

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 14, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elect Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:05 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 for the 5/10/13 meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report. OSB disciplinary counsel John Gleason spoke about his goal to focus OSB's prosecution resources on the more serious cases of misconduct and utilize diversion and counseling more frequently in the less serious cases.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron Bohy reported that the section has \$11,286 in revenue to date this year. Our current account balance is \$29,309. We appear to be within our budget based on our current expenses, but not all the Salishan related expenses have cleared. While our expenses through May have been slightly higher than projected, we have the money to absorb the additional cost.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

Michael Orlando and Keith Kekauoha attended the meeting to answer questions about the committee's legislative proposal relating to claims for death benefits.

They were asked why the proposed deadline for filing a claim was one year in situations where the notice of election was not provided to the beneficiary. Insurers would like to be able to close their files more quickly. They explained that this was proposed to address claims involving posthumous child beneficiaries. The one year deadline would provide the child's mother or guardian some time to file the claim after the latest possible birth date.

They were also asked why (5)(a) provided that the insurer may send notice to all known beneficiaries rather than providing that they shall do so. They explained that this wording allows the insurer to give notice to beneficiaries and shorten the normal deadline for filing the claim, but would not require the insurers to take on the onerous task of tracking down every potential beneficiary in order to satisfy the statute.

A motion to approve the legislative proposal and refer it to OSB public affairs passed unanimously.

B. Communications/Tech

The written proposal to OSB for the section directory was discussed. Jenny Ogawa will make minor revisions to highlight the statement regarding how we want to distribute the information. The EC is still concerned that we may do all the work to get the directory up and running just to have OSB refuse to allow us

to use the directory as intended. The proposal will be provided to the interested parties at OSB prior to the next meeting we have with them.

C. Salishan

Ron Bohy reported that the program received generally good reviews. The final registration was 165. We budgeted for 175. Linda Conratt has decided not to chair in 2014. Geoff Wren and Sally Curey will chair and Allison Lesh will be the liason.

D. Daughtry Award of Merit

Dale Johnson reported that the committee met recently and will present a proposal regarding the award and voting procedures at the July meeting.

E. Legislative / Rules

No report.

F. Nominating Committee

No report.

G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

No report.

H. Going Forward

Will meet later in the summer to plan for the fall.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the EC meeting, Chair Norm Cole distributed a letter he had received from WCB Chair Abbie Herman. The Board's letter indicated that the Board is considering changes to its administrative rules relating to third-party claims, and

invited the section to consider whether statutory changes should be proposed. The EC voted to refer this matter to the legislative and rules committee for consideration.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:27 p.m. The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on July 12, 2013, at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.