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Message From Our President

Dear Members,

Wow, can you believe we are halfway through 2026? I sure can't. The older I get, the faster it goes. Your ASIA Board has been doing some great things behind the scenes. We have been working on the Rule 30 changes that Carol is going to give you more details on below. We are also working on some proposed legislation for 2027. Stay tuned. I am so proud of the work that the Board has been doing. A big thank you to Carol Worley, Karen McKinney, Phillip Scoggins, Bryna Mitchell, Misty Petrus, Nathan Culp, Faye Lockett, Eli Singer, Shannon Newton and Mary Fletcher. They are a great group of people working on behalf of all of the self-insureds in the state of Arkansas. Also, a Huge Thank You to Melinda Cox, our Executive Director. She did a fantastic job of putting on the Conference in Hot Springs. What a success. It was the largest attendance in Hot Springs in a long time, maybe ever.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on September 10th at George's Home Office in Springdale. Melinda is working on an agenda and will send it out soon. Best to you all and let's keep Arkansas a great place for all of us. Thanks

Sincerely,

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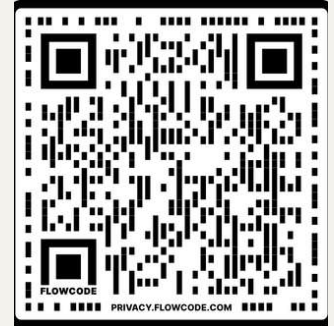
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Legislative Committee

The Rule 099.30 (now 11 CAR 25-125) revision committee has met several times in what have turned out to be rather contentious meetings. We are working toward 15 or so proposed changes to Rule 099.30 and the Fee Schedule, but the proposals are not yet finalized.



As I understand it, once the committee completes its work, the recommendations will move to the AWCC CEO, Secretary Bassett, and the Governor for review and approval. After approval at those levels, the AWCC plans to hold several public meetings - both in Little Rock and NWA - to present the proposed changes and gather public input/comment.

Your board is also working on proposed legislative initiatives to bring to the 2027 session. I have a meeting with the State Chamber committee later this month to continue that work. At this stage, labor/ATLA have a proposed wish list, and your board has created our own list of potential legislative proposals. I will continue to share updates as these efforts progress. If you have any recommendations on any issues you think we should consider, please feel free to email me.

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Save The Date

September Membership Meeting
Date: 9/10/26
Location: Springdale, AR

December Membership Meeting
Date: 12/3/26
Location: Little Rock, AR

ASIA's Annual Workers Compensation Conference
Dates: 4/7/27 and 4/8/27
Location: Rogers, AR

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