

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 11, 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 July 10, July 24, and August 7 meetings were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

EC reviewed slate of EC committee member and officer candidates to be voted on by survey. Kate missing from list; motion passed to add Kate to the list as member-at-large.

Confirmed that Salishan OSB co-sponsorship will satisfy the OSB requirement to cosponsor a section CLE every three years.

Sally Curey asked about posting a statement on the section website acknowledging Julie Masters as professionalism award winner. Motion passed to post a statement.

Question whether we should have OSB co-sponsor next year's Bench Bar Forum. Linda is asking about the budget for next year – we will have to vote on it at the 10/9 meeting, but everything is up in the air.

Bruce wants all the committees to think about what next year may look like if we are still social distancing.

Spencer talking about Going Forward committee: ALJ Jacobson will be talking with Keith Semple about website – any hardware still relevant from before Bar branded website to see if anything can be used to update information and cross-posting links. Larry Schucht is teaching a workers' comp. class and some Going Forward members are talking to those students. Virtually.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

\$22,892 balance. Down 26 members from this time last year.

If no changes to the section dues, then budget isn't due until December 4. If changing dues, budget is due October 16.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Allison and Julie working on video.

B. Access to Justice

Talked about denial language. Agreed on statement to send to EC for approval to go Matt Shields. Hoping will be on next month's EC agenda.

Voc survey – what to do with results. AtJ committee agreed that good to provide information but evenly split on giving recommendations. So not making recommendation on results of survey, just adding to info for public discourse. Question whether there is an action plan to publish results. Motion to forward results to MLAC; Motion passes to send vocational survey results to MLAC.

C. Salishan/Annual Meeting

Barb Woodford will do an in memoriam for section members who have died.

D. Bench Bar Forum

On hiatus right now.

E. Going Forward

See chair report.

F. Legislative and Rules

Board promulgated additional claimant attorney fees rules: Optional bifurcation procedure for further work up for fees at board level. Also ongoing labor efforts for covid presumption. MLAC and legislature will continue to discuss possible presumption.

G. Nominations

Officer and member slate submitted to EC today.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on October 9, 2020 by phone.