

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 12, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 March 8, 2019 meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

On March 12, 2019, we had a request for Marcia Alvey for a replacement professional plaque (2007) to reflect her name change. There was an email discussion on whether we felt it was appropriate to provide this and the majority of the committee felt it was. Motion and second to vote to provide this replacement plaque – passed. Vote to provide this replacement plaque – passed. In the future, we will not vote by email per BOG notice March 12, 2019.

The Bench Bar Committee is requesting permission of the Executive Committee to hold the 2019 Bench Bar Forum at Eola Hills Winery on October 4, 2019. The Committee began a search to find a location other than the Salem Convention Center due to rising costs over the last several years and the SCC was unavailable on the two requested dates for this year's event and was the most expensive of the location options researched. Committee members researched 4-5 options, some of which were already booked for our requested dates. The location options researched and considered by the Committee (Holiday Inns at Salem and Wilsonville, and the Chemeketa Eola NW Wine Studies Center) and the Committee ultimately decided on Eola Hills Winery.

Eola Hills Winery agreed to remove their wine buying provision and the OSB Deputy General Counsel Nik Chourey confirmed that the event could be held at this location as long as the contract complied.

Committee discussed holding BBF at a winery given the bar's new substance abuse requirements. Discussed that in past it was held at Willamette Winery. Suggestion to make announcement about substance abuse concerns.

Motion to and second to approve BBF on October 4, 2019 at Eola Hills Winery. Passed.

Secretary 2020/Chair 2022 position. Need defense-side member. Allison Lesh is the longest serving EC member and only defense member willing to serve, but her term is maxed out in 2021. Bar advises could extend to 2022, but then she would not be on committee in 2023 as past chair. Committee agrees with this approach. Motion and second to put forth Allison Lesh as nominee for secretary 2020/chair 2022 - passed. Nomination will be put to Salishan attendees during business meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Linda Conratt was absent but emailed her report. Feb OSB statement emailed to all section members on 3/25/19. Section membership was at 294. As of the end of February, we were down 25 members from last year.

There was an error (incorrect coding) in the March statement that Linda has asked the Bar to fix. Per Linda's report, we have about \$7,500 in revenue from Salishan registration. There is a charge for one speaker and it is under \$2,000. Membership is currently at 301.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Plaques are ready, just need to be picked up. Discussion of how to handle giving Marcia Alvey her new plaque without taking focus away from Ron Atwood's win this year – will do during announcement for her presentation.

B. Access to Justice

New Committee members; Committee still out of balance, could use 2 more defense members.

Vocational Survey – ready to send.

Denial language – working on edits. Will have an edited version of the language to present to EC next meeting.

827 form - suggestion to add claimant's attorney to list of releasees. Kate notes soul be all attorneys, as defense sometimes has this issue with medical offices as well. Committee discussion.

A2J is looking for new projects if anyone has suggestions.

C. Salishan/Annual Meeting

Reminder that we have our EC meeting at 10:30 in the wine cellar (difficult to find). Secretary will take meeting notes at that meeting as well as the Salishan Business Meeting, which will be short because the schedule is tight.

Dale Johnson will be presenting for Ron.

Memoriam at Salishan for WC and former WC members who have passed away in the past year? Committee believes we have done this in the past and should again this year. Jenny will contact Bill Replogle who tracks this.

We will note the question of raising bar dues versus charging for BBF. Christine noted that administrative fees are currently \$8 per member (Bar pays half) but will go up to \$9.50 per member next year. Bar is also considering setting requirement that each section have at least 100 members, or asking section whose revenue is 2 times the fees to pay the entire administrative fee. Next year is co-sponsorship with Bar year at Salishan.

D. Bench Bar Forum

See Chair Report. Still working to confirm schedule (ethics; post-hearing evidence; A2J/abuse). Vincci will be liaison.

E. Going Forward

No report.

F. Legislative and Rules

John K. not here. No update on Keith's removal as chair. Question of purpose of committee – monitor and report rather than active? Will reevaluate committee mission once have new chair.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Section website proposals discussed, still need statement of purpose. Got okay to add link to public bar website. Will update minutes onto website.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM. Next meeting will be at 10:30 AM at Salishan, May 10, 2019.