

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 9, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jenny Ogawa (chair-elect) acted as Chair for the meeting due to the absence of Chair Tom Harrell. Jenny Ogawa called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at

EC Committee members attending or absent were:

Exec Board Member	Present in Person	Present by Phone	Absent	Comments
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		
TOTAL	4	7	6	

II. MINUTES

Geoff Wren asked that July's minutes be corrected to reflect that he was present by phone. A motion passed to approve the EC Minutes of the July 8, 2016 meeting with that correction.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- Kids Chance

Following up on discussions held in the last EC meeting, Ron Bohy spoke with Dr. DiPaola and Ramona St. George about current applicants for the Kids Chance of

Oregon program. No current applicants are in or headed to law school. The program could possibly set up a separate subaccount dedicated to law students. If the Section only contributed to that subaccount, that would likely meet the Bar's guidelines for charitable giving. Jenny Ogawa will contact Dr. DiPaola and Rhonda St. George and ask that they let us know if they get a law student applicant in the future. In the meantime, Section members can of course contribute individually.

Jenny Ogawa spoke with Krishna Balasubramani about what efforts have been made to get word of this program out to potential recipients. The main outreach so far has been through the Ombudsman's office, as they have information regarding PTD claims and other claims that would likely meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship. Krishna Balasubramani also sent an email to the Section list serve letting people know about the charity.

- Labor and Employment Section Resolution

Tom Harrell received the following email on 8/15/2016 from Sarah Drescher of the Labor & Employment Section:

OSB Section Chairs:

The Labor & Employment Section's Executive Committee is considering whether to submit the attached draft resolution to the House of Delegates meeting in November. The resolution would allow OSB sections that organize CLEs of 4 hours or more to opt out of mandatory cosponsorship with the CLE Seminars Department.

Before making a final decision to submit this resolution, the L & E Section's Executive Committee would like to get feedback from your sections to determine if your section chair would support this resolution at the HOD meeting, if your section's executive committee will cosponsor the resolution, or if your committee feels this resolution is a bad idea. We welcome any feedback.

If you could, please review this resolution with the members of your executive committee and let me know by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Thank you.

Sarah Drescher

Tom Harrell spoke with Sally Curey about this proposal and reported her thoughts prior to the meeting via email. Given her involvement with Salishan, she has been in frequent contact with the Bar about the sponsorship issue. The current wording of the Bar's proposal makes co-sponsorship of CLEs greater than 4 hours optional. The primary purpose of the changes to the Bar's CLE policies is to encourage use of the Bar's registration services, which the Section already uses for Salishan. Sally Curey felt the Bar's changes could also end up saving the Section money. She thought taking a position on the Bar's CLE proposal was premature. Ron Bohy echoed her thoughts.

A motion was presented that the section take no position on the Labor and Employment Section's draft resolution. The motion was seconded and passed.

- WCD CLE co-sponsorship

Jenny Ogawa received an email from Lou Savage, WCD Administrator, proposing collaboration between the section and WCD for CLEs on topics such as the Return to Work programs and how the Sanctions and Medical Review Teams work. Kathryn Olney wanted to know whether WCD was thinking of a whole new CLE, and if so, where and in what format (webinar, phone-based, etc) or if they were thinking of a session at Salishan or Bench Bar Forum. Assuming these were stand-alone CLEs, Ron Bohy wanted to know who would sponsor them, noting that with the Bar's new requirements, if WCD wanted the section to co-sponsor, we would likely have to go through the Bar. Jenny Ogawa will contact Lou Savage and find out more information about what type of involvement WCD is looking for from the section.

- Helen Hirschbiel's feedback request

Jenny Ogawa also presented an email from Helen Hirschbiel, CEO/Executive Director of the Bar, in which she Ms. Hirschbiel requested input from the various Bar sections regarding: (1) section fund balance -- whether sections keeping large balances is a problem and if so, how it should be addressed, whether there should be a policy or guidelines on appropriate reserves, whether sections with large fund balances should be encouraged to decrease membership fees or offer scholarships and whether the Bar should continue subsidizing administrative costs for sections with large fund balances; and (2) the Bar's section model -- whether the section model is too "one size fits all", whether there are too many sections, whether there are any sections that should merge and whether the Bar should create "interest groups" as a less-formal alternative to sections.

Phil Garrow suggested a subcommittee form to study these questions further. Phil Garrow, Ron Bohy and Allison Lesh offered to be members of the subcommittee.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Ron Bohy reported that as of 7/1/16, the section had a balance of \$29,085, but that that number would go down due to some additional costs associated with Salishan. Projected costs until the end of the year are about \$11-12K, including the \$6800 for Bench Bar Forum. He reported that as of 7/31/16, there were 325 paid section members and 330 members total. These numbers are down from last year and down from what was projected in the budget. We are currently \$275 off the planned budget.

Susan Cushing will double check on the deadline for submitting information and handouts to be given to new admittees at the swearing in ceremony and would let Tom Harrell know.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salishan

Geoff Wren stated that there was nothing to report.

B. Professionalism Award

There was no report from the Professionalism Award Committee.

C. Access to Justice

Bin Chen was not present to discuss the Access to Justice Committee's proposal regarding a multilingual notice to be sent out with important documents. This discussion was held over until next meeting.

D. Bench/Bar

Jenny Ogawa presented Kevin Barrett's report. Kevin Barrett thinks we may need to charge section members \$10 next year for attendance. Ron Bohy noted that it makes sense to discuss this proposal as we do the budget for next year and suggested discussing it at the October or November meeting. Kathryn Olney suggested we consider some sort of scholarship fund that comes out of the budget surplus.

E. Going Forward

There was no report from the Going Forward Committee.

F. Legislative and Rules

There was no report from the Legislative and Rules Committee.

G. New Technologies/Communications

This committee still needs someone to chair it, assuming the committee is even needed any longer given that the Bar will be hosting the website. Discussion of whether this committee remains relevant was held over until the next meeting.

H. Nominations

There was no report from the Nominations Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2016 at the Salem Convention Center prior to Bench Bar Forum.

It was noted that the November meeting is currently scheduled for Veteran's Day, when the Bar is closed. Linda Conratt offered to contact Sarah Hackbart to identify other possible dates for the November meeting and to then set up an online poll for EC members.