

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 14, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 (arrived 12:10 PM)	X		
Vincci W Lam			X
Allison B Lesh		X	
J Mark Mills	X		
Jenny Ogawa		X	
Carrie D Wiplinger	X		
Bik-Na Han (BOG)			
Christine Ford (Bar Liaison)	X		
Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison)			

II. MINUTES

Approve Minutes (5/10/19 EC Meeting and Annual Business Meeting) – approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Update from Sally Currey re: possible future co-sponsorship of Salishan:

- o First year our section is due for co-sponsorship is actually 2021.
- o OSB suggested we consider adding a third CLE every three years to meet the requirement. OSB as co-sponsor would essentially do all the planning.

Discussion of holding a new CLE every 3 years to fulfill this co-sponsorship requirement, rather than handing over Salishan once every 3 years.

Discussion of making it a nuts and bolts or other newer lawyer training – useful and also may bring people into section.

Also discussed that Employment Section does one of these types of CLEs often and has good attendance. Perhaps we could speak to that committee about doing a short comp presentation during their CLE?

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Salishan revenue and costs are in; revenue and costs are both up this year from last year, overall made about \$6,000 more this year, likely due to increased cost of event for attendees.

Salishan deposit paid; was \$2,000 this year when in past years was \$500. Cost of food is higher.

Bench Bar deposit made, \$10 charge per person from bar.

327 members currently.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access to Justice

- New member Elyse Lopez, David Runner stepped down. Still could use one defense side – Melissa Douglas?
- Completed projects:
 - o Voc survey out, not sure what will do with results.
 - o Advisory committees on translation of evidence and important document notice, new rules as of 6/1/19.
- Looking for new projects.

- Denial language – A2J suggests mandating denial language in the rules and making it more reader friendly. Jovanna will send out what committee has put together for suggested language. It changes the format but not the substance of what most insurers are using. Discussion of how this started (committee member stories of difficulty understanding, push to get things down to lower reading level).

Bench/Bar

- Vincci not here. Will be 10/4/19.

Going Forward

- John O went to swearing in; passed out two post-cards. Swag next year?
- Joint social with ONLD set for 9/25/19.
- Sending people to attend comp class at Willamette in the fall, taught by ALJ Jacobsen. Discussion of reaching out to employment professors to see about presenting small section on comp.

Legislative and Rules

- Discussion of purpose and mission of committee – do we need it?
 - o Mission statement from old Salishan materials reviewed.
 - o Can't be partisan, what do they do?
 - o ALJ Dougherty raised concerns about judicial code of conduct.
- Notice of proposed legislation – monthly newsletter to section on list serve highlighting legislation without comment on it? Informing not advocating.
- John K. will review with those interested – most who responded were defense side.

Professionalism Award

It was given out to Ron Atwood at Salishan.

Salishan

Working on contract for future years.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Status and mission of Legislative and Rules committee – see above
- CLE co-sponsorship – see above
- Survey to section – Linda reports that based on the increased income from Salishan this year, the budget is good. We do not want to exceed the new rules and have to pay the full bar assessment.
 - Discussion of what to do with excess money – increase approved donations, scholarships to students or low income/new attorneys in section. Need to consider what would be a benefit to the section.
 - Discussion that free Bench Bar is a perk of being a section member. Easier to ask Salishan attendees to pay a little more (because used to paying something) than ask people to pay for something that they are used to getting for free.
 - Decided to hold any discussions of increasing dues or charging for Bench Bar until budget becomes an issue again.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

With Bruce as our chair next year, we want to practice doing the video conferencing again before his term.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – adjourned at 12:58 PM, next meeting is July 12, 2019, noon, OSB offices.