

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
March 13, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keith Semple called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:10 p.m.

Committee members attending or absent were:

<b>Exec Board Member</b>	<b>Present in Person</b>	<b>Present by Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bohy, Ronald	X			
Caldwell, Katherine			X	
Chen, Bin			X	
Conratt, Linda	X			
DiCicco, Alana	X			
Frost, Christine		X		
Harrell, Tom	X			
Jacobson, Jacqueline	X			
Lesh, Allison	X			
Ogawa, Jenny	X			
Olney, Kathryn	X			
Oswald, John	X			
Parks, Carol	X			
Schoenfeld, Steve	X			
Semple, Keith	X			
Smitke, Ray	X			
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	2	2	

**II. MINUTES**

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 2/13/2015 meeting.

**III. Chair Report**

Chair Semple has not yet heard from Paul Tichy regarding status of the new website. However, we need to work on the contents of the website; (*i.e.*, calendar, newsletter, by-laws, directory, etc.). Motion passed to form a committee to develop content; members are Chair Semple (who will contact Julie Master to be on the committee), Kathryn Olney, and Linda Conratt.

The Bar's swearing in ceremony is May 7, 2015. Chair Semple will coordinate with Michele Lane regarding our postcards to hand out at the ceremony.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Ron Bohy reported that the ending balance as of the end of February 2015 was \$26,185. The ending balance on 1/31/2015 was \$25,715, The December 2014 ending balance was \$20,992, but that the \$500 Campaign for Equal Justice contribution was no included.

There ae 332 section members, which is up from last year.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

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

Allison reported that Salishan has been approved for 9 CLE credits. Only downloadable materials will be available. Brochures will be sent out in a few weeks.

##### **B. Professionalism Award**

The award committee received nominations and, after review, made recommendations to the Executive Committee voted on the nominees and Larry Schucht was named as this year's recipient.

##### **C. Access to Justice**

Steve reported the subcommittee is working on a Legislative Concept concerning providing notice to an injured worker of the right to choose a medical provider. The subcommittee is also working on letters to the WCD regarding sensitivity training for IME physicians, and to MLAC regarding acting on access to medical treatment issues raised by its survey.

##### **D. Bench/Bar**

Tom reported the Salem Convention Center has been reserved for 10/23/2015.

##### **E. Going Forward**

Steve reported that he and Larry Schucht are doing an upcoming workers' comp CLE for the New Lawyer section.

##### **F. Legislative and Rules**

Chair Semple reported he is working on scheduling a subcommittee meeting to address the issue of requiring Board members to be attorneys.

Another issue being explored is eliminating the new/omitted check-the-box on the 827 Form.

#### **G. New Technologies/Communications**

No report

#### **H. Nominations**

No report

#### **VI. Old Business**

None

#### **VII. New Business**

At PALJ Dougherty's request, ALJ Jacobson asked that members respond to the Board's survey regarding moving the WCB Portland office, and that any comments or concerns should be directed to Board Chair Somers.

Kathryn moved to submit a letter to Board Chair Somers requesting that the Covered Oregon location not be considered, because of the lack of public transportation and of demographic concerns. Motion passed. Chair Semple will prepare the letter.

#### **VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.