

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:15 a.m. at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.

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			
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		
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	3	5	

**II. MINUTES**

The minutes of the 02/14/14 minutes were changed to reflect Jacqueline Jacobson as Chair rather Norm Cole. Pending that one correction, a motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 02/14/14 meeting.

### **III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jacobson raised for the committee's consideration the fact that the Bench/Bar Forum will be held at the end of October this year rather than in November. This committee usually holds its November meeting at the site of the Bench/Bar, so discussion was held regarding whether this committee should cancel its October meeting in advance of the Bench/Bar or cancel its November meeting following the Bench/Bar. The issue was tabled to allow Tom to clarify with the Bench/Bar committee whether that committee has reserved accommodations sufficient to allow this Committee to meet at the site of the 2014 Bench/Bar.

Chair Jacobson the informed the committee the section currently has a total of 330 members, including 18 new members. There are 33 prior members who have not renewed their membership with the section.

Chair Jacobson will forward a list of the 33 non-renewing members to this committee to ascertain whether committee members have any information or insight as to why these 33 individuals did not renew their membership with the section.

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

It was reported that based on current projections the Annual Section Meeting at Salishan (Salishan) will not turn a profit in 2014.

Judge Wren informed the committee that contributions from sponsors to Salishan are down in comparison to prior years; some sponsors who previously donated in the past have declined to donate this year, likely for economic reasons.

The deficit for Salishan is expected to be minimal, approximately \$700 - \$1500.

Nevertheless, the committee discussed whether consideration should be given to raising the registration fee for Salishan going forward.

The committee agreed that talk of raising fees was premature and the issue was tabled until after the 2014 section meeting when the committee considers the budget for 2015.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Communications/Tech**

It was again noted that Judges Jacobson and Dougherty are writing pieces for the April newsletter.

### **B. Salishan**

No report

### **C. Daughtry Award of Merit**

In light of the fact that some committee attend meetings telephonically from remote locations, the committee agreed to amend its procedural rules in regard to how committee members vote for nominees of the section's Professionalism Award.

A motion passed to amend the committee's procedural rules to allow members attending meetings telephonically to submit their votes electronically, via email, to the Secretary.

The Secretary will make all efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the votes.

However, the committee acknowledged that it is subject to Public Meeting Laws so while unlikely, if a public record request was made for access to voting results, the Secretary would have to disclose the votes.

Chair Jacobson will send copies of the amended language approved by the committee to Tom and Dale.

Robert Guarrasi was selected as the 2014 recipient of the Daughtry Award.

### **D. Legislative / Rules**

This committee is scheduled to meet on 03/31/14 – the focus on the meeting will be on what role this committee will take going forward.

Vincci Lam of Reinisch Wilson Weier PC is a new volunteer on the committee.

However, the committee needs at least 2 more ALJ members.

## **E. Access to Justice**

Keith Semple is currently the committee's legislative contact person with the OSB Public Affairs Office.

However, a motion was passed to have the contact person be a member of the Access to Justice Committee

## **F. Nominating Committee**

Chair Jacobson will email those members of the Executive Committee whose membership terms expire this year, so if necessary new members to this committee can be determined and announced at Salishan.

## **G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee**

No report.

## **H. Going Forward**

The University of Oregon Law School will begin offering to its student a class on Workers' Compensation beginning the next academic year. The class is scheduled to be taught by Larry Schucht.

Larry Schucht, Steve Schoenfeld and Judge Darren Otto will be participating in a Workers' Compensation class taught by Board Member Weddell at Lewis Clark Law School

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.