**MINUTES OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2019**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Attendance was as follows:

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| **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) |  |  |  |
| Christine Ford (Bar Liaison) | X |  |  |
| Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison) |  |  |  |

1. **MINUTES**

Approve Minutes July 12, 2019, change that Phil was present in person – approved as amended.

1. **CHAIR REPORT**

Fall swearing in ceremony 10/3/19 at Willamette University. Do we want to co-host a table with postcards? John O did it last year, mentioned swag would have been good. $50 charge plus cost of postcards. Jovanna can attend. Motion to approve cost – approved.

HOD – discussion of procedures. Kate will send the agenda to the committee when it is ready in case anyone wants to attend to observe.

Draft of Salishan contract reviewed. Moving to weekend after Mother’s Day. Trying to negotiate down daily/food increase charges. Questions about price of Sunset Suite – complimentary to chair, 3 free nights. Maybe give that up to get something else that benefits everyone? Motion to approve current contract as written – approved.

CEJ request – budgeted $500.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

CEJ request – budgeted $500. Motion to approve – approved.

July/August – not much activity. $24,503 is current balance, 344 members.

Will pay for Bench Bar in October/November. Then will have better idea of ending balance, proposed budget to submit.

Bar assessment fee per member increasing to $9.50 from $8.00 next year. Reminder that would be $19.00 if budget exceeds 2x membership fees.

Need to consider Salishan adjustments as this year’s revenue was out of ordinary. Discussion of increased cost to use video conferencing next year while Bruce is chair – Christine F. will find out cost.

Motion to approve current budget – approved.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

** Access to Justice**

Discussion of new, revised language proposed by A2J for mandated denial language. Subcommittee made changes, reducing caps as this committee recommended. Discussion of whether to make more minor changes or leave as A2J has developed. Discussion of inserting specific date – A2J did discuss this but could not come to a consensus. Motion to approve denial language as written by A2J – approved. Jovanna will send to Matt Shields.

Committee mission questions: investigating issues of access to current benefits versus developing new benefits that will increase A2J? Reviewed mission statement, Kate advises both seem to fit guidelines. Allison noted committee’s proposals she felt were outside scope, Carrie agreed may get too expansive. Discussion of exploring ideas generally, not spend too much time if cannot get consensus, send to bar early to see if something we should work on. Kate not too worried given balance of committee. Jovanna will relay to A2J – okay to look at both current benefit and expanding benefits to the extent we can get consensus of committee.

Voc survey results are in. Will be discussed at next A2J meeting on 10/21, will discuss with this committee at November meeting.

** Bench/Bar**

Scheduled for 10/4/19. Our meeting will begin at 10:30 AM in main room.

** Going Forward**

Joint social with ONLD set for 9/25/19. Spencer A. will pay cost (no alcohol) and get reimbursement up to $200 this committee approved.

** Legislative and Rules**

John K reports still building committee, not a lot of interest, particularly from claimant’s side. Again, suggest disbanding committee. Discussion of prior discussion about committee purpose of informing and reporting. John K will send another email. Discussion of importance of balance in this committee like in A2J.

** Professionalism Award**

Nominations will happen in January, 2020.

** Salishan**

See above under chair report. Jenny will check with Sally on any other current issues.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING** – adjourned at 12:57 PM, next meeting is at Bench Bar at Eola Winery on October 4, 2019, at 10:30 AM. Let Jovanna know if need to call in and we will use cell phones.