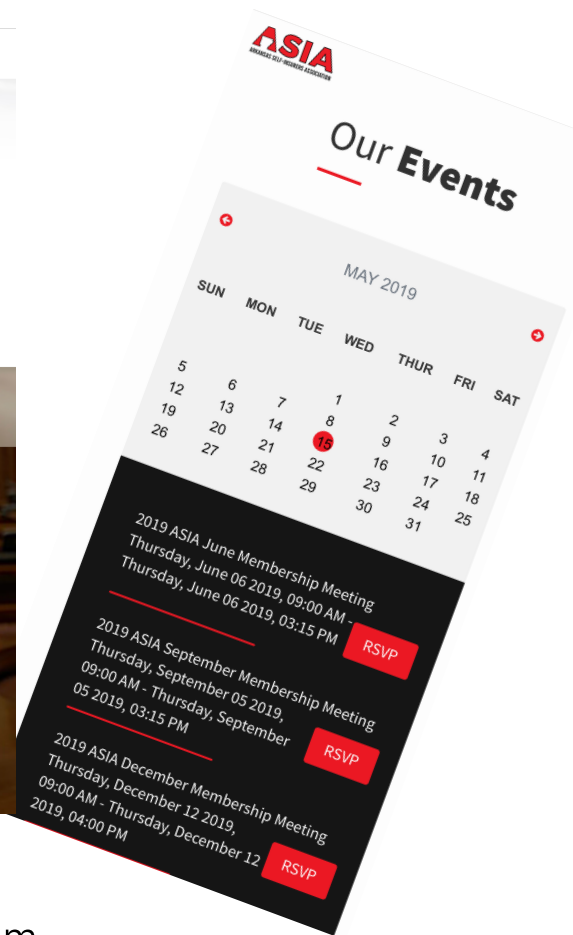
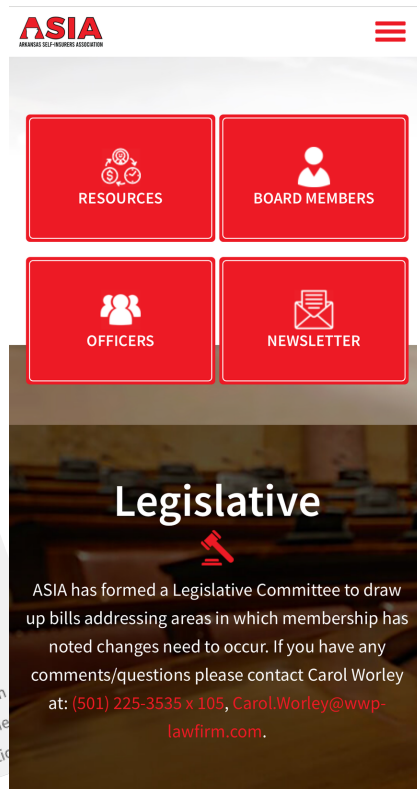


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# CHECK OUT OUR NEW **ASIA** WEBSITE



[info@arkselfinsure.com](mailto:info@arkselfinsure.com)

<https://arkselfinsure.com/>



## Whats new?!

- RSVP for events and add them directly to your calendar.
- Sign up to receive and view our quarterly newsletters.
- View our conference photos and recap video!
- So much more!!



# A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ASIA Members,

It has been a great year so far. The Annual Conference went extremely well and we received a lot of great feedback. Leslie Ballard has done a fantastic job as Executive Director. She continues to make tweaks and works hard to provide the best for our membership. We look forward to trying some new things and working to continue benefits to our membership.

We hope to see you at our next General Membership meeting on June 6th!

Our legislative team worked very hard in this session. We are very thankful to them for the voice they are providing. We will continue working for you on legislation and invite you to read the below update from Carol Worley.

Sincerely,

Phillip Scoggins, President

## ASIA June Membership Meeting

**RSVP TODAY:**

<https://arkselfinsure.com/rsvp/5>

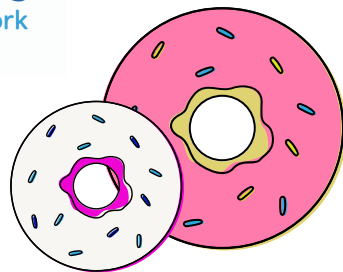
**SAVE THE DATE:** THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH  
**TIME:** 9:00AM-3:15PM  
**LOCATION:** ASSOCIATION OF AR COUNTIES (AAC)  
1415 W. THIRD STREET  
LITTLE ROCK, AR

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# Legislative Committee Update

**AISA Legislative Committee  
Carol Worley, Nathan Culp, Katie Bodenhamer and Karen McKinney**

Despite our efforts this year and our thinking that all the stars were aligning for us, our bill was not successful this session. In the end, we only had 35 votes for the bill. We needed twice that many.

By way of history, when our original bill failed to make it out of committee we refiled HB1955 with compromise language that provided for no less than one-half (rather than 1/3) of the net proceeds go to the claimant. We passed out of Committee with that. However, it failed to pass on the House Floor vote.

We had opposition from the Arkansas Bar Association, the Arkansas Trial Lawyer's Association and a lot of the legislators themselves. Several Representatives got on the House Floor and spoke against the bill with a lot of inaccurate information. Even some legislators who had voted for our bill last session and had voted for our current bill to pass out of committee didn't vote for it on the Floor. We also thought we had an agreement with the AWCC with regard to the bill, but that turned out not to be the case. It came out the night before the vote that they were taking a neutral position regarding the bill and that seemed to send the message that they didn't support it. The ATLA lawyers and ABA testified at the Committee meetings and put out significant inaccurate information that created great confusion as to the purpose of the bill. In short, we didn't succeed in our efforts.

The Board has discontinued our arrangement with the lobbyists and is looking at different ways to approach the legislature next session. We are open to suggestions and ideas on how to go about this. We will keep the membership apprised of our actions and, as always, will continue to represent you through our advocating, planning, education, and legislative efforts. We continue to invite all of our members to become involved and assist in these endeavors.

**Carol Worley, Attorney at Law**



## HEADS UP



**ASIA will be hosting our **September 5th, 2019** Membership Meeting at **ArcBest** in Fort Smith, Arkansas.**

**2019 ASIA Conference Nursing Hours Are Approved!**  
**Collect your Certificate by emailing [Leslie.Ballard@jmsconsulting.net](mailto:Leslie.Ballard@jmsconsulting.net).**



**2019 KIDS' CHANGE OF ARKANSAS  
15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**June 3, 2019**  
**Chenal Country Club**  
**Lunch @ 11 am, Shotgun start @ 12:30**

Email Chuck McCauley for more information [chuck\\_mccauley@corvel.com](mailto:chuck_mccauley@corvel.com)

**Kids' Chance of Arkansas**

# 2018 ASIA Officers & Board Members



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