

MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF:

OCTOBER 8, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matthew M. Fisher called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:10 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

Present in person were: Matthew Fisher (Chair), Matthew Roy (Past-Chair), Dale Johnson (Secretary), Julie Masters (Treasurer), and Members-at-Large Kate Donnelly, Dennis VavRosky, and Steve Schoenfeld and OSB liaison Suzanne Cushing.

Present by telephone were: Members-at-Large Nick Sencer, Jacqueline Jacobson, Norm Cole, and Rob Guarrasi.

Absent were: Chuck Mundorff (Chair-Elect) and Members-at-Large Adam Stamper, Ron Bohy (on sabbatical leave), Keith Semple, Jennifer Roumell, and Jim Edmunson.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2010. The motion passed.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Fisher reported that he has not heard from David Johnson (OSB Systems Administrator) with regard to the financial effects of the change to FastCase (*See*, New Business, August 13, 2010 Minutes).

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Masters reported. The ending fund balance for September 30, 2010 was \$20,715.00. \$1,300.00 in Bench/Bar deposits have been paid.

Discussion was held about the 2011 proposed budget. The projected loss is \$1,865.00, with an expected balance of \$12,197.00. The target reserve balance is \$12,000.00. There appeared to be a need for more information before the EC

could fully consider the proposed budget, specifically, information about the effect of FastCase expenses, the effect of donations to OLIO and Campaign for Equal Justice, and whether the Salishan Committee expects to save on expenses. The EC, by consensus, decided to table the budget approval until the November 5, 2010 EC meeting in Salem.

The committee members discussed whether more income could be raised through sponsorships of the MCLE seminars, through either print ads or booths. Guarrasi volunteered to make some phone calls to prospective sponsors. Fisher and VavRosky volunteered to assist Guarrasi with prospective sponsor lists.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

Jacobson reported. She spoke with the Bar about using Flash Drives instead of CDs for the Salishan materials. The cost for Flash Drives is approximately \$2,000 for 400 drives. The Bar produces the Flash Drives through a company in China. The committee determined that CDs can be produced, in house, by the Bar. The committee is investigating what the cost would be for computer plug-ins at Salishan. The committee is also investigating how it might make the Salishan materials available on-line or through email prior to the conference. Attendees could print the materials at their offices, if they chose to do so.

Chair Fisher will take care of the 2010 EC gifts to committee chair Sally Curey.

B. Communication

Masters reported. The Section notification cards for the OSB fall admittees were produced and then distributed at the swearing-in ceremony.

C. Daughtry Award of Merit

Roy reported. No activity at this time.

D. Legislative / Rules

No report. Chair Fisher will look into whether new rules are being written in a question and answer format, instead of the usual format.

E. Bench / Bar Forum

Donnelly reported. The committee met on September 28, 2010 in preparation for the November 5, 2010 seminar. The speaker biographies are finished. Jill Riechers will have the brochures produced and mailed by the Bar. Three ethics credits are expected. Everything appeared to be on track.

F. Access to Justice

Johnson reported. The committee continues to work on determining what proposals to make to the Workers' Compensation Division (WCD) about its informational brochures, many of which are written for distribution to injured workers. The committee noted that many of the brochures do not mention the role of attorneys in the workers' compensation system. This raised access to justice issues that the committee is addressing.

G. Going Forward

Schoenfeld and Sencer reported. The committee will be meeting on Friday, October 22, 2010. The committee was asked to email the results of its meeting to Fisher for email distribution to EC members. The committee expects to be working with the Bar on its 2011 mentoring program. The committee will be contacting the New Lawyers Division and the Young Lawyers Association about informal CLEs (brown bag lunches) and will contact Al Lyons and Margaret Weddell (workers' compensation law instructors at Willamette University College of Law and Lewis and Clark Law School, respectively) about the committee's activities.

H. New Technologies

Guarrasi reported. No new information at this time.

I. Nominating

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

The Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned by Chair Fisher at 1:30 p.m.

The time and place for the tenth meeting of 2010 will be Friday, November 5, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at Willamette Valley Vineyards in Salem, Oregon (one hour before the Bench/Bar Forum).