

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 8, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.
Attendance was as follows:

Name	In Person	By Phone	Absent
Katherine M Caldwell (Chair)	X		
Bruce D Smith (Chair-Elect)		X	
John M Oswald (Past Chair)	X		
Linda D Conratt (Treasurer)	X		
Jovanna L Patrick (Secretary)	X		
Joe Di Bartolomeo		X	
Martin M Fisher		X	
Christine Coffelt Frost			X
Philip Harry Garrow	X		
Colin Rockey Hackett	X		
Heather L Holt			X
John Klor	X		
Vincci W Lam	X		
Allison B Lesh			X
J Mark Mills	X		
Jenny Ogawa	X		
Carrie D Wipplinger	X		
Bik-Na Han (BOG)		X	
Christine Ford (Bar Liaison)	X		
Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison)			X

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the committee's February 8, 2019 meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

John Oswald's seat needs to be filled, nominating committee is working on the nomination, to be voted on at Salishan meeting.

Questions about whether it is appropriate for Keith Semple to be chair of Legislative and Rules Committee when he is chair of OTLA as well. Kate discussed with Keith and shares concerns about appearance of conflict. There are also broader concerns about the scope of the L&R committee; not have much to do, A2J has been proposing rules changes, but only related to that topic. Reviewed mission statement. Members? Unclear at our meeting, but an updated list does exist. Kate will talk to Keith and other members, will distribute mission statement to members, and ask them to identify a new chair.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

January statement emailed to EC. Membership fee income \$6,700, ending balance \$19,827, down 57 members from December, 2018, down to 279. May have more with late enrollments.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Nominations circulated to EC. Of those nominated, Tom Harrell was not eligible. Reviewed criteria, with attention to contribution to public (i.e. outside of normal job requirements). Of 6 nominations, Nominating Committee was putting forth: Keith Semple, Ron Atwood, and Geoffrey Wren. Other nominees were Christine Jensen, Roger Pearson, and Krishna Balasubramani. Open discussion on whether EC wanted to put forth any of these 3 candidates; did not.

Discussion of 3 candidates, how they meet the criteria.

- Atwood – lots of CLE speaking engagements, Salishan, Rules, Bar Ethics, distant EC.
- Wren – Salishan presenter, in-house CLEs, EC, nominated by federal judge.

- Semple – Chair of EC, L&R, CLE presenter.

First vote to narrow field:

- Atwood – 9 votes
- Wren- 1 vote
- Semple – 3 votes

Based on Atwood obtaining lion's share of votes, no second bracket needed.

Motion to vote on whether or not to award to Professionalism Award to Ron Atwood. Yes. Voting: 13 votes for, none against. Atwood will receive award.

Kate will notify him for plaque name clarification, who he wants to present his award at Salishan. Determined the recipient is not confidential, can share so people who may want to come will know.

B. Access to Justice

New members to help balance committee: Kelsey Fleharty (RWW) and Allison Lesh (SAIF). With Bin Chen changing from defense to claimant side, still imbalanced at 5 defense members to 8 claimants. Committee is working to recruit new defense members; any suggestions welcome.

C. Salishan/Annual Meeting

Speakers are all set. EC meeting at 10:30 in the Wine Cellar. Price has increased, mostly due to food costs through new owners. Will discuss again possibility moving it in future years after we have final cost numbers.

John Oswalt will get plaque for past chair.

D. Bench Bar Forum

Vincci reports that they had a meeting yesterday. Need to pick a new venue as Convention Center in Salem is booked. Looking at a winery

15 mins east of Salem, 9/27 or 10/4. Note this is earlier than usual; may need to have separate EC meeting in October if pick September date for BBF.

Will have Ethics credit, ALJ CLE on post-hearing evidence, and deciding between an A2J credit or Abuse reporting. Committee thought Abuse was always a needed credit, but A2J would be Jennifer Flood with Ombudsman discussing what their office does, types of questions they get. Committee thought it would be very ignorative.

E. Going Forward

Nothing to report.

F. Legislative and Rules

See discussion above under Chair Report. John Klor not here to report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Website project. Carrie confirmed with Skylar that she will put up our minutes, we just need to send them to her. Kate will send. Most recent annual report posted was 2016. Salishan is top of page. Discussion of drafting mission statement - Christine Ford will look into requirements for that. The contact links are updated and working. Update needed for links to PSAC articles on comp. CLE materials – Jorge confirmed can post them if get signed release from presenters, will send form to committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee (Phil Garrow, Jill Riechers, Martin Fisher) have discussed need to fill John Oswalt's seat. They have put forth Spencer Aldrich. Will vote at Salishan, along with rest of committee members' positions, extensions of 2-year for members at large.

We need a defense-side secretary – no volunteers, Kate will follow up via email.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.