Welcome to the MWCEA 35th Annual Conference! Please fasten your seat belts and prepare for lift off, as we have an action-packed adventure to show you: “The New Frontier” in Workers’ Compensation. On behalf of the MWCEA flight crew, we are delighted that you are with us on Flight MWCEA 2019. This year’s conference is highlighted with informative sessions in several aspects of Workers’ Compensation and we also promise to inspire you with a story from the western frontier and the world of rodeo. The 2019 MWCEA keynote speaker Amberley Snyder’s true story of grit and determination to never give up on her dreams encourages us all to have the fortitude to carry on even in the face of adversity.

We will then fast forward into the future with a variety of topics, including a panel discussion with a practicing neurosurgeon and the Commission’s medical director, as they discuss the effect of an injury to the lumbar spine, the preferred methods of treatment, and what’s in store for the future of spinal medicine.

Brush up on your legal knowledge as our multi-jurisdictional panelists will discuss the multi-faceted aspects of workers’ compensation law. Learn about the new trends in vocational rehabilitation and how the workers’ compensation industry has pivoted to meet the expanding needs of this growing landscape.

Our team of legal experts will discuss the grave importance of provisions and regulations for claims and how ignoring them can adversely impact the outcome of those involved. Hear from experts on what’s new in the world of investigative surveillance, and impending changes looming on the horizon.

Be among some of the first to get a sneak preview of the Commission’s new electronic claims processing system, and learn about the inner workings of short-term disability, family leave, ADA and workers’ compensation and you how they all fit together.

Lastly, don’t forget to pack your favorite alien or astronaut gear for our favorite out-of-this-world, Workers’ Rock band… The Deviations! Our Tuesday night annual gala will feature the MWCEA Aliens & Astronauts Costume Contest so get into your favorite martian gear to win! As always, we hope you will have a blast at this year’s Conference and we look forward to your participation!

**Introducing Our Keynote Speaker...**

**Amberley Snyder - Get Back on the Horse!**

MWCEA’s 2019, Keynote Speaker Amberley Snyder, is a well-known, competitive barrel racer who has been inspiring thousands with her testimony of the 2010 car accident that left the rodeo star a paraplegic at the age of 19.

At the time, she was driving to the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo when she took a moment to look down at a map. With her eyes diverted, her truck moved into the other lane and headed towards a metal beam. When Snyder overcorrected, the truck slid off the road, and she was ejected from the vehicle because she wasn’t wearing a seatbelt. Her body’s impact with a fence post broke her back, and she immediately lost feeling in her legs.

Today, the 28-year-old can’t quantify how many times she competes in a year, and when she’s not on her horse, she’s sharing her story with others online and through multiple speaking engagements recalling her journey to recovery. Her story can be seen in the new Netflix film, *Walk. Ride. Rodeo.*
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Wednesday, September 25

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST WITH THE COMMISSIONERS:
Maryland Workers’ Compensation Commission Update
Hon. R. Karl Aumann, Chairman, MD WCC
Moderator: Lynn A. Staggs, M.D., LifeBridge Health
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9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW
Remarks by legislative members of the Workers’ Compensation Benefit and
Insurance Oversight Committee, and presentation of 2019 proposed and
passed legislation impacting Workers’ Compensation in Maryland.

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are
certain to miss the future.  John F. Kennedy

Moderator: Ileen M. Ticer, Esq., Law Office of Ileen M. Ticer
Panel: James A. Lanier, Esq., Partner, Warnken Law, LLC
Julie D. Murray, Esq., Principal, Semmes
Senator Kathy Klausmeier, Senator Brian Feldman, Delegate Kris Valderrama,
Delegate Cheryl Glenn

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  RECENT CASES: Just When You Thought You
Knew All of the Answers...
Moderator: Edward W. Goldsmith, Esq., MD Subsequent Injury Fund
Panel: Matthew D. Trollinger, Esq. Trollinger Law
W. John Vernon, Esq., Erlandson, Vernon and Daney, LLC

11:00 a.m.  DRAWING FOR PRIZES
You must be present to win! Limit one prize per attendee!
Presenters: Regina Brown, Maryland Workers’ Compensation Commission
Andrea Ball, Executive Director, MWCEA

Exhibitor Information

HOURS:
Monday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Exhibitor Prize Drawings: Wednesday at 11 a.m.
(after the final speaker)

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10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842
Please note: The Clarion hotel requires a SEVEN
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CAROUSEL RESORT  800-641-0011
PRINCESS ROYALE  800-476-9253

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Monday Evening Social: ChasenBoscolo
Tues. Lunch & Learn: Maryland Defense Counsel & Ileen Ticer
Notepad: Health Quest Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
Lanyards: Mid-Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute
Passport to Prizes: ATF Medical
Fun Run: Princess Royale Hotel
Hotel Shuttle: Transcend Services, Inc.
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Monday Photo Booth: GodwinTirocchi, LLC
Tuesday Photo Booth: Erlandson, Vernon & Daney, LLC

Contact us at info@mwcea.com for additional sponsorship opportunities!

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Transcend Services, Inc. is offering a complimentary shuttle service
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The shuttle runs every 15 minutes during the times indicated:
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Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Other times can be requested...

Tuesday Night - Far Out!
featuring:
The Deviations
ALIENS & ASTRONAUTS COSTUME PARTY
September 24
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
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