

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
October 24, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Bench/Bar Forum held at the Oregon Gardens.

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	
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>	<b>11</b>		<b>6</b>	

**II. MINUTES**

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 09/12/14 meeting with one edit.

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

- The section received a thank you note from the Campaign for Equal Justice Chair for the section's donation to that cause.
- Rob Kinney has resigned his pending seat on EC. Alana DiCicco has selected been selected to take Rob's place on EC.
- The next EC meeting is November 14, 2014. SAIF Corporation is scheduled for an internal CLE that day so members of EC who work for SAIF will not be in attendance at the next meeting. EC is scheduled to consider the 2015 budget at the next meeting, but because SAIF members will not be present EC will vote on the budget by email.
- A representative(s) from EC has been invited to speak with the House of Delegates (HOD) regarding the Lawyer Referral Service at its 11/15/14 meeting. EC thought it best that before this committee addresses HOD it should come up with a counter proposal regarding the section's concerns with the LRS. A motion was passed to refer the matter to the Access to Justice for development of a proposal that EC can present to HOD. The expectation is that the Access to Justice Committee will bring a proposal to EC for its consideration at its December meeting. As a result, EC decided that it would be better to wait and send Keith, Bin and possibly Judge Wren to speak with HOD at its February 13, 2015 meeting in Salem.
- EC will consider conducting a survey of section members to ascertain how many members are actually on LRS.
- Chair Jacobson agreed to reach out to the Nominations committee for names of people interested in getting involved by working on the various sub-committees.
- Judge Ogawa agreed to follow up on the status of the proposal for the section's new website.

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

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported that the section account balance stood at \$30,554 as of 9/30/14.

Ron will present the budget for 2015 at the 11/14/14 meeting of EC.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No Report.

### **B. Salishan**

This committee has met a couple of times and needs an additional claimant's counsel as a member.

The committee is considering making some changes to Salishan for 2015, including but not limited to -

- Using a buffet format for the lunch;
- Re-establishing the gold tournament; and
- Setting up a bonfire on the beach.

### **C. Professionalism and Service Award of Merit**

No report.

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

No report.

### **E. Access to Justice**

The committee was not certain whether any legislative proposals had been submitted to MLAC. Chair Jacobson will follow up because of the limited amount of time to submit those proposals.

Steve and Chris Frost still plan on meeting to draft a letter to WCD regarding the need for medical providers willing to treat workers' compensation claimants.

Matthew U'ren and David Runner are meeting to discuss ideas regarding how best to deal with the translation of submitted documents written in languages other than English following the court's decision in *Marcelino Camacho v. SAIF*.

Bin continues to seek appropriate materials for sensitivity training for IME physicians.

#### **F. Nominating Committee**

No report.

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

No report.

#### **H. Going Forward**

Julene Quinn is leaving the committee and the committee needs another claimant's counsel as a member.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

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