

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 12, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Norm Cole called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:15 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

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	
Guarrasi, Robert		X		
Harrell, Tom			X	
Jacobson, Jacqueline			X	
Johnson, Dale	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 of the 3/8/13 meeting, but to shorten the section on the Daughtry nominees and change ombuds to ombudsman.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cole announced that he was contacted by Presiding ALJ Holly Somers, who announced that she is seeking appointment to Chair the WCB. All agreed there was no action for the section to take with regard to this information, but that we wish her well.

April 25 is the deadline to submit content for the next section newsletter in order to publish it before Salishan.

John Gleason, the new disciplinary counsel for OSB, contacted Chair Cole and the EC agreed that he should be invited to attend the June EC meeting. Chair elect ALJ Jacobson will preside over that meeting in Chair Cole's absence.

The reminders to former section members that their membership has lapsed have been mailed and have already generated some renewals.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the February 28, 2013 statement, the section account has a balance of \$25,600. The Salishan committee received an additional \$750 in donations, and is now expecting \$3,400 in total. This is \$900 over what was projected in the budget.

As of the end of February, membership was 30 members short of EC budget projections. Current membership is down by 11 compared to 2012. For purposes of comparison, some sections saw their membership increase and others saw it decline. Our section is not outside the norm.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

Dale Johnson reported that with regard to the section database, the consensus of the committee was that the onus should be on the section members to opt into the the directory. A form should be mailed to all section members asking whether they represent claimants or defense and whether they wanted to receive contacts regarding potential representation.

Chair Cole asked who would be responsible for compiling and maintaining the list. Rob Guarrasi offered to speak to Julie Masters about the technical logistics

of maintaining the directory in the hopes that we could discuss the issue at Salishan.

Prior to the meeting, Dale Johnson distributed a legislative proposal drafted by the committee. The proposal would amend ORS 656.268(5) and 656.218 to require additional notice and an extend the statute of limitations for beneficiaries in death claims.

Concerns were raised about whether the 1 year statute of limitations was too long and whether there was enough consensus among the section membership to move forward with the proposal. Ultimately, the group decided that the concerns regarding the wording of the proposal and the 1 year statute of limitations should be addressed to the drafters of the proposal (David Runner, Michael Orlando, and Keith Kekauoha). They will be invited to the EC meeting after next.

A motion passed to donate \$500 to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

The Bench Bar committee has approached the Access to Justice committee about presenting on access to justice at the Bench Bar Forum for access to justice credits.

B. Nominating Committee

No report.

C. Daughtry Award of Merit

Chair Cole noted the difficulty that was encountered in attempting to satisfy the bylaws' requirement that the vote be anonymous when the vote cannot be conducted in person. Chair Cole suggested that the Daughtry committee review the rules and develop a proposal for addressing this problem and present their proposal at the July meeting. Liason Dale Johnson indicated that the committee was already discussing the issue.

D. Salishan

Ron Bohy reported that the committee met on 3/20 and will meet again on 4/24. The brochures went out and 51 people have registered so far. The materials are being finalized and credits are being submitted for approval. The committee is

trying to get the CDs of the materials mailed out ahead of the conference so that interested attendees can upload them in advance.

Linda Conratt has declined to chair the committee next year. Geoff Wren and Sally Curey have agreed to co-chair.

E. Legislative / Rules

Keith Semple reported that the committee is still in need of members. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to address this concern to the nominating committee.

A number of bills are moving through the legislature and no more legislative concepts will be passed out of MLAC and onto the legislature until we gear up for the next legislative session in 2014.

F. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

Allison Lesh reported that the committee is currently brainstorming topics. The committee is looking for members, especially ALJs and defense attorneys who are not employed by SAIF Corp. This issue will be presented to the nominating committee.

G. Going Forward

No report.

H. Communications/Tech

No report. Working on newsletter and section database.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:37 p.m.
The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 10, 2013, at Salishan.