

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 10, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:10 P.M. at the offices of Radler, Bohy, et al.

Committee members attending or absent were:

Exec Board Member	Present in Person	Present by Phone	Absent	Comments
Bohy, Ronald	X			
Ogawa, Jenny	X			
Chen, Bin	X			
Cole, Norm			X	
Edmunson, James			X	
Chris Frost		X		
Harrell, Tom		X		
Jacobson, Jacqueline	X			
Kate Caldwell	X			
Lesh, Allison	X			
Olney, M. Kathryn		X		
Oswald, John	X			
Parks, Carol			X	
Schoenfeld, Steven	X			
Semple, Keith	X			
Sencer, Nicholas			X	
VavRosky, Dennis	X			

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes for the December 13, 2013 meeting with minor revisions.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson addressed the claimant/defense imbalance that has developed on the EC. Since Allison Lesh joined SAIF, the EC now has 6 defense members and 4 claimants members. The EC agreed that we will not take any immediate action, but will try to correct the imbalance over time as new members are added.

Chair Jacobson reported that she is preparing the initial report for the OSB. The report will state that our goals and objectives are to put on 2 CLE programs a year, continue to increase attorney interest in workers' compensation practice, and address access to justice issues.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported that there were no major changes since the December report, which included the bench bar expenses. We received a thank you note for our \$100 donation to the classroom law project. EC members were asked to submit any expenses from 2013, and we reviewed the criteria for getting expenses reimbursed through OSB. Notably, we must provide a roster of the attendees to obtain reimbursement for lunch. OSB also prefers that vendors bill OSB directly whenever possible.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

Aaron Yarmo will continue as chair, Bin Chin will serve as the EC liaison, and Kate Caldwell will serve as secretary.

Steve Schoenfeld reported that the committee will be presenting proposed statutory language to the EC which would require insurers to pay for interpreters at depositions taken during the reconsideration process.

The group is also following MLAC's access to medical treatment study.

With regard to the attorney referral service fees, the expected concession for the workers' compensation bar is to waive the fee the attorney would pay OSB if the client could prove that they are indigent.

The group is also discussing whether IME training should include cultural sensitivity training.

The committee will meet again in February.

B. Communications/Tech

No report. Need a EC member liaison and confirm that Rob G. will continue as chair and Julie Masters as a member.

C. Salishan

Geoff Wren and Sally Curey will co-chair and Allison Lesh will be the liaison.

There was no report, but the group discussed whether Ron Bohy and Allison Lesh should present as planned, or whether Alison should present with a member of the claimant's bar. Ultimately, it was decided that Allison will present with Keith Semple.

D. Workers' Compensation Section Professionalism and Service Award

Norm Cole will serve as the liaison. Holly Somers and Dale Johnson will be members. It is not clear who will chair.

E. Legislative / Rules

Keith Semple and Carol Parks will co-chair, Keith for legislative and Carol for rules. Assuming the remaining members continue to serve, we need 2 ALJ members and one defense member.

Keith and Carol will work on scheduling a meeting.

F. Nominating Committee

No report. It is unclear who will chair.

G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

Tom Harrell will serve as liaison. Kevin Barrett will chair. The group needs claimant's attorneys and ALJs.

Tom reported that the Oregon Gardens has a scheduling conflict when we would normally hold the conference. The EC decided to hold the conference on 10/24 as opposed to 11/21.

H. Going Forward

Steve Schoenfeld will be chair and liaison. Steve will present a CLE with Larry Schucht next week for the MultCo Bar Assn' New Lawyers Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ongoing discussion of how to approach the section directory issue. Agreed that Jenny Ogawa will follow up with Rob G to discuss who we need to speak with to move the issue forward.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.
The next meeting will be at 12:00 P.M. on February 14, 2014, at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.