

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 10, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Attendance was as follows:

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	

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the committee's June 12, 2020 meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

On 6/15, Bruce sent email asking OSB to more prominently place on the OSB homepage the letters decrying racism from Chief Justice Martha Walters and OSB President Liani Reeves. No response, but in looking at the OSB homepage, the letters are now in rotating banner. After discussing methods to heighten section member awareness, motion was made (with unanimous passage) to link to statements from our section website.

No update on mask project (see June minutes).

Next discussed possible subcommittee to work w/ Skylar Hall on section website to make more useful and informative. Christine Ford noted that the

Bar likes section websites to look the same so that there's a "brand" there and recommended contacting Anna Zanolli in creative services @ the Bar. Question also about whether the bar keeps track of section website visitors.

Spencer noted that the section website "Join the Section" tab has nothing on it. Suggested taking section website stuff to the going forward committee to upgrade and make more interesting and accessible.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

No report.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Nothing to report.

B. Access to Justice

Jovanna: Matt Shields from Bar Public Affairs wants a short statement from AtJ committee about why rule change is necessary for denial language. Will review at August 10 committee meeting. Jovanna will write, get AtJ approval and bring to EC for sign-off. Still trying to figure out what to do with info from the voc survey: just provide information or give recommendations? Notes AtJ committee conflicted. Doctor education project: WCD physician/provider education videos are kind of opaque.

C. Salishan/Annual Meeting

Salishan committee recommends foregoing in-person conference. Survey sent out on Wednesday, 7/8 about length of virtual conference (four vs. eight hours). Still looking for a virtual program platform for October 30 conference – any ideas – pass on to Sally or Holly Ansari. Salishan Resort allowing WC section to reschedule to 2021; current deposit will go toward 2021 conference. Next committee meeting – 7/21.

Jenny asks Christine Ford if the section can vote on new EC members/officers through teleconference? Christine checking on this. Jovanna notes that the House of Delegates meeting is also on October 30. Maybe a problem with Bar equipment, etc. if HOD meeting is also virtual.

D. Bench Bar Forum

No report.

E. Going Forward

Spencer mentions that WC section of Bar Books last updated 2008. Because the resource was really useful when first started and because the law has changed so much since 2008, probably time for update. Christine Ford recommends contacting director of legal publications – Linda Krushky. Although sure if an EC thing or a Going Forward thing, Spencer will keep looking into this.

F. Legislative and Rules

No report. Bruce recommended checking in w/ MLAC. Series of hearings on Coronavirus presumption. Reminded that L&R isn't just making recommendations but also keeping people informed about current/in-progress legislation and rules.

G. Nominations

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm..

The next meeting (tentative) will be at noon on July 24, 2020 by phone.