

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 8, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenny Ogawa called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 12:07 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		@12:20 pm
TOTAL	5	7	5	

Members with terms starting January 2018 present:

John Klor (in person)
Colin Hackett (by phone)
Carrie Wipplinger (by phone)

II. MINUTES

The November minutes were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Members whose terms are ending this month are Tom Harrell, Kathryn Olney and Ron Bohy. Chair Ogawa expressed thanks and appreciation to all three for their service and time on the EC.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported that the Bar's November statement is not yet published. The 2018 budget has been sent to the Bar. The section received a bill from Registration Services from Bench Bar Forum of approximately \$1400. There were 142 registrants at final count.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Tom Harrell reported that he is working with the Bar to update the survey and the email should go out to section members today. Nominations will close on 2/9/2018.

B. Access to Justice

Jovanna Patrick reported for Access to Justice. The committee continues to work on multiple projects. The issues regarding translation of forms and notices and translation of written evidence will likely be dealt with together at WCB.

The committee continues to explore the issues surrounding access to medical treatment, including issues regarding preauthorization. The committee has spoken with Fred Bruyns, who will add this issue to the agenda of the next medical services rulemaking committee meeting. The Access to Justice committee looked into putting together a continuing medical education training, but found it was too cost prohibitive to undertake.

The committee is working on a survey to send to vocational providers to help identify any access to justice issues in the context of vocational services issues.

C. Salishan

Geoffrey Wren emailed a report to Chair Ogawa prior to the meeting. The Salishan committee has nearly finished mapping out the presentations for the 2018 meeting. Justice Landau has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

D. Bench Bar Forum

Tom Harrell spoke with Katie Krametbauer. She will be heading up this committee again next year.

E. Going Forward

No report.

F. Legislative and Rules

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Next year's EC officers will be John Oswald (chair), Bruce Smith (secretary), and Linda Conratt (treasurer).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:31pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on 1/12/18 at the OSB offices.