For all of those who do so much for so many, the 2017 MWCEA Conference will offer a program that highlights the superheroes in the Workers’ Compensation community.

Learn about working with people from difference generations and perspectives, as our Keynote Speaker discusses a better understanding of the multigenerational nature of the workforce and how to bridge the gaps.

This year’s conference will leap into the future with a variety of topics, from defining the evolving boundaries of work, to panel discussions concerning the use of social media.

There will also be informative presentations describing novel approaches to treatment, such as regenerative medicine.

In addition, we will have a group of experts weigh in on the complexities of the brain-injured patient.

We will continue the recently launched pre-reception meeting, one hour prior to the opening reception that is exclusively for claims professionals and attorneys. This will provide the unique opportunity to interact in a congenial and relaxed atmosphere.

Bring your Superhero costumes and be sure to enter or sponsor the Heroes & Villians Costume Contest Tuesday evening, as the Deviations will once again rock out the night at a networking event which promises to be memorable.

Make plans to attend today! We sincerely hope you will enjoy the 2017 Conference!

**Keynote Speaker**

**Decoding the Generations...Shira Harrington**

Shira Harrington is a Human Resources expert who founded Purposeful Hire to pursue her life’s passion—helping people and businesses connect for their mutual benefit and work towards the future they deserve.

The American workforce has four divergent generations in today’s workplace—employers and employees are constantly dealing with growing gaps in multigenerational perceptions of appropriate workplace behavior.

With so many generations in the workplace, employers and staff face new challenges, including: coping with different work ethics, values, expectations of work-life balance, approaches to teamwork, communication styles, and relationships to authority, just to name a few.

New entrants to the workforce are increasingly accustomed to a global, technology-driven environment, while not-so-techno-savvy Baby Boomers are facing new economic realities and delaying retirement.

Every generation has a contribution to make, when we take the time to be compassionate and understand a situation from different perspectives our work lives are more fulfilling and our company culture becomes stronger.

A volunteer leader in HR communities, Shira has served extensively with Washington DC area groups and remains dedicated to the value of ongoing professional development. She is a woman on a mission to help job seekers too, and her volunteer efforts in the community include working tirelessly to help job seekers come together, learn, and grow in various local groups.
**MWCEA Conference Agenda**

**Sunday, September 17**

2:00 - 8:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION  (Atrium Level)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  PRE-RECEPTION*  (Crystal Ballroom)

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Claims professionals and lawyers are exclusively invited to join us for the “First Things First” pre-reception. This event, held prior to the opening reception, will allow these colleagues to network outside of their daily responsibilities.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  OPENING RECEPTION  (Crystal Ballroom)

SPONSORED BY: Franklin & Prokopik

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**Monday, September 18**

7:00 a.m. - NOON  REGISTRATION  (Atrium Level)

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  (Up and Down Exhibits)

7:00 a.m.  EXHIBITS OPEN

8:45 - 9:15 a.m.  OPENING REMARKS  (Crystal Ballroom)

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME: Dr. Charles J. Thorne, Advanced Medical Management

CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME: Hon. R. Karl Aumann, Workers’ Compensation Commission

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Shira Harrington, Purposeful Hire, Decoding the Generations

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.  KIDS’ CHANCE UPDATE

10:30 a.m.  BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  Regenerative Medicine

“Our ancestors called it magic, but you call it science.” – Thor

This lecture is designed to educate professionals involved in the care of the work-injured patient about the emerging new medical technologies being applied in neuromusculoskeletal disorders. The talk will cover advances in interventional orthopedic regenerative medicine treatments as well as the application of pulsed radiofrequency neuromodulation in the treatment of chronic neuropathic or joint pain. Appropriate indications with regards to common work-related injuries will be discussed.

Moderator: Lynn Staggs, M.D., LifeBridge Pain Physicians at Sinai Hospital

Speaker: Edward T. Soriano, D.O., Sinai Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner: Lauren Godwin

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Ergonomics

“Why do we fall? So we can learn to pick ourselves up?” – Batman

Once an employee is injured, it is often too late to figure out how to minimize the impact it will have on the business and the injured worker. Learn what injuries cost, best practices to minimize injuries and how to respond if and when an injury does occur. A “case study” will be reviewed to “turn back the clock” on a claim for a better outcome for all involved.

Moderator: Matt Drzlik, MS, CWPE, REHAB AT WORK

Panel: Kristin L. Klein, MS, CRC, AIC, ARM, CHSP

Chesapeake Employers’ Insurance Company

Joe Xavier, Summit Sustainability Solutions, LLC

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  Lunch & Learn, Futuristic Work

“To Infinity and Beyond!” – Buzz Lightyear

With the trend progressing for the workplace moving locations away from the ‘home’ office like working from home or traveling to office branches in State or out of State, the issues regarding workers compensation is ever changing. Learn from a panel of experts on how you can protect your clients while doing business at ‘home’ or out of the State. What does the employer need to do in order to protect themselves? What insurance coverage(s) do they need? What questions need to be answered when the claimant comes to the attorney for help to make a claim? What is the proper jurisdiction?

Moderator: Frank L. Lipshultz, Esq., Zauner & Mitmet P.A.

Panel: William C. Batton, Esq., Zauner & Mitmet P.A.

Stanley L. Lipshultz, JD, CPCU

Holly O’Shea, Esq., FutureCare Health & Management

Commissioner: Maureen Quinn

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**Tuesday, September 19**

7:00 a.m. - NOON  REGISTRATION  (Atrium Level)

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  (Exhibits)

7:00 a.m.  EXHIBITS OPEN

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.  New Electronic Employee Claim Form C1 Filing Process

Learn the essential skills to effectively and accurately use the new program before it becomes the mandatory filing process.

Moderator: Joe Zauner, Esq., Zauner & Mitmet P.A.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Traumatic Brain Injuries and Concussions: Medical and Legal Aspects of Workers’ Compensation Claims

“I have much to learn, I know that.” - THOR

Using a case study of a claimant with a traumatic brain injury/concussion, the panel will discuss their approach to assessment, treatment, restoration of functioning and legal issues, including determination of impairment.

Moderator: Michael H. Daney, Esq., Godwin, Erdlandson, & Daney, LLC

Speakers: Barbara Cochran, MD, Neuro Trauma Institute, MSCH

Bruce Rabin, MD, Ph.D., Faculty, Johns Hopkins

James Reed, Esq., Office of James Reed, P.A.

Jason Shultz, Esq., Berman, Sobin, Gross, Feldman & Darby LLP

Commissioner: Delia Schadt

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Early Identification of Potential Barriers to Vocational Rehabilitation

“A new journey to be started, a new promise to be fulfilled, a new page to be written…” – Wonder Woman

Which barriers to re-employment can be surmounted if addressed early in the life of a claim? Join us as we discuss communication between, and assessment by, the parties before the claimant reaches maximum medical improvement, and the Commission’s role in vocational disputes that may arise during this period.

Moderators: Angela Kozlowski, Esq., Franklin & Prokopik

Barry Bernstein, Esq., Semmes


Jamie L. DeSisto, Esq., Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP

Tara Frame, Esq., Frame & Frame, LLC

Commissioner: Cynthia S. Miraglia

10:45 a.m.  PORTH AWARD PRESENTATION

11:00 - 11:15 a.m.  BREAK

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Subrogation and Liens

“It’s a bird, it’s a plane, it’s a lien.” – Superman

Often, knowing whether there is a lien—if you must pay a lien, when, to whom, and how much—is akin to trying to leap a tall building in a single bound. Faster than a speeding bullet, your simple compensation case can turn into kryptonite. Child support liens, Medicare Advantage Programs, and third-party tort actions can produce headaches more powerful than a locomotive. Our not-so-mild mannered speakers will heroically guide you through the obstacles so you can find Truth, Justice, and the Cleverest way to get up, up and away from the complications.

Moderator: Ileen M. Ticer, Esq., Law Office of Ileen M. Ticer

Panel: Jennifer C. Jordan, JD, MSCC, CMS, MEDVAL, LLC

Lori Keel, Child Support Administration

Michael C. Lind, Esq., Macleay & Lind, LLC

Donald P. Maiberger, Anderson & Quinn, LLC

Maria L. Oesterreicher, Esq. Child Support Administration

Commissioner: Jeffrey Weinberg

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10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

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OVERFLOW HOTELS:  
CAROUSEL RESORT  800-641-0011  
PRINCESS ROYALE  800-476-9253

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**Tuesday, September 19, continued**

12:15 - 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH & LEARN: Don’t Get Caught in a Tangled Web**

_"We all have secrets: The ones we keep and the ones that are kept from us."_ – Peter Parker a.k.a. Spider-Man

Join this panel to discuss the impact of social media in today’s workers’ compensation system as it relates to the use of information in the administration, litigation and resolution of the claim. Discussion will include: when and how to approach your clients’ social media postings; what importance does the court really place on this form of evidence; what reality do your social media relationships create for your clients; and to what extent can counsel access social media postings (public or private) and whether such information is “discoverable” or if it can be shared with other parties.

**Moderator:** Matt Peffer, Esq., ChasenBoscolo

**Panel:** Lance Montour, Esq., Humphreys, McLaughlin & McAleer, LLC
Matthew Trollinger, Esq., Trollinger Law, LLC

**Commissioner:** Jeffery Herwig

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Kids’ Chance One Mile Fun Run/Walk**

Help raise money for injured workers’ families by taking a stroll, brisk walk, jog or run for one mile on the beach! Sign up and receive a free tee shirt and join us afterward for hot dogs and prizes! More info can be found at mwcea.com.

_"You can find friends in super unexpected places.”_ – Ms. Marvel

8:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. **MWCEA SUPERHEROES & VILLAINS COSTUME PARTY**

Music by: The Deviations

**Win Prizes!**

**SPONSORED BY:** Dr. Jeffrey D. Gaber & Assoc., PA

Join your friends and colleagues for a SUPER costume party with MWCEA’s own band, The Deviations! Wear a superhero or villain costume to win prizes, get your photo in the MWCEA photo booth, dance the night away and flaunt your cape!

**Wednesday, September 20**

8:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST WITH THE COMMISSIONERS**

_“I’m strong to the fin-ich, cause I eats me spin-ach.”_ – Popeye the Sailor Man

WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION UPDATE

Hon. R. Karl Aumann, Chairman, MD WCC

SPONSORED BY: Cohen, Snyder, Eisenberg & Katzenberg, P.A.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW**

_“With great power, comes great responsibility.”_ – Spider-Man’s Uncle Ben

Hon. Katherine “Kathy” Klausmeier, MD State Senate
Hon. Cheryl D. Glenn, MD House of Delegates
Hon. Kriselda “Kris” Valderrama, MD House of Delegates
James A. Lanier, Esq., Law Offices of Peter T. Nicholl
Pillar Klemans, Esq., Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company
Moderator: Ileen M. Ticer, Esq., Law Office of Ileen M. Ticer

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **RECENT CASES**

_“I seek, not to know the answers, but to understand the questions.”_ – Master Po

Moderator: Edward W. Goldsmith, Esq., MD Subsequent Injury Fund
Panel: Ashlee K. Smith, Esq., Godwin, Erlandson, Vernon & Daney, LLC
Charles S. Schultz, Esq., Berman, Sobin, Gross, Feldman & Darby, LLP

11:00 a.m. **DRAWING FOR PRIZES**

You must be present to win! Limit one prize per attendee!

Presenters: Regina Brown, MD WCC
Andrea Ball, Executive Director, MWCEA

**See you next year!**

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The Maryland Workers' Compensation Educational Association's Annual Conference will offer an official letter of attendance for registered attendees. To receive your attendance certificate, register online at www.mwcea.com and print your confirmation. On-site registration will be available at the Continuing Education Registration Desk located near registration. Attendees must sign in and sign out daily at the CEU table to receive CEU credits. Participants who wish to qualify for CEU credits must sign in and sign out daily at the CEU table located near registration. Attendance will be monitored and strictly enforced. CEU Certificates will be available to qualified participants. VISIT THE REGISTRATION AREA FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND FOR DAILY SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT.

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