

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 9, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenny Ogawa called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:04 PM.
EC Committee members attending or absent were:

Exec Board Member	Present in Person	Present by Phone	Absent	Comments
Bohy, Ronald	X			
Caldwell, Kate	X			
Chen, Bin			X	
Conratt, Linda			X	
Dibartolomeo, Joe		X		
Fisher, Martin		X		
Frost, Christine		X		
Garrow, Phil			X	
Harrell, Tom		X		
Lesh, Allison			X	
Ogawa, Jenny	X			
Olney, Kathryn		X		
Oswald, John	X			

Patrick, Jovanna	X			
Semple, Keith			X	
Smith, Bruce		X		
Wren, Geoffrey			X	
TOTAL	5	6	6	

II. MINUTES

Kathryn Olney requested that the minutes be amended to reflect Linda Conratt's website update that she would be taking photos of past Professionalism Award recipients to include on the website.

The minutes, with the above amendment, were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

CLE Feedback Request from Helen Hierschbiel

In attendance at today's meeting were Danielle Edwards from the OSB, Rob Kinney from the Salishan committee, and Katie Krametbauer from the Bench Bar Forum committee.

Danielle Edwards from the OSB provided a handout regarding the new CLE options (Appended to the Minutes). As background, she explained that in 2014, BOG undertook a general review of several programs, included CLEs. Based on feedback received from various sections, BOG made some changes in 2016 and proposed three different options. Unfortunately, there was no vote on the issue and the BOG decided to delay implementation of the policy changes. They have formed a subcommittee which is considering the new proposals.

Danielle addressed a number of questions asked by members of the EC, summarized in the following points:

- The Bar's goal is to have a fairly up-to-date library of CLEs on file for each practice section.
- There are no costs associated with the co-sponsorship model. If a program takes an overall loss, the Bar assumes the loss. If there is a profit, there is a profit

sharing method to allocate that. The profit sharing model may change from the current model to something more straightforward.

- The threshold for co-sponsorship is still 4 hours. Programs of less than 4 hours can use the Bar's registration services, but would not meet the co-sponsorship requirement.
- Live webcasting -- committee members were concerned that if the annual meeting and CLE (Salishan) was webcast live, we would lose in-person attendees, which would both decrease the profit and have a negative effect on the social goals of the seminar. Danielle said that the Bar generally does see a drop in in-person attendance to CLEs that offer live webcasting, but typically the Bar does not do a live webcast for two-day programs like Salishan. It is more likely that they would record it and offer it later on demand.
- Danielle did not think that the every three years co-sponsorship model would impact our ability to sign long-term contracts with Salishan. Contracting several years in advance offers the section the security of having the program the same weekend and saving money. She noted that the Bar's CLE Services likes working with Salishan and Riverhouse for CLEs and is familiar with their contracting process.
- In response to questions about whether Bench Bar Forum could still be offered to section members free of charge --- BBF is below the 4-hour threshold so that would not be a co-sponsorship issue. The section has used the registration services for BBF for years and the Bar's new policies may even allow us to pay less for those services under the new pricing options.
- Danielle reported that the Bar has already conducted co-sponsored CLEs with about a quarter of the bar sections and has had good feedback. The Bar tries to work with sections to meet their individual needs.
- The Bar's goal is to implement these changes at the same time the Bar's new software system is implemented, which is targeted for January of 2018.
- If we propose co-sponsorship for a program and the CLE Seminars Department rejects the proposal, then the section probably has not met the co-sponsorship requirement and another CLE would still have to be offered for co-sponsorship. T
- Treasurer Ron Bohy expressed concern about selecting keynote speakers and other presenters who may be relatively expensive. Danielle said if we wanted to include an expensive speaker/presenter in co-sponsorship years, we would have to discuss that with the CLE Seminars Department and reach an agreement.
- Salishan committee member Rob Kinney expressed some concern about the section losing autonomy in planning and making adjustments to the Salishan

conference in the years the Bar is co-sponsoring. They currently do a fair amount of making small adjustments (comping or rearranging rooms, etc) in the days leading up to the conference. Danielle said it is anticipated there would still be some flexibility, but the CLE Seminars Department would still get final say on the program.

- Rob Kinney was also concerned about the cost of Salishan. Our current price is around \$225. Danielle thought that was about the current price of the Bar's 1-day programs, but said we could reach out to Karen Lee with CLE Seminars for more information. It was pointed out that Salishan is actually two half-days, not two full days.

Danielle explained that it is not an option for the section to opt out completely, though the BOG would appreciate our feedback. She also noted that if we did another program outside of our typical 2 (for example, another "Nuts and Bolts" CLE), that could work as long as the bar is able to develop an adequate library of CLEs available to membership.

Chair Ogawa asked Rob Kinney what effect he thinks this will have on the Salishan committee if every three years they have to change up what they do. Rob was concerned it could lead to the loss of committee members or general dissatisfaction.

Chair Ogawa noted that we need to give feedback by June 15th. Rob Kinney will put his comments in writing and send those to Chair Ogawa, who will then put together something to send to Helen Herschbiel. Chair Ogawa asked other members to email her if they have additional thoughts.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported that the ending fund balance for April was \$46,053. That was pre-Salishan and he is still receiving various expenses from Salishan. Contributions from various vendors totaled \$1,850, which is what was budgeted. There were 171 registered attendees at Salishan.

We have paid the Minority Lawyers Association and Campaign for Equal Justice donations previously budgeted.

We currently have 328 section members, 325 of which are paid. We are down 21 members from our budgeted member count.

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V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

No Report.

B. Access to Justice

Bin Chen was unable to attend today's meeting. At his request, Kate Caldwell advised the committee that Access to Justice does not meet again until Monday the 12th. An Access to Justice subcommittee will also meet on 6/26/17 to finalize the medical services issues being presented to WCD's Lou Savage at the EC meeting in July. They will send an updated and distilled list of issues to Chair Ogawa and she will forward it Lou Savage in advance of the July EC meeting.

C. Salishan

Geoff Wren was not able to attend the meeting, but sent the following messages on behalf of the Salishan Committee:

The Salishan Committee proposes the following prices for Salishan 2018:

WCB/WCD employees	\$175
New members (admitted after 1/17)	\$200
Regular	\$225

Additionally, the late fee would be \$25 (no change there).

The Salishan Committee also requests feedback from the EC whether anyone has concerns about our giving prizes to attendees at the Salishan Conference. If so, what concerns?

The EC members present discussed the issue of prizes. Treasurer Bohy said the prizes for Salishan usually cost less than \$600. Members noted that future co-sponsorship of this CLE could impact the purchase of prizes.

D. Bench Bar Forum

The Salem Convention Center has is booked. EC will have access to the room 30 minutes prior to the start of the CLE for the EC meeting. All the presenters are lined up. The seminar will include a presentation on immigration issues, 1 hour on ethics issues and 1 hour child abuse reporting.

E. Going Forward

John Oswald reported that the joint social with the Young Lawyers Division will occur on June 27th at the Raven and Rose. Spencer Kelly will be handling announcements. Kathryn Olney reminded John that an announcement should be sent to Skylar Hall for the section website. John or another member of the Going Forward Committee will also contact Sarah Hackbart of OSB about sending out a Save the Date.

F. Legislative and Rules

No report. They have not met.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Possible relocation of the Annual Meeting and CLE

Prior to the June meeting, committee members discussed over email whether to obtain a formal bid proposal from Skamania for future conferences. The consensus was that while Skamania had some draws, they were outweighed by the negatives such as the out-of-state location, lack of surrounding attractions or accommodations and small room size. The committee decided not to solicit a formal bid from Skamania.

Additional discussion occurred at the June meeting. It was noted that the Solo and Small Firms Section is doing a two-day meeting at The Riverhouse in Bend. Martin Fisher noted that if The Riverhouse is someplace we would consider, he is friends with one of that company's coordinators. Bruce Smith noted that they have done some recent renovation. We are contracted with Salishan through 2020, but there was interest in finding out what the 2021 rates at the Riverhouse would be. Martin Fisher said he has some rate and other information that the Riverhouse sent last year which could give us an idea of the cost. He will locate that information and send it to Chair Ogawa and Sally Curey.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM

The next meeting will be July 14, 2017 at noon at the OSB offices.