

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Semple called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:05 p.m. at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.

EC 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		
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			
Schmitke, Ray		X		
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
TOTAL	7	7	3	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of 12/12/14 meeting.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Semple updated EC regarding the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting in Salem. The EC representatives received a polite reception and after some discussion the matter regarding the fee for the lawyer referral service was referred back to committee for further consideration; the same committee that came up with the modest means proposal. Chair Semple will try to obtain an answer from BOG

before the next BOG meeting, but the possibility remains that the section may have to complete a year in the modest means program.

Chair Semple informed EC that the section's website has been approved by the Bar. A motion passed to select www.osbwc.org as the domain name for the section's website.

Chair Semple noted that the Bench Bar Committee was unable to secure the Oregon Gardens for the upcoming 10/23/15 Bench Bar Forum. Sub-committee chair, Kevin Barrett, obtained preliminary quotes from a couple of alternative venues with availability on that the date – The Red Lion in Salem and the Salem Convention Center. EC considered the other venues as well as changing the date for the Bench Bar to keep it at the Oregon gardens. After some discussion EC elected to approve the Salem Convention Center as the location for this year's Bench Bar Forum.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

No report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

The final agenda is complete and the committee anticipates that the Bar will approve 7 General Credits, 1 Ethics Credit and 1 Elder Abuse Credit after this year's CLE at Salishan.

- The Honorable Erika L. Hadlock, Oregon Court of Appeals, will provide the keynote address
- There will be presentation of how to try a Workers' Compensation case, Third Party law and a refresher on employee leave laws

Brochures for Salishan should be out by March

B. Professionalism Award

Jackie reported that 02/13/15 was the deadline for nominations and that by the time of the EC meeting there were 5 nominations.

The committee will make its recommendation at the March EC meeting, and Jackie reminded everyone that there must be at least two-thirds of the EC present at the next meeting to select a nominee. (Those appearing by phone will email their vote to EC Secretary, Jenny Ogawa).

Salishan materials this year will include not just information regarding the current winner of the professionalism award but a list of past winners as well

C. Access to Justice

The committee is currently reviewing survey result from MLAC regarding why fewer physicians are opting to treat workers' compensation claimants, as well as the translation of forms into languages other than English.

Bin also noted that the Oregon Chiropractic Association have a proposal before MLAC that would award additional medical treatment rights to chiropractors.

D. Bench/Bar

Motion passed to hold the Bench bar Forum at the Salem Convention Center on 10/23/15.

E. Going Forward

Next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 03/03/15.

F. Legislative and Rules

No subcommittee meeting has been scheduled yet.

The committee is considering a proposal that all future Board members should be licensed attorneys.

The committee is also considering whether the new/omitted request line should be removed from 827 claim forms as it confuses unrepresented claimant's and often leads to unrepresented claimant's filing meritless request for hearings.

G. New Technologies/Communications

Chair Semple continues to work on a schedule for the section newsletter.

The March newsletter will include a Chair Report, an article from Greg Lowell regarding changes to the portal and information about a pending Going Forward CLE

H. Nominations

No report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on March 13, 2015 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.