

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dale Johnson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:09 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.

Committee members attending or absent were:

Exec Board Member	Present in Person	Present by Phone	Absent	Comments
Bloom, G. Duff			X	Mediation
Bohy, Ronald			X	
Cole, Norm			X	
Edmunson, James		X		
Kehoe, Matthew			X	
Fisher, Matthew			X	
Guarrasi, Robert	X			
Harrell, Tom		X		
Jacobson, Jacqueline	X			
Johnson, Dale	X			
Masters, Julie			X	
Oswald, John	X			
Parks, Carol		X		
Rock, Douglas			X	
Schoenfeld, Steven				
Semple, Keith	X			
Sencer, Nicholas		X		
VavRosky, Dennis	X			

II. MINUTES

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the July 13, 2012 meeting as written.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dale Johnson

Chair Johnson advised that the main focus of the executive committee for the last quarter will be Bench Bar seminar and discussions about the 2013 budget. Ron Bohy and Julie Masters have been working together to transition the treasurer position. The nominating committee is working on identifying two new members to replace Ron Bohy and Keith Semple when they become officers in 2013.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Masters provided the following report via e-mail: "The financial statement from the bar for July had very little activity, so the treasurer's report is, essentially, "holding steady," until the activity from the bench/bar commences. I met with Ron Bohy for lunch this week and we went over the treasurer duties so he can take over smoothly for 2013. The bar will probably send out a budget package sometime in the next few weeks, and I will be prepared to discuss the 2013 budget proposal at that meeting. I don't anticipate many changes from last year.

I plan to continue doing the communications in the future even though I will be off EC next year. The bar produced a card, which they will have at the swearing in. It says new admittees get a complimentary membership into our section, consistent with our vote to do that. It gives contact information for Dale and Norm."

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

Liaison Bohy provided the following information via e-mail:

The committee members are as follows: Linda Conratt, chair, Sally Curey, Rob Kinney, Allison Lesh, Sommer Tolleson, and ALJ Geoffrey Wren. The CLE

committee will have its first meeting in October 2012. Committee members are asked to submit any ideas for topics or speakers to Linda Conratt.

B. Communications

Treasurer Masters indicated that the OSB produced a card that will be passed out at the swearing in ceremony.

C. Daughtry Award of Merit

No report.

D. Legislative / Rules

Co-chairs Edmunson and Sencer plan on coordinating with the OSB regarding guidelines for the sections pursuing legislative changes. The Board has adopted electronic fining rules, and is going to consider attorney fee rule revisions on November 2, 2012. These rule changes will be monitored by the rules subsection. Keith Semple volunteered to attend the Board's meeting on November 2, 2012. The committee is also looking in to an amendment to ORS 656.286(5).

E. Bench / Bar Professionalism Committee

The Bench Bar CLE is set for November 9, 2012. The speakers include John Casalino from the Portland DA's office on child abuse reporting, and recent updates on ethics issues by Scott Morrill. Justice DeMuniz will be the keynote speaker. The Bench Bar committee hopes to have all the written materials by the October meeting. There are still selections to be made with respect to meal

choices, and the committee is looking at a survey regarding possible admission charges at future CLEs.

F. Access to Justice

The access to justice committee is looking at the Court's decision in SAIF v. Wilde dealing with the failure of ORS 656.268 to address notice to the beneficiary of a deceased worker to appeal a Notice of Closure – proposed legislation would extend the appeal statute to one year if notice is not adequately provided.

The committee has not yet received a response from Mr. McNally at the WCD in response to proposed changes to the injured worker booklet regarding attorney access.

G. Going Forward

Co-chair Schoenfeld reported that a meeting was scheduled for 9/24/12. The committee is trying to come up with ways to encourage new lawyers in the practice of workers' compensation law. A presentation will be made at Allen Lyon's workers' compensation class at Willamette law school in the fall. Co-chair Schoenfeld encouraged participation in the OSB mentorship program.

H. New Technologies

Chair Guarrasi discussed the new electronic filing rules enacted by the WCB, and the pilot program for electronic filing and logging on to Oracle. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the pilot program.

I. Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee is working on filling Keith Semple and Ron Bohy's at-large positions for 2013. Please forward suggestions to Jill Riechers, Meg Carman, and Phil Garrow.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.
The next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on October 12, 2012, at the Oregon State Bar offices in Tigard, Oregon.