

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
April 8, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tom Harrell called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:08 p.m.

Committee members attending or absent were:

<b>Exec Board Member</b>	<b>Present in Person</b>	<b>Present by Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bohy, Ronald	x			
Caldwell, Katherine	x			
Chen, Bin			x	
Conratt, Linda	x			
DiCicco, Alana			x	
DiBartolomeo, Joe			x	
Frost, Christine		x		
Garrow, Phil	x			
Harrell, Tom	x			
Lesh, Allison		x		
Ogawa, Jenny		x		
Olney, Kathryn		x		
Oswald, John	x			
Schoenfeld, Steve			x	
Semple, Keith			x	
Smith, Bruce		x		
Wren, Geoffrey		x		
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**II. MINUTES**

A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the March 11, 2016 meeting.

### **III. Chair Report**

Tom Harrell reported, after talking with the office of the Bar's General Counsel, that the Executive Committee members cannot hold a secret ballot vote for the recipient of the section's Professionalism Award. Rather, there must be a public record vote that records the number of "yes" votes and the number of "no" votes from each Executive Committee member for the recipient of the Professionalism Award (without recording the names of the members and how they voted). Any member attending the Executive Committee meeting by telephone will give a verbal vote rather than voting electronically by email or otherwise. It was pointed out that Section 8 of our bylaws need to be revised to be consistent with public meeting laws.

There was a motion to have each Executive Committee member give a verbal vote for the recipient of the section's Professionalism Award with a record of the number of "yes" votes and the number of "no" votes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tom Harrell reported that the following Executive Committee members' terms were ending by the end of 2016: Geoffrey Wren, Bruce Smith, Philip Garrow, Linda Conratt, Keith Semple, Ronald Bohy, John Oswald, Katherine Caldwell and Bin Chen. However, these members have agreed to renew and continue as Executive Committee members moving into 2017. There was a motion to renew the foregoing members for terms continuing into 2017. The motion was seconded and passed.

Steve Schoenfeld's term is ending at the end of 2016. He is stepping down and will need to be replaced with a claimant attorney practitioner.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at Salishan on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### **IV. Treasurer Report**

Ron Bohy reported that as of February 29, 2016, the Section had a balance of \$24,105.00. From January to February, 2016, the Section added 20 new members. The Section has 320 members. It is not clear what the breakdown of the membership is with the number of claimant's attorneys and the number of defense attorneys. The Section is down 16 members from what was budgeted for 2016.

Ron Bohy also reported that the Appalloosa contract was canceled as of April 13, 2016. He received a \$70 bill for Appalloosa's web hosting, but Appalloosa needs to be contacted to prorate its bill since the contract was canceled.

### **V. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Salishan**

Nothing new to report. As of the 4/8/16 meeting, 70 people have registered for the Salishan CLE program (which is higher than normal for this time of year). An updated list of committee members was needed for the CLE materials.

#### **B. Professionalism Award**

Judge Jill Riechers was the proposed candidate by the nomination committee for the 2016 Professionalism Award. A vote was held and 12 committee members voted "yes" and zero committee members voted "no". Tom Harrell will contact Judge Riechers to let her know she is the 2016 recipient of the Professionalism Award. Ron Bohy will order the plaque/award.

#### **C. Access to Justice**

Access to Justice continues to work on several projects. At the last meeting, the Executive Committee felt the proposed legislative changes on translation of forms and notices required more work; namely, the number of languages listed in the proposal seemed under-inclusive. Bin Chen is working with the Employment Department to see how we can create a rule that mirrors what they have implemented.

#### **D. Bench/Bar**

Kevin Barrett has booked all of the speakers for the next Bench/Bar program. There will be a presentation on Elder Abuse. There will also be a presentation on Judicial Fitness (presented by Judge Egan).

#### **E. Going Forward**

No report.

#### **F. Legislative and Rules**

Keith Semple submitted language for statutory change regarding Board Members that was discussed in the last EC meeting.

#### **G. New Technologies/Communications**

No report.

#### **H. Nominations**

No activity. There needs to be a new claimant attorney for 2017 to replace Steve Schoenfeld.

**VI. Old Business**

None

**VII. New Business**

None

**VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:33 p.m