**MINUTES OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**January 10, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:09. 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 |
| John Klor |  |  | x |
| Vincci W Lam |  | x |  |
| J Mark Mills | x |  |  |
| Jenny Ogawa | x |  |  |
| Carrie D Wipplinger | x |  |  |
| Joseph Piucci (BOG Liaison) | x |  |  |
| Christine Ford (Bar Liaison) |  |  | x |
| Danielle Edwards (Bar Liaison) |  |  | x |

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the committee’s December 13, 2019 meeting were approved.

1. **CHAIR REPORT**

Bruce is EC chair for 2020.

Thanked the EC members for their 2019 service, with special thanks to Kate and Jovanna.

Discussed 2019 chair report – emphasized importance of growing the section.

Asked for list of subcommittee chairs/liaisons; committee identified list as follows:

* Access to Justice
  + Chair and liaison: Jovanna Patrick
* Bench Bar Forum
  + Chair: Katie Krametbauer
  + Liaison: Vincci Lam
* Going Forward
  + Chair: Steve Schoenfeld
  + Liaison: Spencer Aldrich
* Legislative/Rules
  + Chair: Kate Caldwell
  + Liaison is unclear. Kate will check with 2019 liaison John Klor. If John is stepping down, Kate will be liaison.
* Professionalism Award
  + Chair and liaison: Kate Caldwell
* Salishan (Annual Meeting)
  + Chair: Sally Curey
  + Liaison: Jenny Ogawa
* Nominations
  + Chair and liaison: Phil Garrow

Received thank you letters from Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation and Oregon Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts for recent donations.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

Linda emailed before the meeting noting the $2,100 the section donated to seven nonprofits. No OSB December financial report available at the time of the January meeting.

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

On January 9, OSB sent survey to section members. Reminder will go out to section on listserv. Submissions due on Feb 7. Committee will meet after submission deadline but before Feb 14 executive committee meeting.

1. **Access to Justice**

2019 was turbulent year for committee membership. To avoid a similar 2020, Chair Patrick will ask all members to either commit through the end of 2020 or resign. Committee will then start working on the three projects approved by EC at the end of last year.

1. **Salishan/Annual Meeting**

Program lineup nearly complete.

Email from chair Curey about higher food prices potentially requiring a $25 increase in Salishan registration fees for 2020.

* Regular registration fee for section members would increase from $225 to $250, but late registration would remain at $275.

* New lawyer, paralegal, and WCB/WCD staff would increase from $175 to $200 and late registration would increase from $200 to $225.

Because registration fee increased in 2019 and because Linda (treasurer) was not at meeting, EC agreed to table motion on increasing fee in 2020 pending additional information. Because committee needs to have accurate fee information when the brochures print in mid/late March, Jenny to let chair Curey know that EC will revisit and give answer on fee increase at the February meeting.

1. **Bench Bar Forum**

No meeting since 2019 Forum.

1. **Going Forward**

Building on the success of its October 2019 presentation to students in Larry Schucht’s workers’ compensation class at Willamette Law School the committee is presenting to U of O law students on March 4, 2020.

Coordinating social for young lawyers for some time after Salishan.

1. **Legislative and Rules**

Bruce has a list of potential items for committee to track; will share at February meeting.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

Bruce questioned the currentness of the section website, specifically the outdated committee membership rosters and lack of information on upcoming events. Discussed that the Bar is likely responsible for updating event information after it receives the finalized written materials for the event. Skylar Hall manages the section website. Carrie volunteered to review section website for inaccurate information and then liaise with Skylar to update committee membership lists and other relevant information.

1. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be at noon on February 14, 2019 at the OSB offices.