

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keith Semple called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12: 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			
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	

**II. MINUTES**

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the October 23, 2015 meeting.

**III. Chair Report**

Chair Semple expressed his hope that our website will be finalized by the end of the year.

**IV. Treasurer Report**

On November 8, 2015, Ron Bohy e-mailed the following: "At the last EC meeting, Keith gave us information from OLIO requesting a contribution. I have access to budgets going back to 2005, and the Section contributed to OLIO in

2010 and 2011. I looked at the minutes for the meetings where the budgets for those years were approved and at the minutes where the 2012 budget was approved - there is nothing that sheds light on why the Section started contributions to OLIO in 2010 and then ended the contributions in 2011. I do not have specific recall as to why the contribution was removed. For 2016, I am not recommending a contribution to OLIO. I think that our contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice and OMLA more than amply satisfy our interest in access to justice. As an additional footnote, we do have budgeted \$150 for any additional contributions that may come during the year – this includes contributions or flowers, etc., that may come up for deceased section members.”

Ron reported that the balance is \$20,696. The revised proposed budget for 2016 has a projected Ending Fund Balance of \$14, 613. The significant change is due to an increase in the budget for Salishan, which includes paying for professional speakers. In 2017, we may need to consider raising dues and Salishan registration. Motion to approve the budget passed.

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Access to Justice**

Matthew U'Ren appeared by telephone to address any questions from EC regarding the Access to Justice Subcommittee's proposal for a rule to require multilingual written notice advising of documents have deadlines. (See attached). The proposed rule states:

#### **Important Notice**

The enclosed document is an important legal document, which may have a deadline. You should have a reliable translator translate it for you immediately. If you need assistance with your claim after reading this document, you should promptly seek legal advice from an attorney. If you have any questions, you can contact the Ombudsman for Injured Workers at 1-800-927-1271. This document should be kept in a safe place for future reference.

Motion passed to allow the Access to Justice Subcommittee move forward, by obtaining Public Affairs' approval of draft rule language and presenting the proposed rule change to the WCB and the WCD.

Bin Chen reported that the translation notice would address Julene Quinn's proposal, which was submitted to Access to Justice, regarding a good cause exception for late requests for hearing.

### **B. Legislative and Rules**

Keith Semple reported the subcommittee will be meeting regarding the next step in the proposal for the WCB members to be attorneys.

On November 23, 2015, there is a WCD rulemaking committee meeting in which Keith and Dale Johnson will present the proposal to remove the box to request a new or omitted condition on the 827 Form.

### **C. Salishan**

Geoff Wren reported the subcommittee is discussing speakers and the agenda for the next Salishan.

### **D. Professionalism**

Jackie Jacobsen reported that nominations opened November 1.

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

No report. Chair Semple complimented the great Bench/Bar Forum, including the venue and food.

### **F. Going Forward**

No report.

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

Chair Semple reported he continues to work with Rob Guarrasi regarding content for the newsletter.

### **H. Nominations**

Chair Semple reported that 3 new members will be needed to replace Ray Smitke, Carol Parks, and Jackie Jacobsen.

## **VI. Old Business**

There will be no contribution to OLIO, because it is not in the budget.

## **VII. New Business**

None

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

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.