

# **MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**OF:**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Matthew L. Roy called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

Present in person were: Matthew Roy, Holly Somers, Rob Guarrasi, Dale Johnson and Suzanne Cushing (OSB).

Present by telephone were: Adam Stamper, Art Stevens, Dean Lederer, Jill Riechers, Matthew Fisher, Jacqueline Jacobson and Barbara DiIaconi (BOG).

Absent were: Chuck Mundorff, Jim Edmunson, Dennis VavRosky, Julie Masters and Jennifer Roumell.

### **II. MINUTES**

The revised minutes of the January 30, 2009 meeting were approved.

### **III. CHAIR REPORT**

The April EC meeting has been rescheduled to April 24, 2009, the fourth Friday, at noon, at the OSB offices.

The EC meeting in May will be held at Salishan on Friday, May 15, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Masters was absent, so there was no Treasurer's report.

Discussion occurred with regard to the Salishan expenses and the cost difference between printing the Salishan program book and producing CDs. The approximate cost is \$27 per book versus \$2 per CD. Members Guarrasi and Stevens voiced opinions favoring a change to a paperless approach right away. Others favored obtaining more feedback from the Section membership or offering both choices. Member Stevens suggested the possibility of creating a new standing committee in the future to lead a

move to a more modern (electronic) approach to workers' compensation practice. No motion followed.

Member Jacobson is a member of the Salishan Committee and she will take the EC's concerns back to the chair of the committee, Sally Curey, and the other committee members. The Salishan committee meets again on February 26, 2009. Jacobson will report on the committee's response at the next EC meeting.

Chair Roy completed the discussion with a decision to defer to the preferences of the Salishan Committee this year, and his decision was agreed to by consensus.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Salishan**

Member Mundorff was absent, so there was no report.

### **B. Communication**

Member Masters was absent, so there was no report.

### **C. Daughtry Award**

Past-chair Somers reported. The award criteria were sent to the Section membership. Three nominations have been received so far. Past-chairs Marty Alvey, Linh Vu and Somers will meet again soon. They are on track with their process.

### **D. Legislative / Rules**

Member Roumell was absent, so there was no report.

### **E. Bench Bar / Professionalism**

Member Riechers reported. The committee is currently not active, but will meet later this year in preparation for the autumn event.

### **F. Access to Justice**

Member Johnson reported. The committee met on February 9, 2009. The committee members are anxious to take on more responsibility, but are unsure what the EC wants the committee to do. Johnson advised the committee to review its broad mission statement and to plan activities

within the mission and to keep the EC advised of its activities. The committee has decided to compose a questionnaire on Access to Justice issues for distribution and completion at Salishan. The committee has been in touch with the Salishan committee to coordinate this activity. Bruce Smith, Bill Replogle and Keith Kekauoha are working on the questionnaire. The committee decided to postpone further work on the interpreters at medical examinations issue. The committee discussed Chief ALJ Somers' email on the use of interpreters at hearing. With regard to interpreters at hearing, the committee will write rules to address Access to Justice concerns. The committee will meet again on March 9, 2009.

**G. Going Forward**

Member Lederer reported. The committee will meet on March 9, 2009. Lederer will provide an update at the March 20, 2009 EC meeting.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Suzanne Cushing raised the issues of extending the complimentary one-time section membership dues for new admittees and continuing the case by case determinations for judges and 50 year members in 2009. Discussion occurred.

Chair Roy moved to approve complimentary membership dues for new admittees in 2009. The motion was seconded and passed.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

The next EC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2009 at noon, at the OSB offices.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by Chair Roy at 1:03 p.m.