

Work Comp Connection

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OSCAR's Three-Month Checkup is A-OK

The Online System for Claims Administration Research/Regulation (OSCAR) project is on schedule for the first three months of construction.

[CapTech Ventures Inc.](#), the vendor building and implementing the OSCAR project and [WorkComp Strategies, LLC](#), the project's consultants, continue to meet with the Workers Compensation Division's Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) over several key areas which include self-insurance and applications and research.



CapTech is close to sharing the data design, the internal requirements of Track 1 and the multiple user stories for Tracks 4-14. User stories are the functional outcomes of requirements, documents, work flow and needs. Tracks are a grouping of the user stories described by SMEs which are placed in systematic order to form a track. The [Ombudsmen](#), [Fraud and Abuse](#) and [Elections](#) areas comprise the first three tracks.



Director Larry Karns at OSCAR meeting with Appeals Board members and ALJs in March.



[Director Larry Karns](#), [Appeals Board members](#) and [Administrative Law Judges \(ALJs\)](#) met Tim Fite from CapTech to discuss judicial requirements in the OSCAR system on March 30. The meeting covered topics which included filing and scheduling a hearing, handling evidence, viewing dockets and how OSCAR will affect court room procedures.

Please send any questions or input to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov.

Speaking for the Lorax Project

Project Lorax, also known as the back scanning project has continued on schedule. The project has been named from *The Lorax* which is a Dr. Seuss children's book that chronicles the plight of the environment and features a character called the Lorax that "speaks for the trees". Staff continue to prep dockets, add divider sheets and box the files that are no longer active from 2011 and 2012.

The dockets will be scanned within the next few months. Once scanned, the documents' digital images will be uploaded to OSCAR. This will allow staff to review dockets while working in OSCAR. Once the non-active files from 2011 and 2012 are completed, staff will continue the project and begin preparation of the 2013 dockets that are no longer active.

Please send questions or input about Lorax to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov.

Want to know more about OSCAR?

Send an email to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov and ask to receive the **Quarterly OSCAR Update.**



Photos from Lorax Project



**Reserve a booth for the 43rd Annual
Workers Compensation Seminar**
WCseminar@dol.ks.gov

2017 Securing New Continuing Education

The 43rd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 26 and 27 is in the process of securing continuing education credits for licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants licensed in Kansas and Kansas Occupational Therapists and Certified Occupational Therapist Assistants in 2017.

Be sure to monitor the seminar's Web page at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx for information about final award.



43rd Annual WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR

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2017 General Session Topics

Employers, attorneys, nurses, certified case managers and others attending the 43rd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 26 and 27 will discover a wide variety of topics being presented.

General sessions on day one include: Neutral Evaluations presented by Jan Fisher, Dallas Rakestraw and Dr. Jarron Tilghman; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) From the Circumstances Surrounding an Accident presented by Dr. Molly Allen and Ryan Weltz; and Work Disability Thresholds presented by Dr. David Hufford, Judge Bruce Moore and Richard Thomas.

General sessions on day two include: Burns and How to Rate them Under the Sixth Edition presented by James Biggs and Dr. Richard Korentager; Update on Building and Implementation of the Online System for Claims Administration and Research/Regulation (OSCAR) presented by Matthew Bryant; and Orthopedic Surgery and Permanent Restrictions presented by Douglas Hobbs, Mike Snider and Dr. Justin Strickland.

Online registration opens in mid-July at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx.

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