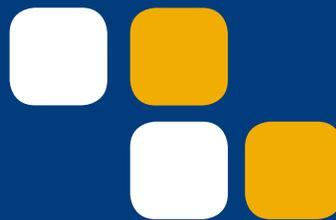


# Work Comp Connection



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## Director Karns Elected to IAIABC Executive Committee

Director Larry Karns, was elected to the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) 2013-2014 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee provides strategic leadership and financial oversight for the Association and is comprised of ten agency executives and the Chair of the Associate Member Council. The fourteen member board shapes IAIABC initiatives to “advance the efficiency and effectiveness of workers’ compensation systems throughout the world.”

IAIABC is a not-for-profit association representing most of the government agencies charged with the administration of workers’ compensation systems throughout the U.S., Canada, and other nations and territories as well as other workers’ compensation professionals in the private sector.

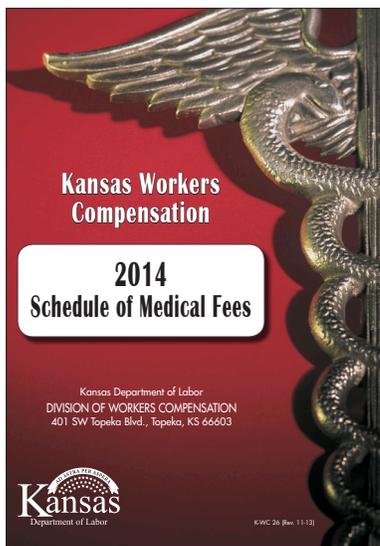
## The Ombudsman/Claims Advisory

The Division offers Ombudsmen who specialize in aiding injured workers, employers and insurance professionals by providing claims information and assisting with problems arising from job related injuries and illnesses. Ombudsmen act in an impartial manner and can provide general information about current issues within the workers compensation system. Ombudsmen will have current information on changes made to the law due to legislation, or decisions made by the Workers Compensation Appeals Board, the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. They can also assist with specific issues and current workers compensation claims.

Ombudsmen provide information to employees, employers, attorneys, insurance carriers and agents, healthcare providers and others on a wide range of topics and issues concerning workers compensation.

They work with employers and insurance carriers who may need information to post a Workers Compensation notice, provide required information to an injured worker, make timely submission of accident reports and appropriate payment of medical services, determine election information, understand and explain death benefit requirements, handle dispute resolution or need assistance for Spanish speaking workers and more.

Discover more about Ombudsman services at [www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/ombuds.aspx](http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/ombuds.aspx) or contact a representative at [wc@dol.ks.gov](mailto:wc@dol.ks.gov).

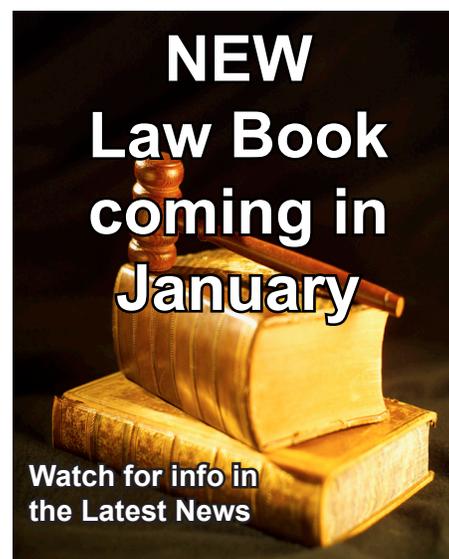


## 2014 Medical Fee Schedule Online Reminder

The 2014 Kansas Workers Compensation Schedule of Medical Fees is now online. The Schedule of Medical Fees website also has the Quick Reference Table online search engines.

The 2008 to 2012 editions of the Schedule of Medical fees will continue to be available for convenience in billing services provided between Jan. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2013.

The Quick Reference Table online search engine is still available and is upgraded with the new 2014 values. The versions of the Web application using 2008 to 2012 values will continue to be available online.





## Who's Working For You?

AnaMaria Chavez is originally from Phoenix, Arizona. She began employment in the Division's Ombudsman Unit in Topeka in 2009. She was transferred to the Judge's office in Wichita where she currently works as office manager and liaison between the Wichita and Topeka office. Although employed in Wichita, she continues to complete various reports for the Topeka-based Ombudsman and Rehabilitation Units.

Ana is currently enrolled to obtain a BA in Criminal Justice.

## What's Happening in Division News?

Find the *Latest News* about legislative updates, Division web launches, notices to insurance providers, injured workers, employers and other news in the right column on the Workers Compensation [website](#). Monitor this site to find out what's new.

## Get the Latest Work Comp News Online



## Fast Facts

The Wichita office has moved to 226 N. Main Street. The main phone number has changed to (316) 267-9510. The fax number has changed to (316) 267-1930.

A complete list of 2014 Workers Compensation Appeals Board Hearing Dates and Locations can be found at [www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/WebBoardHearing.aspx](http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/WebBoardHearing.aspx).

If you are an injured worker, attorney, insurance carrier or employer and you would like to request records on file with the Division, please download one of the Request for Records forms at [www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/ResearchApplications.aspx](http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/ResearchApplications.aspx).



Electronic filing of accident reports is now required. All insurance carriers, group pools and self-insured employers are required to use Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Release 3 Standards to file both First and Subsequent Reports of Injury with KDOL Division of Workers Compensation. See K.A.R. 51-9-17 and [www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/edinews.aspx](http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/edinews.aspx) for more information or contact [David.Sprick@dol.ks.gov](mailto:David.Sprick@dol.ks.gov) or [Robert.Soria@dol.ks.gov](mailto:Robert.Soria@dol.ks.gov).

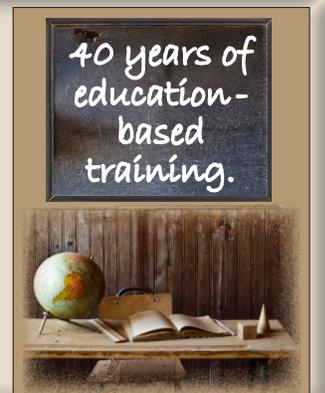


Email [WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov](mailto:WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov) about 2014 Exhibit Space

## 40th Annual WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 2014

OVERLAND PARK  
KANSAS  
CONVENTION CENTER



## General Session Changes at the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar

In response to attendee requests, time spent in general sessions at the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2014 will change from 90 to 60 minutes. The changes mean sessions will begin 15-minutes earlier in order to keep continuing education credits at optimum levels.

Topics under consideration at the 2014 seminar will include, *Prevailing Factor, Initial Injury and Natural Consequence of the Same, Work Disability and Functional Capacity Evaluations, The 6th Edition AMA Guides, The Affordable Care Act and Workers Compensation and Medicare Set Asides Conditional Payments.*

Watch for online registration and agenda at [www.dol.ks.gov/workcomp/seminar.aspx](http://www.dol.ks.gov/workcomp/seminar.aspx) beginning July 2014. To request notifications of seminar announcements by email, contact [Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov](mailto:Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov).