

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 13, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Name	By Phone	Absent
Bruce D Smith (Chair)	x	
Jovanna L Patrick (Chair-Elect)	x	
Katherine Caldwell (Past Chair)	x	
Linda D Conratt (Treasurer)	x out at 12.34	
Allison B Lesh (Secretary)		x
Spencer Aldrich	x	
Joe Di Bartolomeo		
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 for September and October were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

AtJ denial language

Jovanna provided an update on the denial language proposal put forward by Access to Justice. Matt Shields with Public Affairs asked that we submit a short statement of why we feel the proposed change is necessary. Access to Justice drafted that and Jovanna sent it to this to EC members in October, but it was not voted on at the October meeting as there was no quorum. A motion to submit proposed language and accompanying statement to the Bar for consideration was approved.

Vocational provider survey

Chair Bruce Smith sent the vocational survey results to Kara Hilsinger with MLAC. She said they are currently busy with Covid-related proposals and wasn't sure when next general discussion would be. She will let the EC know when the opportunity arises to present the survey to MLAC in case someone from the section wants to be involved.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

The 2021 budget was reviewed and is due to be submitted to the Bar by 12/4/2020. Treasurer Linda Conratt estimated that section membership for 2021 would be less than this year given current trends. The Salishan committee provided a budget with itemization that showed anticipated costs about the same projected for this year. The Bench Bar committee sent a budget, though without itemization.

The \$500 donation to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the \$500 donation to Oregon Minority Lawyers Association are to be issued shortly.

Bruce asked about other donation requests. Linda suggested waiting until December to see how much we have in the account and how much we want to carry over.

The proposed budget for 2021 was approved. Linda will submit it to OSB.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professionalism Award

Nothing to report.

B. Access to Justice

Next meeting is Monday 11/16/20. They plan to choose a chair for next year.

C. Salishan/Annual Meeting

Jenny Ogawa was not present, but Bruce reported that Holly Ansari will be chair next year and they have most presenters lined up already, because they were originally scheduled for 2020. The Salishan Committee was happy with co-sponsorship with bar this year. If we are unable to do an in-person meeting, they will probably do co-sponsorship with the bar again next year.

D. Bench Bar Forum

No new updates. No meeting since last EC meeting.

E. Going Forward

Larry Schucht and Spencer Aldrich are co-chairs. Larry brought Rob Guarassi and Sara Garrett to speak at his law school class. The committee is reaching out to various new lawyer organizations to try and get a cross listing of websites for information.

F. Legislative and Rules

Chris reported that the WCD has continued to work on new rules to address Covid-19 issues and MLAC is still looking at creating a possible Covid presumption for certain higher risk employment categories.

G. Nominations Committee

No news.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The committee shared their feelings about the recent sudden passing of Marcia Alvey. Bruce will send out an email to see if anyone wants to help coordinate some sort of centralized location for section members to share their remembrances and coordinate flowers, donations, etc in honor of her memory.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:56

The next meeting will be at noon on December 11, 2020, via telephone.