

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 11, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Semple called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:00 p.m.

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			
Wren, Geoffrey		X		
TOTAL	7	3	6	

II. Amy Zubko, with the Public Affairs Office (PAO) spoke regarding the upcoming legislative session, which begins 2/1/16. Bills will be released on 1/19/16. Contact PAO if we want to track bills or take a position on bills.

For the 2017 legislative session, legislative proposals must be in to the PAO by 4/1/16. Forms are available on the PAO website, under "Hot Topics." The PAO submits the legislative proposal to the Public Affairs Committee, (who oversees the PAO and makes recommendations to the BOG). In mid-April is the forum to discuss the legislative proposals. If the Public Affairs Committee approves the proposal, the drafting of the proposed bill occurs during the summer. The proposed bill is submitted in September, generally to the Judiciary Subcommittee. No more than 3 bills per section are permitted.

We need to provide contact information to the Bar/legislative counsel (formerly Charlie Cheek). We also need someone, plus a back-up person, to work with MLAC and to testify before Judiciary.

The process is the same for administrative rule changes. There is an option to propose rule changes as a bar group rather than as the WC section.

III. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the 11/13/15 meeting, with correction of the December 2015 meeting date.

IV. Chair Report

Chair Semple reported that our website is not yet live.

Next meeting should include discussion of the addendums to the letters of agreement with Salishan. The new owners are changing the number of rooms allowed at a discounted rate. If the number is less than 80% of the total rooms, then we pay the difference between 80% of the estimated room total and the actual rooms. If we approve the addendums, then OSB will have to also approve them.

IV. Treasurer Report

Ron Bohy reported that the balance is \$19,030. There is a \$1,962 deficit because the Bench/Bar expenses were more than expected. Any expenses should be submitted by the end of the year.

Ron thanked Keith and Jackie as the jobs as Chair.

V. Committee Reports

A. Salishan

Geoff Wren reported that Michael Moffitt, Dean of UO Law School, will be the key note speaker; there will be two medical topics. We discussed whether to have break-out sessions, covering such topics as legal writing 101, WC 101, cost bills and attorney lien ethical issues.

B. Professionalism Award

Jackie Jacobson reported that she is working with the Bar to get Survey Monkey nomination forms up and running. Nominations close on 2/12/16. EC is to vote at the March meeting.

C. Access to Justice

The subcommittee is working on a proposed rule to address the translation of written evidence/*Camacho v. SAIF* issue.

D. Bench/Bar

No report

E. Going Forward

No report

F. Legislative and Rules

Keith Semple reported that a meeting needed to be scheduled to discuss the Board member appointment proposal.

G. New Technologies/Communications

Chair Semple reported that the website needed to be finished in order to publish the newsletters.

H. Nominations

Chair Semple will contact the Nominations subcommittee regarding candidates to replace Ray Smitke and Carol Parks. They should preferably be an ALJ and a claimant's attorney.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016 at the offices of the Oregon State Bar.