

# Save The Date

## April 17th-19th, 2019



### Workers' Compensation Conference

# Tune In



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### JOIN US IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS FOR THE 2019

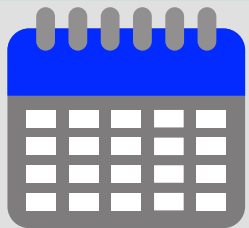
### WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE

Get ready to decorate your booth with your favorite TV show  
Choose the show that best fits your business and have fun with it!



Do you know a Safety professional that would like a free pass to the  
2019 workers' compensation conference? Have them contact Leslie Ballard today!

### Conference Registration Opens Soon



## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2018 Membership Meetings:

Thursday, September 6th  
Thursday, December 13th

**Kids' Chance of AR  
Bowling Tournament**  
Tuesday, October 16th

#### 2019 Membership Meetings:

Thursday, June 6th 2019  
Thursday, September 5th 2019  
Thursday, December 12th 2019

**2019 Workers' Compensation  
Conference Hot Springs, AR**  
April 17-19 2019

## September Membership Meeting

SAVE THE DATE:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

TIME:

9:00AM-4:15PM

LOCATION:

ASSOCIATION OF AR COUNTIES (AAC)  
1415 W. THIRD STREET  
LITTLE ROCK, AR

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# A NOTE FROM OUR VP

ASIA Membership,

As we approach the second half of 2018 we look forward to continuing our representation of self-insured employers in the state of Arkansas. In April we had our annual educational conference which went very well. We had more attendees than we have had in several years.

Over the next coming years we believe this conference will become bigger and better. This newsletter includes some of the changes that will be made. We are currently exploring other options for the conference and any input you might have would be appreciated. This year we have welcomed a new Executive Director, Leslie Ballard. She has a lot of ideas and excitement that is contagious. If you have any suggestions please feel free to email her at: [Leslie.Ballard@jmsconsulting.net](mailto:Leslie.Ballard@jmsconsulting.net).

We continue to keep our eyes on legislation and our lobbyist continues to give voice for self-insured employers. We will give further update on any legislative activities as the year goes on.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next two membership meetings in September and December.

We truly appreciate your support as members as we truly could not do this without you.

Phillip Scoggins, ASIA VP

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**Don't Miss This!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bowling for AR Kids**

**Let's Strike Up Some Fun at Our First  
Kids' Chance of Arkansas Bowling Tournament**

**Save the Date October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Starts at 12:00**

\$400 per Team includes:

- Up to 5 Member teams
- Food Included
- Special Designed Kids Chance shirts
- Super Special Trophies
- Photo Booth and more



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The Insurance Department has begun ruling promulgation on the pharmacy benefit manager legislation. Although it will not directly impact ERISA plans, we think many ASIA members anticipate there will be at least some ripple that will affect drug pricing. We will be monitoring the rule process and keep you updated.

Legislators are largely focused on the activities of the Tax Reform Task Force and the election cycle.

The other employment issue (though not WC related), of course, is the minimum wage ballot initiative. It is currently in the signature gathering stage.



We have details on the AWCC Rule 099.41 that went into effect on 7/1/18.

As you all know, ASIA has retained the lobbying services of Ted and Julie Mullenix to assist with efforts to have some positive legislative movement to benefit Arkansas employers associated with workers' compensation issues. In light of the recent reduction in workers' compensation premiums announced by the Governor, we're not expecting a lot of attention to workers' compensation issues this upcoming session. In light of this, the ASIA Board is focusing on the 450 week cap on Death & Permanent Total benefits. As you know, the legislature abolished the Death and P&T Fund back in 2016 for claims filed after June 30, 2019. The new legislation provides that the employer at the time of the compensable injury will be liable for all permanent disability benefits including permanent and total and death benefits for any claims filed after June 30, 2019. The ASIA Board will be seeking a cap on employers' liability of 450 weeks for death and permanent total disability injuries. Medical benefit entitlement will not be affected by the proposed change. There are some collateral employer related issues that we are monitoring but nothing directly related to workers' compensation is on the radar at this time. If you become aware of any issue throughout the session that you believe will have an impact on workers' compensation issues, please bring it to our attention.

AWCC Rule 099.41 went into effect on 7/1/18. Below is a link to Rule 099.41. If you click the words "Drug Formulary" on the first page in BLUE, it is a link that will take you to PECD's website with links to the Chronic Formulary and the Acute Formulary. This Rule applies the Acute Formulary only at this time and applies to claims with injury data on or after July 1, 2018. This is the list of meds that will be affected by Rule 099.41. There is also a list of FAQ on the AWCC web site along with bullet points and a power point presentation that explain the Rule.

[http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/rules/rule099\\_41.pdf](http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/rules/rule099_41.pdf)

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