

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 10, 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:

Exec Board Member	Present in Person	Present by Phone	Absent	Comments
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		
TOTAL	9	4	4	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the 4/10/15 EC Meeting Minutes, as modified regarding the Professionalism Award language.

III. CHAIR REPORT

A motion passed to approve the following slate of officers for 2016: Tom Harrell as Chair, Jenny Ogawa as Chair-Elect, John Oswald as Secretary, Ron Bohy as Treasurer, and Keith Semple as Past Chair.

A motion passed to re-appoint Chris Frost, Allison Lesh, and Kathryn Olney. Chair Semple will contact the Nominating subcommittee for a nominee to replace John Oswald.

Mr. Tichy is still working on the mock-up of the section website. Subcommittee needs to meet on website content.

Chair Semple reported that he sent a letter to Board Chair Somers regarding the Covered Oregon location for the Portland Hearings Division office. He also described his personal observations of the location of the building.

ALJ Wren presented a resolution opposing the proposed move of the Portland's Hearings Division office. After discussion, ALJ Wren withdrew his resolution and moved that the EC request Board Chair Somers consider convening a stakeholder meeting, with the ability to submit written comment. Motion passed.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

The March 2015 financials are not yet available.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

Allison reported that written materials should be sent to the Bar on Monday 4/13/15. So far, 97 have registered.

B. Professionalism Award

Steve Schoenfeld will introduce this year's award recipient

C. Access to Justice

Bin reported on a proposed letter, drafted by Steve Schoenfeld, to send to MLAC requesting that MLAC move forward regarding access to medical treatment issues that it has identified. Motion passed to table the letter until after the end of the legislative session, and then have Chair Semple, Steve Schoenfeld, and a defense attorney (selected by the Access to Justice subcommittee) present the letter to MLAC

Motion passed for Chair Semple to submit ECONorthwest paper regarding WC attorney fees to PSAC/LRS for their consideration when addressing the LRS referral fee issue; and to suggest that the focus of any change to the LRS program should not be generating/losing revenue, but rather increasing attorney participation, and thus increasing access to justice.

On behalf of the subcommittee, Bin requested approval to submit the following legislative concept to MLAC:

LC 519 (Notice of Right to Choose Doctor)

If you have been injured on the job in Oregon you have the right to seek medical treatment from the provider of your choice. If you have questions concerning this right you can obtain more information by calling the office of the Ombudsman For Injured Workers toll-free at 1-800-927-1271.

The request was denied because a similar LC authored by Mr. Sabo was already voted down by MLAC.

Bin reported that he sent an e-mail to WCD regarding cultural sensitivity training for IME doctors. The e-mail included 2 papers related to this subject.

Lastly, Bin reported the subcommittee is working on proposed rules regarding the translation of documents

D. Bench/Bar Forum

No report

E. Going Forward

A meeting is scheduled for 4/21/15.

F. Legislative and Rules

No report

G. New Technologies/Communications

Chair Semple reported that the section newsletter is being put together, including blurbs regarding Salishan (that will be prepared by ALJ Wren), the 2 bills presented to MLAC, and Board Chair Somers information on the Portland office move. .

H. Nominations

No report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m. The next meeting will be at Salishan, starting at 10:00 a.m.