**MINUTES OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**March 13, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:07pm. Attendance was as follows:

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| **Name** | **In Person** | **By Phone** | **Absent** |
| Bruce D Smith (Chair) |  | x |  |
| Jovanna L Patrick (Chair-Elect) |  | x |  |
| Katherine Caldwell (Past Chair) |  | x |  |
| Linda D Conratt (Treasurer) |  |  | x |
| Allison B Lesh (Secretary) |  | x |  |
| Spencer Aldrich |  |  | 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 |  |
| Vincci W Lam |  | x |  |
| J Mark Mills |  | x |  |
| Jenny Ogawa |  | x |  |
| Carrie D Wipplinger |  | x |  |
| Joseph Piucci (BOG) |  |  |  |
| Christine Ford (Bar Liaison) |  | x |  |
| Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison) |  |  |  |

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the committee’s February 14, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **CHAIR REPORT**

Section website is up to date.

Discussed the upcoming annual business meeting at Salishan and likely effect of COVID-19 outbreak and precautions. Concern about penalties if cancel Salishan versus rescheduling. Floated idea of combining annual meeting with Bench Bar Forum in October/November. Section members will be notified through listserv about status with with decision no later than April 13.

Because several EC members planned to attend April 10 OTLA CLE, EC had rescheduled April meeting to April 17. OTLA cancelled the CLE so EC moved April meeting back to April 10.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

Linda emailed February report.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
2. **Professionalism Award**

The award committee received nominations and, after review, made a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee voted on the nominees and Julie Masters was named as this year’s recipient, receiving 11 Aye votes and 1 Nay vote.

1. **Access to Justice**

Jovanna discussed the committee’s progress on its four current projects – all are in subcommittees with varying stages of completion. Committee will next meet in April.

1. **Salishan/Annual Meeting**

See chair report.

1. **Bench Bar Forum**

Vincci identified three potential dates for the conference: October 9, October 23, or November 6. Location not yet confirmed, but Eola Hills Winery (last year’s venue) and Oregon Garden are likely options. At its next meeting, if necessary, the committee will discuss the possibility of combining Salishan with BBF at its next meeting.

1. **Going Forward**

Steve Schoenfeld and Larry Schucht will be co-chairs of committee. New committee members are Krishna Balasubramani, Jackie Jacobson, Rob Guarrasi, and Sarah Garrett.

1. **Legislative and Rules**

No meeting set yet.

1. **Nominations**

Committee nominated officers and at-large members for executive committee. Nominated current at-large member, Chris Frost, for secretary for 2021. Accounting for the EC members whose terms expire at the end of 2020 and wish to leave the committee at that time plus an already-open defense slot, the EC has three vacancies – one claimant, one defense, and one ALJ. The committee recommended Andrea Knight and ALJ Halah Ilias to fill the claimant and ALJ vacancies. Due to significant defense interest, the nominations committee recommended three defense members; the EC voted to appoint Karli Olson to fill the currently vacant defense seat.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

1. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on April 10, 2020 by phone.