

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 20, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenny Ogawa called the Executive Committee (EC) to order at 10:36 AM.
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	8	2	7	

II. MINUTES

The September minutes were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Ogawa reported that Public Affairs approved the letter to the WCB drafted by the Access to Justice Committee. Keith Kekaouha sent the approved letter on to WCB.

Chair Ogawa received one response to the section fliers that were handed out at the swearing in ceremony. The new admittee was invited to attend the Bench Bar Forum, but she was unable to.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Ron Bohy reported as of 9/30/17 the section's balance was \$24,985. Section membership is at 336, 327 of those paid members.

We picked up five new members since last meeting.

Treasurer Bohy proposed that we address next year's budget at the next EC meeting. There is no plan to increase dues or Salishan fees, and no plan to start charging for Bench Bar Forum.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

No report, but the process for the 2018 award will get started in November.

B. Access to Justice

Bin Chen was not able to attend the meeting, but sent this update:

Access to Justice (Jovanna and Bin) is working on getting a WC training seminar accredited through OHSU for CME credit. They've done one with podiatry residents. Seemed to go over well. Trying to get that accredited so more docs want to participate. Dr. Carlsson at OHSU (Hans) will do it with them, they need the doc to get the program accredited. Residents were curious about when they can treat, what they can request, where they can get paid.

We are actively involved in WCD's rulemaking on MCO changes. Other than these nothing to report. Thanks.

Jovanna Patrick added that the committee is also looking into the availability of vocational counselors to see if there are any access to justice issues that should be addressed, as there have been reports that there are not many vocational providers currently operating.

C. Salishan

Geoff Wren was unable to attend the EC meeting, but sent the report that the Salishan committee discussed an increase in the Salishan fees for 2018, but recommend leaving it where it is at present.

Chair Ogawa received the following email from Sarah Hackbart:

Hi Jenny, the bar has learned that Salishan is being sold at auction on September 26. (For more information, review this news article: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/north-coast/renowned-oregon-coast-resort-heading-to-the-auction-block/472086128>.)

Your section entered a contract with Salishan for your 2018 Annual meeting, and made a deposit of \$2,000. Depending on the outcome of the sale, the sale may impact your event.

Bar staff reached out to Salishan, and its sales manager offered assurances that the auction will likely have no impact on bar events (see email below). She believes Salishan will continue business as usual after the sale. We hope that is the case.

We are following this matter closely and will share any information about the future of Salishan with your section as it becomes available. If you have questions about your contract, please feel free to reach out to the bar's General Counsel Amber Hollister at ahollister@osbar.org."

Sarah Hackbart

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The Salishan committee also contacted Salisha and that the new owners will honor our contracts.

D. Bench Bar Forum

BBF is happening today.

E. Going Forward

John Oswald reported that Phil Garrow made a suggestion for a mentor breakfast, possibly as part of the annual meeting. The Employment Section does this as part of their annual meeting. That section seems to do it as a breakout session, rather than part of a larger formal mentorship program, but perhaps we could consider the concept.

F. Legislative and Rules

Chris Frost reported that the Legislative and Rules committee has not had a meeting yet.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

The next meeting will be at noon on 11/17/2017 at the OSB offices.