

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
June 12, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Attendance was as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>By Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	

**II. MINUTES**

Minutes of the committee's May 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

**III. CHAIR REPORT**

Bruce turned it over to Kate – OSB president Liani Reeves and Chief Justice Martha Walters wrote letters disseminated to all Bar members regarding racism and Oregon's history. Kate noted that only CJ Walters's letter is on the Bar's homepage and is not prominent. Kate emailed Liani Reeves and Helen Hierchbiel asking that the Bar post both letters, prominently, on the Bar's homepage. She asked that the EC vote to send an email on behalf of the section reflecting the same.

Unanimous vote in favor of asking the Bar to post, prominently on the OSB homepage, the letters from OSB president Reeves and CJ Walters. Confirmed that section does not need Bar pre-approval to send a request on behalf of the section.

Email from Grant Stockton – chair of Oregon Association of Defense Counsel. Project of providing face masks for use in Oregon courthouses. OADC – draft of letter to send to membership to donate or make masks (with template courtesy of Chief Justice Walters) for donation. Asking for one person in our organization to solicit masks or donations from our section. Bruce suggested putting it on our website and on listserv.

Bruce asked if anyone is interested in following up on this – he will then respond to Grant based on whatever we decide. Martin will help with this; he explained that not having masks in the courthouse is a very significant problem. For example, need to make sure that a defendant who appears – many of whom are homeless – isn't putting self at risk by going to court. Bruce will forward info to Martin and then talk about level of involvement as a section. Kate will also assist.

Unanimous vote to support Grant Stockton and OADC with a general commitment to help.

#### **IV. TREASURER REPORT**

Income expense report for May - \$22,350. Membership is at 314 – 23 less than last year. Lots of money because haven't had Salishan.

Not sure if Bar will require us to draw down balance or else take money.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Professionalism Award**

Before Linda orders the plaque, Kate will ask Julie how she wants her name on the plaque. Allison is presenting award to Julie.

##### **B. Access to Justice**

Next meeting is on Monday, June 15.

##### **C. Salishan/Annual Meeting**

Have confirmed schedule. Plan is to have it in person, at Salishan, on October 30-31. If in person, figuring out how to conduct CLE. Limit attendance? How many people at each table? How to serve the food? Won't have answers until what phase we are in regarding reopening.

Committee is recommending that Salishan be in person as well as via live webcast. Looking at Zoom. Waiting to hear from Bar's CLE planning section to figure out what platform the Bar uses. If low attendance, we are subject to significant penalty if do not meet food and room quotas. Will charge for in-

person and video attendance. Also considering encouraging people to attend but if don't feel comfortable being in the room with everyone, attend via webcast in hotel room.

EC is not prepared at this time to make a commitment to having a live event at Salishan. Not enough information to commit to a live event with or without a live broadcast. Requesting clarity from the Bar concerning the contract and a timetable and asking for guidance from the Salishan committee about the minimum number of attendees that would justify holding a live event.

Bruce will tell Salishan committee that the EC, before making any kind of decision, needs more info on the timing of the cancellation and minimum number of attendees to justify going forward.

**D. Bench Bar Forum**

No report.

**E. Going Forward**

No report.

**F. Legislative and Rules**

No report.

**G. Nominations**

No report.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Colin mentioned moderating listserv. We will take it up next time.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

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

