**MINUTES OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**December 13, 2019**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 (12:10 PM) | X |  |  |
| Colin Rockey Hackett (12:17 PM) | X |  |  |
| Heather L Holt  |  | X |  |
| John Klor (12:17 PM) | 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 November 8, 2019 – approved.

1. **CHAIR REPORT**

Matt Shields from Bar is here to discuss A2J projects. Discussion of proposed project re: health insurance premiums while on time loss/voc calculation. Mr. Shields’ gut reaction is that the BOG will say no to this, because it is a public policy issue on which different legislators will reaction differently. Because the bar is mandatory, it cannot take a position on legislation where public policy concerns will lead to differing opinions. The legislature allows the bar to submit legislation the same as state agencies – must get to legislative counsel by early April, 2020. Better to stick to streamlining policies already in place, accessing benefits already in place.

Discussion of three other proposals – no immediate issues for BOG.

Discussion of voc survey – currently analyzing, actually taking action on what we find out may be on that line that BOG will reject.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

November expense report emailed to committee. YTD earnings $47,850, expenses $45,111. With 351 members, need balance at or below $17,550 – currently $18,703. Note that we had 20+ complementary session memberships this year – seems outreach to newer admittees is working.

Discussion of 6-7 groups approved by Bar to receive funds. We have already donated to CEJ and OMLA. Bruce – moved as amended to give $300 to each group to which we have not already made a donation. Approved.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

** Access to Justice**

Meeting 1/13/19. See chair report above.

** Bench/Bar**

Nothing to report.

** Going Forward**

Nothing to report.

** Legislative and Rules**

Nothing to report.

** Professionalism Award**

survey should go out in January, close in February.

** Salishan**

 Food costs are slowing increasing to market value. Increased revenue from this year may not be reflected in future years.

Working on speakers. Confirmed are:

* What’s New with the Board/Hearings Division – Connie and Joy – ½ hour
* Own Motion Refresher – with cheat sheet provided (hopefully) – Van Quan – 1 hour
* Workers’ Compensation 101 and 102 – Larry Schucht and John Oswald – break out session – 2 hours
* Timeliness – Knowledge/notice and presumption – Melissa Douglas/SAIF and Ted Heus – 1 hour
* PTSD Presentation – Firefighter’s presumption – Tom Anderson and Nelson Hall – 1 hour
* Ethics of Employment Releases – with and w/o counsel – Robert Meyer – 1 hour
* Appellate Update – Greig Lowell – 1 hour

The committee is still working on:

* Cross Examination/Depo Refresher Course – looking for a speaker/presenter – 1 hour
* Hot off the Press – update from Court of Appeals/Supreme Court – looking for speaker – ½ hour
* Spinal Presentation – Trying for Dr. Keenan – but awaiting confirmation – 1 hour

 Goal is 9 hours total CLE credit.

Will be 5/9/20.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

Thanking John O. for his years on committee. Thanking Kate for her service as chair.

Bruce is Chair next year, Allison is secretary.

John K may step down from committee next year.

1. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING** – adjourned at 12:40 PM next meeting is January 10, 2020 (+ Blue Jeans).