

MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF:

MAY 14, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matthew M. Fisher called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in The Boardroom, at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort at Gleneden Beach, Oregon.

Present in person were: Matthew Fisher (Chair), Chuck Mundorff (Chair-Elect), Matthew Roy (Past-Chair), Dale Johnson (Secretary), and Members-at-Large Kate Donnelly, Jennifer Roumell, Dennis VavRosky, Norm Cole, Nick Sencer, Jacqueline Jacobson, Ron Bohy, Jim Edmunson, and Keith Semple.

Absent were: Julie Masters (Treasurer) and Members-at-Large Rob Guarrasi, Adam Stamper and Steve Schoenfeld.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2010. The motion passed.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Fisher reported. He previewed the Annual Business Session set for 12:45 p.m. He told the EC that he would recognize the members of the EC and the standing committees from the podium, present the Treasurer's report in Masters absence, direct the Section to review the obituaries in the materials, take a moment of silence for the members who died, and recruit new members for the Going Forward committee. He said he would announce the slate as follows:

Chair-Elect: Dale Johnson, Secretary: Norm Cole, Treasurer: Julie Masters, Members-at-Large for terms expiring 12-31-2012: Jim Edmunson, Tom Harrell, Jacqueline Jacobson, Doug Rock, Steve Schoenfeld, and Dennis VavRosky.

He said he would postpone the presentation of a plaque to recognize the excellent service to the section by Past-Chair Matt Roy and the introduction of Betsy Wosko to

present the Douglas W. Daughtry Award of Merit to former ALJ Donna P. Garaventa, until Board Chair Herman and Presiding ALJ Somers had finished their presentations.

He announced that the Board was in the process of reviewing its Division 438 rules for complete revision. Members were encouraged to participate on their own in this process. He noted that the Board may want EC input and Roumell should alert the Legislative/Rules committee to that possibility.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Masters was absent. Fisher said he would give Masters report to the full Section.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

Jacobson reported. Everything is set for the Annual Conference. Looking ahead the committee is interested in "locking up" future dates for Salishan, as soon as possible.

B. Communications

Masters was absent. No report.

C. Legislative / Rules

Roumell reported. Nothing pending.

D. Daughtry Award

Roy reported. Introduction and presentation to be made by Betsy Wosko to Donna Garaventa.

E. Bench / Bar Forum

Donnelly reported. Date for Forum CLE set for November 5, 2010.

F. Nominating

Fisher reported. Committee finished its work and slate for Section elections finalized.

G. Going Forward

Sencer reported. Nothing new to report at this time. The committee is still looking for a claimant's attorney to serve as co-chair.

H. Access to Justice

Johnson reported. The committee sent a letter to the WCD expressing concern that the proposed rules on payment for interpreter services associated with medical treatment did not require insurer payment for the first medical visit when correct interpretation of the worker's history of onset of the medical condition would be very important to the parties and the forum.

I. New Technologies

Guarrasi was absent. No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

EC tabled new business for next EC meeting. Committee to discuss ways to make Salishan Conference financially feasible for Board employees.

Fisher asked EC members to consider cancellation of either the July or August meeting to accommodate vacations. Johnson to poll EC membership.

The Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned by Chair Fisher at 11:13 a.m.

The time and place for the sixth meeting of 2010 will be Friday, June 11, 2010, at noon, at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

VIII. ADDENDUM

2010 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Matthew Fisher called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. in the Longhouse at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort. Chair Fisher introduced the members of the Executive and Salishan committees to the full section and thanked the committee members for their hard work in putting the Conference together. He singled out Sally Curey and Linda Conratt of the Salishan committee for their outstanding contributions.

Chair Fisher read the names of former section members (Bill Davis, Don Fink, R. Thomas Gooding, Joseph D. St. Martin, and Kathryn Mary Elizabeth Ricciardelli)

who had died since the 2009 Conference and asked the membership to join him in a moment of silence to honor and remember those former members. He recommended reading the In Memoriam section in the Conference materials.

Chair Fisher gave the Treasurer's report in Masters' absence. The ending fund balance for April was \$44,292.00. Salishan expenses have not been deducted yet.

Chair Fisher reviewed the slate of nominees for open positions on the 2011 Executive Committee and asked for further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Fisher asked for an oral vote on the slate. The nominees were elected unanimously.

Chair Fisher made a presentation to honor the outstanding service of Past-Chair Matthew Roy. Roy received an engraved plaque from the section.

Chair Fisher completed the business meeting by introducing Betsy Wosko, who in turn, introduced the 2010 recipient of the Douglas W. Daughtry Award of Merit, former ALJ Donna P. Garaventa. Garaventa made a brief appreciation speech and was given a standing ovation.