

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 11, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:00 P.M. at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.

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 | | | |
| VavRosky, Dennis | X | | | |
| Wren, Geoff | | X | | |

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes for the June 2014 meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson reported that the House of Delegates (HOD) would be meeting on July 15-17. The HOD will start accepting proposals on September 23, 2014. This could include proposals regarding our section directory or our opt-out request regarding the Lawyer Referral Service.

Directory/Website

Paul called in during the meeting to discuss our questions regarding the creation of a section directory. In order to create a directory, we would first need to redevelop our website, which he highly recommended regardless of our decision regarding a directory.

To redevelop our website, he would obtain a new web address and host for the site. The new web address, or domain name, will cost us \$15/yr. Hosting will cost approximately \$180/yr. We would have the ability to post our announcements on this site and calendar our events.

Redevelopment of the site would be a flat fee of \$1500-\$2000, which would include directory setup. The setup of the directory is not particularly difficult once the site is in place, so we could do this in a two stage process. After that, he estimates \$300 a year for site maintenance, at \$85/hr. Having a "members' only" area where people can log in and update their contact information would reduce the need for constant maintenance.

After the initial outlay, we estimated \$495/yr for the site and directory.

Paul indicated that when he has worked with other OSB Sections, he has presented OSB with a standard contract. OSB has not typically given input or oversight with regard to the design of the site. If we do a directory, we can provide as many searchable information fields as we wish to (region, area of practice, languages, etc.). We could also easily give our members the opportunity to opt in or opt out of providing their information.

A motion passed to move forward with updating the website regardless of what we decide about the directory, and to have Chair Jacobson discuss the directory with OSB and WCB.

Lawyer Referral Service

No further action is being taken at the moment.

OSB Membership Service Award

A motion passed to nominate Ron Bohy for this award.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported that the section account balance stood at \$30,228.

Sally Curey has indicated that the Salishan expenses totaling \$1,800 have been paid.

Bench Bar costs are currently estimated at \$5,100. That would leave a budget surplus of \$3,300 to cover any end of the year donations or expenses.

With regard to the discussion of raising dues, our current dues are \$25/yr. Other sections' dues range from \$15-\$35. By raising our dues to \$35, we would raise an additional \$3,310/yr give or take. No further action was taken with regard to this issue.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

No report

B. Communications/Tech

Chair Jacobson reported that Rob G. would like more input with regard to the content of the newsletters. Allison Lesh volunteered, and was approved to be the EC liason for the communications committee and to work with Rob to generate ideas for content. Keith Semple also volunteered to be part of this discussion.

C. Salishan

Co-Chair Geoff Wren reported that Salishan is once again under new ownership. Nonetheless, we are contracted to hold our annual meeting there until 2017.

D. Workers' Compensation Section Professionalism and Service Award

The committee recommended against renaming the award for the reasons previously outlined when the current name was adopted. No further action was taken.

E. Legislative / Rules

Keith Semple reported that ALJs Geoff Wren, Bruce Smith, and Ray Smitke have joined the committee to round out our numbers. A meeting will take place in the next month or so.

F. Nominating Committee

No report.

G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

Ron Bohy reported that the proposed contract looks more or less the same as the prior contracts, so he had no concerns with it.

The EC agreed that we should get Kevin Barrett names for another claimants' attorney and a non-SAIF defense attorney to even out the committee's numbers.

The EC discussed whether it was excessive to have child abuse reporting every year, and that it would be nice to get back to focusing on interactions between the bench and bar.

The EC decided to discuss possible topics at the September meeting.

A motion passed to provide all bench/bar materials in digital format to save \$450 in printing.

H. Going Forward

No report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.
The next meeting will be at 12:00 P.M. on September 12, 2014 at the offices of the
Oregon State Bar.