**MINUTES OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**May 8, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:04pm. 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) |  |  | x |
| Christine Ford (Bar Liaison) |  | x |  |
| Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison) |  |  | x |

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the committee’s April 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **CHAIR REPORT**

Last month, Bruce discussed replacing Julie Masters for someone to monitor listserv. The Bar notified Bruce that it doesn’t want the section to monitor listserv participation. Discussed that maybe the section doesn’t need to replace Julie. Noted that although monitoring may be important, our section is pretty good about staying on topic and obeying the listserv rules. If section members have concern with something posted, recommended to just address within the section through the listserv.

Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation asked for a donation – Bruce will let the nonprofit know that the EC addresses nonprofit donations in the late fourth quarter.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

Nothing from the bar this month.

1. **COMMITEE REPORTS**
2. **Professionalism Award**

No report.

1. **Access to Justice**

Jovanna updated the EC on the status of the Access to Justice projects. The committee is waiting to hear from Matt Shields about proposed revised denial language, but at this time, no need to contact the Bar.

Committee is still working on interpreting the vocational survey, educating doctors, and the timing of exhibit submission and depositions.

Discussion of nonbinary forms – only a few workers’ compensation forms that request or refer to people in a gendered way. For these forms, suggestions for incorporating nonbinary folks include a third option, write-in option if want be referred to a different way, e.g. a line for preferred reference or nickname.

Also mentioned adding ombudsman information to the Notice of Hearing. Holly Somers and Bruce are checking into whether we can add the ombudsman information without having to go through a formal process.

1. **Salishan/Annual Meeting**

Committee is meeting May 12 to discuss plan C in case the meeting can’t go forward in October (plan B). Concerned because Governor Brown recently issued a notice of no large gatherings through at least September. Discussed virtual options like Zoom (used by Washington state self-insureds for recent conference) or the platform SAIF uses for its virtual CLEs.

1. **Bench Bar Forum**

No report.

1. **Going Forward**

In holding pattern.

1. **Legislative and Rules**

No report.

**G. Nominations**

No report.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

1. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:29pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on June 12, 2020 by phone.