

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 23, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Semple called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 10:40 a.m. at the Salem Convention Center.

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				
Parks, Carol			X	
Schoenfeld, Steve				
Semple, Keith			X	
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
TOTAL	7	2	5	

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 9/11/15 meeting.

III. Chair Report

HB 2764, the attorney fee statute, will become effective 1/1/16. The BOG is statutorily required to provide an advisory opinion on the administrative rulemaking. The BOG wants us to provide comments, which are due on 11/13/15. A motion passed to not make comments.

OLIO has asked for a donation, which we have done in the past. This was tabled for the next meeting.

IV. Treasurer Report

Ron reported we have a balance of \$26,110. He will have a draft budget at our next meeting.

V. Committee Reports

A. Legislative and Rules

Keith Semple reported the subcommittee voted to move forward regarding the following:

- (1) Statutory change to require WCB appointees be members in good standing with the OSB.
- (2) Claimant attorneys are proposing to remove the box to request a new or omitted condition on the 827 Form, because the box is being overused by doctors, and because it is hindering claims processing. There is a meeting with the WCD scheduled for Monday 10/26/15 to discuss removing the box.

Motion passed that we support the proposal that Board members be attorneys and that we start the legislative proposal process.

Motion passed to ask WCD remove the “new/omitted” box on the 827 Form.

B. Salishan

Allison reported the budget has been increased.

C. Professionalism Award

No report

D. Access to Justice

On behalf of the Access to Justice subcommittee, Jenny presented a proposal for a rule to require multilingual written notice advising of deadlines be included with certain documents sent to injured workers. (See attached). Motion passed to have a member of Access to Justice attend EC meeting to provide more details and answer questions regarding the proposed rule.

E. Bench/Bar

Next year Bench/Bar will be held in November.

F. Going Forward

The next meeting is scheduled for November.

G. New Technologies/Communications

Chair Semple reported the website is not yet live.

H. Nominations

Chair Semple reported Ray Smitke resigned from the EC. He will be asking the Nominations subcommittee for candidates.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

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