

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 11, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:05 p.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			
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	7	2	7	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 03/14/14 meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jacobson reviewed with EC the names of 2013 section members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2014. Chair Jacobson will send an email to those former section that EC believed were still actively practicing law and whose practice continued to include workers' compensation.

Chair Jacobson noted that the term for four EC members were set to expire – Bin Chen and Katharine Caldwell agreed to renew for an additional 2 years on the committee. Steve Schoenfeld and Dennis VavRosky, are not eligible for renewal.

Chair Jacobson presented to EC names she obtained from the nominating committee of section members who have expressed an interest in serving on the Executive committee. After some discussion the committee agreed on several potential candidates to serve on EC. Chair Jacobson will follow up with those selected to ascertain their interest in serving on EC.

Judge Ogawa has agreed to act Secretary for this committee in 2015 and will chair this committee in 2017.

A motion passed to offer new Spring admittees to the Bar free registration to the Workers' Compensation section for the rest of 2014.

Additional discussion was held regarding whether the section should offer new admittees free materials from the annual meeting at Salishan as an introduction to this area of law. EC agreed to table this matter until after this year's annual meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

The current account balances have not yet been published by the Bar.

A \$1500 payment was made to Salishan as deposit for the 2015 annual section meeting.

A motion passed to authorize a payment of \$500 to the Oregon Minority Lawyer's Association for their Summer Social.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications/Tech

Each of the standing committees is required to submit content for the section newsletter.

Chair Jacobson will draft a schedule for when each committee is to submit a newsletter article for the rest of 2014.

B. Salishan

At the time of the EC meeting 55 people had registered for Salishan (not including ALJs and Board Members)

Brochures were out and the written materials were going to print.

C. Professionalism and Service Award of Merit

Dale Johnson will introduce **Robert Guarrasi** as this year's recipient of the Professionalism Award.

Rob has a video that he would like to present (approximately 7 minutes long)

Chair Jacobson will obtain the plaque and ensure that the plaque reflects the change in the name of the award.

D. Legislative / Rules

This committee met on 03/31/14 and determined that its role was to keep section members apprised of any changes to the relevant statutes and rules applicable to the section.

In addition, when there is a consensus among committee members, this committee will suggest potential legislative proposal(s) for consideration by EC.

The committee needs 3 more ALJ members.

E. Access to Justice

Judge Kekauoha and Michael Orlando continue to work on a response to *Wilder v. SAIF*.

The committee continues to consider the possibility of proposing that all IME providers be required to undergo cultural awareness training

EC agreed to invite Paul Tischy (sp) from the Litigation section to the June or July EC meeting to discuss the Litigation section's lawyer directory with searchable database to determine if the same can be done for this section

F. Nominating Committee

No report.

G. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

A motion passed to cancel the EC meeting scheduled 10/10/14 committee meeting and to reschedule the meeting to take place at the Bench/Bar site on 10/24/14.

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 1:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 09, 2014 at Salishan. (Keith Semple will act as Secretary for the 05/09/14 meeting).