

Work Comp Connection



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Division Administrator Elected President of IAIABC Central States Association

Carol Cast, the Division's Public Resources Administrator, was elected President of the [International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions \(IAIABC\) Central States Association \(2015-2016\)](#) at a recent conference held in Madison, Wis. The central region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

IAIABC is a not-for-profit trade association representing government agencies charged with the administration of workers' compensation systems throughout the United States, Canada and other nations and territories.



Online registration to attend the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar will open on July 9!



Travel Rate Change for Injured Workers

Travel by injured workers to obtain medical services on or after July 1, 2015, shall be reimbursed at the rate of 57 cents per mile. The mileage reimbursement rate for state officers and employees is 57 cents per mile effective July 1, 2015.

[K.S.A. 44-515 \(a\)](#) provides that mileage to obtain medical services is reimbursed at the rate prescribed for state officers and employees pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3203a. K.A.R. 51-9-11 provides that all round trips of over five miles to obtain medical services are reimbursable as medical mileage as provided by K.S.A. 44-515 (a).

American Express and Service Charge Reminder

American Express will be included as a payment option when registering to attend the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on September 29 and 30, 2015.

Cost to attend the seminar is \$160 for two-day registration and \$100 for single day. For security purposes the Kansas Department of Labor will use KanPay to process attendee credit card payments. A 2.5 percent service charge will be added to the total amount of purchase made by credit card this year.

Attendees will receive a KanPay receipt of payment (which will reflect the 2.5 percent service charge) and a *Seminar Registration Confirmation* (if paying by credit card online) or a *Notification of Registration* (if paying by credit card and mailing registration).

The *Seminar Registration Confirmation* and the *Notification of Registration* will contain your *Group ID* needed to download handouts.



The DigiComp May Report

The month of May had the DigiComp Team reviewing all the information received from our "Request for Information" and demonstrations as well as what we learned from the Kansas Courts we visited. All of the key lessons learned are being compiled and written into requirements for our new system. The team met with most of the Division's business units in May to develop "business requirements" for the new system. The information gathered from these meetings, workshops and interviews will be incorporated into the actual requirements, both business and technical, for the new Kansas Division of Workers Compensation (KDWC) information management system.

Due to the cost of storing and retrieving paper files, the Steering Committee has begun looking into the possibility of a back scanning project to convert all paper files into digital images for storage and retrieval.

For full update check out the May report on the [DigiComp webpage](#) under [Timeline](#).



2015 Legal Track Sessions

Attorneys and others attending the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on September 29 and 30 can expect a variety of legal topics.

Day one sessions will include:

- **The Work Comp Digitization Project (DigiComp)**, presented by Larry Karns, Director, Division of Workers Compensation
- **Case Law Updates**, presented by Jan Fisher, McCullough, Wareheim and LaBunker, PA, and Dallas Rakestraw, JD, Director, McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, PA
- **Medicare and Medicaid**, presented by Stephanie J. Wilson, JD, Wilson Elder Law, LLC

Day two sessions will include:

- **Calculation**, presented by Gary Korte, JD, Workers Compensation Appeals Board Member, Division of Workers Compensation
- **Legal Ethics I - Technology, Social Media and the Rules of Professional Responsibility**, presented by Kip Kubin, JD, member, Bottaro, Kubin and Yocum, PC
- **Legal Ethics II - Recent Ethics Developments**, presented by, Stanton A. Hazlett, JD, Disciplinary Administrator, Disciplinary Administrator's Office

Attorneys and others can attend both days or purchase a single day registration. Questions about the seminar and its sessions can be sent to WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.

