

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 14, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:05 a.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			
Caldwell, Katherine	X			
Chen, Bin	X			
Cole, Norm	X			
Edmunson, James	X			
Ehlers, Patrick			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	
VavRosky, Dennis			X	
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
TOTAL	11	1	6	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 01/10/14 meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jacobson announced that she filed the initial Chair Report with the Oregon State Bar.

In addition, she informed the committee that Judge Wren had agreed to take the place of Judge Sencer on the Executive Board.

At the end of February the Bar will purge 2013 section members. Chair Jacobson will bring the section list to the next meeting in hopes that the Committee can determine which members have retired, left the practice etc., and who just might need an email reminder to renew their registration with the section for 2014.

Matthew Shields from the OSB Public Affairs Office spoke to the Executive Committee. Mr. Shields indicated that any new legislative proposals from the Executive Committee for the 2015 legislative session had to be submitted by April 17, 2014.

Mr. Shields noted that Keith Semple, Chair Jacobson and Carol Parks receive updates regarding proposals that have already been submitted and stated that if any member of the Executive Committee intended to testify in person before any legislative committee, during the current interim session or in the future, the Public Affairs office would like a short paragraph outlining the proposed testimony in advance.

The committee discussed that while it is not required, MLAC should review any legislative proposals from the Executive Committee. Mr. Shields offered to be the point person for bring proposal from the Executive Committee to MLAC for its consideration and will follow-up with Keith Semple to determine the person he would need to contact on MLAC.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Bar has not yet published its 2013 end of year report.

The 2014 budget is now accessible on the Bar's website.

For those members seeking reimbursement for travel or expenses, Ron noted that Bar cuts its checks on Thursday so any reimbursement form needed to be submitted no later than 5:00 pm the preceding Tuesday.

Forms for the Salishan CLE have already been submitted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications/Tech

Board Chair Holly Somers has written an article regarding changes to the WCB Portal for the next section newsletter.

Judges Jacobson and Dougherty are writing pieces for the April newsletter.

B. Salishan

The event is scheduled for May 9 – 10, 2014

Allison Lesh reported that the program for Salishan has been finalized and that brochures for the event were going to print in 2 weeks. The program will include a presentation on Washington Workers' Compensation Law.

Judge Wren noted that the Oregon Bar should grant credit for the Salishan presentation on Washington law due to our proximity to Vancouver, WA and the fact that many section members often have to deal with Washington Workers' Compensation issues.

Allison will provide a presentation on temporary disability benefits with Keith Semple rather than Ron Bohy to insure that both claimant and defense perspectives are adequately represented.

The resort has set aside a block of 90 rooms for attendees and to date 27 rooms had been reserved.

The committee, currently, has been successful in raising \$2,000.00 in donations.

The entrée options for lunch at Salishan this year are flank steak, rockfish or a vegan spanakopita

C. Daughtry Award of Merit

The deadline for submissions was Monday, February 17, 2014 and to date the committee had only received one nomination.

The committee discussed that while it is uncommon for the award not to be given, if there are no other nominations further consideration should be given to canceling the award for 2014.

D. Legislative / Rules

Carol Parks reported that she and Keith Semple were trying to schedule a meeting of the committee so that they could determine the current make-up of the committee and ascertain whether new committee members were needed.

E. Access to Justice

Bin Chen reported that the committee was to still pursuing proposals to require insurers to pay for interpreters for claimants at medical exams.

In addition, the committee is currently considering whether IME providers should be required to undergo cultural sensitivity training.

Judge Ogawa will continue to address issues regarding the Directory at the Board of Governors.

F. Nominating Committee

No report.

G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

The Bench/Bar is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 14, 2014 and will be held again at the Oregon Gardens Resort in the same location as last year.

Initially the date of the Bench/Bar conflicted with an in-house CLE planned by the Board but Chair Jacobson was successful in convincing the Board to move its in-house CLE to a different date.

Judge Emerson Fisher has graciously agreed to serve as a member of the Bench/Bar committee for 2014.

The committee has a preliminary idea of the Bench/Bar program and anticipate that it will include an hour of child abuse reporting and two hours of ethic credits.

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 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.