

SOAR meeting
July 13, 2021
1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll Call of Officers was taken and all present except for Secretary Susan Walt and Trustee Joe Coates.

Jerry announced that the member dues have been waived for 2021 and will begin again in January of 2022. The Executive Board had discussed wearing masks and at present have decided that it is optional for members attending meetings and no refreshments until further notice.

Treasurer Geri Hendren announced that we have \$3,087.48 in our treasury.

Jerry introduced Attorney Clay McCormack, who reported on the asbestos claim process. Our members had signed contracts that the attorney fees would be at 45% with no expenses to any individual. When the claims were processed by Wilson & Hiatt, asbestos exposure attorneys, they were taking 40% and any expenses were to be paid by responsible member. Only those members who had to pay any out-of-pocket expenses will be sent a letter with a corrected amount. Any new or additional claims would be at the contracted 45% with no out-of-pocket expenses.

Most of these claims are at a level 2 or 3 exposure. Medicare may claim reimbursement for lung related claims previously paid through Medicare. Twenty-nine percent of the amount paid out is held for Medicare subrogation. If members receive letters from Medicare, they are to contact the attorneys.

Clay also advised any individuals who were tested but then later develop more serious issues to be retested and to let their firm know of any changes. He also will provide additional forms to be filled out by anyone who did not do this before. The only stipulation is that the person had to work 6 months before December 1982. He also encouraged members to let anyone in other industries know about the testing. There will be retesting done at a later date. Discussion of various questions followed.

Meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Meier, Pro-tem