

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacqueline Jacobson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:05 p.m. Those present appeared by phone.

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		
Ray Schmitke		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		15	3	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 10/24/14 meeting with one typographical correction.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Access to Justice subcommittee was resistant to develop a proposal to present to HOD regarding the Lawyer Referral Service. However, Bin Chen and Aron Yarmo volunteered to work on a proposal. Chair Jacobson asked Judge Wren to assist Bin and Aron on the proposal. Because the Access to Justice subcommittee's next meeting is not until 1/12/15, Steven will contact Aron of the need for the proposal before EC's December or January meeting.
- Judge Wren and Kathryn reported on the 11/15/14 HOD meeting. The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is operating in the black for the first time. Judge Wren's take away was that the HOD is unlikely going to change the LRS for the WC section.
- Judge Ogawa has not yet received a proposal from Paul Tichy regarding the section's new website and member directory.
- Chair Jacobson will be preparing the section's annual report to present to the Bar.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy presented the Section Budget and the Long-Range Plan Budget for 2015.

- Section membership fee remains at \$25, OSB assessment is \$8/section member. Budgeted for 5 additional section members for 2015, because there were 5 new members in 2014.
- Revenues and expenses for Salishan kept the same, although sponsorships went down. Rob Kinney agreed with numbers for Salishan.
- Bench/Bar expenses kept the same. Kevin Barrett agreed.
- Adding \$2495 for website redesign and monthly maintenance.
- Keeping contributions including the contribution in event of the death of any section member.
- Although shows a \$677 deficit, we still have a surplus

Long-Range Plan Budget reflects reserves to help offset expenses for Salishan and Bench/Bar. There has been no objection regarding the reserve from the Bar.

Chair Jacobson had planned to initiate an e-mail vote to the entire committee, but because a quorum was present, the motion passed to approve the Budgets.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

This committee decided it did not need an additional claimant's counsel to replace Rob Kinney.

This committee is not operating on the assumption that it will get contributions again from IME companies.

The EC gave the committee discretion to decide whether to go with a buffet format for lunch. The pros: cheaper, more variety, won't interrupt key note speaker. The con: more time consuming, but the buffet could be open before noon to allow adequate time for the key note speaker.

B. Professionalism and Service Award of Merit

No report.

C. Access to Justice

Kate reported Michael Orlando is working on language changes in the draft Legislative Concepts; he has talked with Keith and MLAC. Michael is waiting for Bar Legislative Counsel to get back to him regarding the changes.

D. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

No report.

E. Going Forward

Steve reported the subcommittee met few weeks ago. John Oswald replaced Julene Quinn.

F. Legislative / Rules

Keith reported the committee is drafting language to amend the statute to require that future appointment of WCB board members must be members of bar in good standing.

The next MLAC meeting is 12/12/14, which will include our 2 Legislative Concepts.

Three upcoming meetings regarding the medical services rules are scheduled for 11/19/14, 11/24/14, and 12/1/14. The meetings are to address Brown/Schleiss court decision, in particular the interpretation of "work injury;" does the term have limited application or a definitional term that applies to all rules

G. Communications/New Technologies

Chair Jacobson indicated she will contact Rob Guarrasi regarding the newsletter and working with him to develop a schedule for articles for the newsletter.

H. Nominating Committee

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:47 p.m.

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