

MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF:

APRIL 9, 2010

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Matthew M. Fisher called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

Present in person were: Matthew Fisher (Chair), Dale Johnson (Secretary), and Members-at-Large Rob Guarrasi, Dennis VavRosky, Kate Donnelly, Jacqueline Jacobson, Ron Bohy, Norm Cole, Jim Edmunson, Nick Sencer, and Keith Semple and OSB liaison Suzanne Cushing.

Present by Telephone: No one.

Absent were: Chuck Mundorff (Chair-Elect), Matthew Roy (Past-Chair), Julie Masters (Treasurer) and Members-at-Large Jennifer Roumell, Adam Stamper and Steve Schoenfeld.

**II. MINUTES**

A motion was made to amend the Minutes of March 12, 2010. On page three, under the heading Daughtry Award, the Minutes should state that Chair Fisher, not Jacobson, will arrange for the traditional plaque. The Minutes, as amended, were approved.

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Fisher reported. He will be in touch with the Nominating Committee to finalize the slate for the Annual Meeting elections at Salishan on May 14, 2010. He will communicate with the EC membership via email.

Chair Fisher reviewed the \$1,000 budgeted amount for charitable contributions. Fisher obtained authorization for the \$500 gift to OLIO, OSB's affirmative action program to encourage law graduates to stay in Oregon as practicing attorneys. Earlier this year, he obtained authorization for the other \$500 contribution to The Campaign for Equal Justice.

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Masters was absent. She had previously notified the EC by email that the February 28, 2010 Ending Fund Balance was \$20,963.00.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Salishan**

Jacobson reported. The brochures are going out to the membership. Chair Fisher will determine the name of the person who will make the introduction speech for Donna Garaventa. The EC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in The Boardroom, at Salishan on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Chair Fisher will confirm that no conference telephone will be needed.

##### **B. Communications**

Masters was absent. No report.

##### **C. Legislative / Rules**

Roumell was absent. No report.

##### **D. Daughtry Award**

Roy was absent. No committee action until next year.

##### **E. Bench / Bar Forum**

Donnelly reported. The Bench/Bar Forum will be held at Willamette Valley Vineyards on Friday, November 5, 2010. Deposits for the site (\$600) and for the caterers (\$1,000) will be requested by Masters. The committee will look into the possibility of securing a Bench/Bar Forum date one year in advance. Chair Fisher will report the November 5, 2010 date on the Section CLE report due April 15, 2010.

##### **F. Access to Justice**

Johnson reported. The committee is following the WCD rule-making hearings with regard to the use and payment of interpreters at medical examinations (Divisions 09 and 10). The committee is also investigating the possibility of recommending changes to the WCD brochures, for example the one entitled "What happens if I'm hurt on the job." The brochures currently contain much information about requesting hearings, but surprisingly, very little about legal representation at hearings, or how to obtain representation.

## **G. Going Forward**

Sencer talked to the committee members. Rodger Hepburn will co-chair. A co-chair from the claimant's bar is being sought. Sencer will convene a meeting of the committee to determine their direction/mission.

Chair Fisher will obtain more information on how we will co-sponsor a CLE with OSB. No contact person has been selected yet from the Going Forward committee. Edmunson will talk to Karen Lee (OSB CLE) to see if Salishan and Bench/Bar presentations can be made available online.

## **H. New Technologies**

Guarrasi discussed creating a paperless office and then demonstrated for the EC membership the use of the Paperport software system for scanning documents, setting up file folders and creating PDF documents.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

The Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned by Chair Fisher at 2:00 p.m.

The time and place for the fifth meeting of 2010 will be Friday, May 14, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in The Boardroom, at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, Gleneden Beach, Oregon.