

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
January 8, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Attendance was as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>By Remote Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jovanna Patrick (Chair)	X	
Allison B Lesh (Chair-Elect)	X	
Bruce D Smith (Past Chair)	X	
Linda D Conratt (Treasurer)	X	
Christine Coffelt Frost (Secretary)	X	
Spencer Aldrich	X	
Joe Di Bartolomeo	X	
Katherine Caldwell	X	
Martin M Fisher		x
Philip Harry Garrow	X	
Colin Rockety Hackett	X	
Heather L Holt	X	
Halah Ilias	X	
Andrea K Knight	X	
Karli L Olson	X	
Jenny Ogawa	X	
Carrie D Wipplinger	X	
Joseph Piucci (BOG)		x
Christine Ford (Bar Liaison)	X	

**II. MINUTES**

Minutes of the 12/11/2020 meeting were approved. Linda moved to approve the minutes. Bruce noted that the minutes should be changed to reflect that he didn't volunteer to write up a memorial for members who died. He is willing to help. Allison said she had agreed to create a list of folks who had passed away. Karli volunteered Matt Fisher to write up memorials. Jovanna said her notes reflected that EC chair and chair-elect should figure out who has passed away and liaison with others to develop material to email in real time and Bruce volunteered to get that on website. Motion passed to approve the minutes as amended.

**III. CHAIR REPORT**

Jovanna made opening comments to welcome new members.

Jovanna asked for someone else to be Access to Justice liaison and Allison Lesh volunteered. Spencer agreed to be Going Forward and Bench/Bar liaison.

Bruce is liaison for Professionalism Award.

Phill is liaison for Nominations Committee.

Jenny is liaison for Salishan (but transferred that duty to Karli later in meeting).

Chris Frost liaison for Legislation and Rules committee which hasn't met in at least 2 years. Future discussions to be held on whether to keep that subcommittee.

Jovanna gave Bruce the floor to discuss making the website better. He wants the website to be useful, interesting and informative for members and kept up to date. Skylar Hall is doing great but she doesn't know what's going on unless we tell her. Spencer says he will work with Bruce to help. Bruce tried to get Heather involved but she declined.

Jovanna mentioned an email from the Bar that indicated it isn't hosting the conference call line this year (as of Dec 22, 2020) and suggested the option of the section to pay for its own Zoom account. Christine Ford said current Zoom calls are administrative costs perhaps. Linda says we were charged \$540 for conference calls last year. Ford says we are going to a new service and Bar will continue to facilitate, set up for Zoom for EC without own account but not for subcommittees. Questions should go to Danny at the bar (contact at bottom of email about Zoom). Ford said some naughty people last year gave out passwords and had expensive conference calls and now the Bar is cost cutting. Karli mentioned other options like Microsoft 360 and 40 minute zoom meetings for free. Jovanna raised concerns about subcommittees begin able to comply with recording rules and logistics of them doing their meetings.

Christine Ford said the Bar keeps recordings for 30 days. Spencer said he doesn't want to have to deal with recording and storing subcommittee meetings.

Jovanna said she'll ask the Bar more about this.

Jovanna said liaisons should tell their subcommittees that the Bar isn't paying for their conference calls anymore and there are public meeting requirements for notification and recording of all meetings. Subcommittees should discuss that the options are: 1) each subcommittee is responsible for their own public notice and recording of their meetings, or 2) if the subcommittees would feel more comfortable having the bar provide the notice and have a bar Zoom account for conducting and recording meetings. And then the EC liaison should get back to EC on the preferences.

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

Linda says we don't have the final year-end budget. Right now account is \$16,507. Approx. \$16,400 for year end. Linda wants to wait to do any charitable donations because funds uncertain due to Salishan moving to later in the year. Salishan usually makes money to pay for Bench/Bar but this year is reversed so money flow is an issue. We agreed to wait.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Access to Justice**

Steve Schoenfeld gave presentation to MLAC on the survey results of the Vocational Benefits. Allison Lesh indicated she attended the meeting and it was mostly Steve's personal take and was not a balanced presentation. Jovanna and Bruce advised they had communicated with MLAC to set this up, and that Elyse Lopez was supposed to present with Steve.

### **B. Salishan/Annual Meeting**

Jenny reported that Salishan committee was looking at October/November date. Jenny got the Salishan contract from Holly who said only difference for 2022 contract and current contract is resort increase from \$25 to \$29 per person. Special concessions pricing went down from 10 to 5%. And some other small changes. Karli wants the Owl's Nest to stay open so she can hang out. Jenny said contract says it will be open until midnight which made Karli happy. Karli wants to be involved with Salishan committee and Jenny offered for her to be the liaison as it is Jenny's last year on EC. Karli agreed.

Motion to approve 2022 contract: Bruce moved, Linda second. Motion passed.

### **C. Bench Bar Forum**

Vincci Lam present at meeting to report. Vincci as bench/bar liaison from last year indicated Bench/Bar virtual event for September is doable and they are looking at Zoom event, but spring is too soon. Vincci's firm is able to host the Zoom event for this. Bruce moved to approve a virtual event in September, Karli 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed. Vincci says it is usually someone on the EC to be liaison. Spencer said he is also on Bench/Bar so he volunteered to be liaison to Bench/Bar Committee.

### **Going Forward**

Spencer says not much but trying to do some techy things and work with other sections.

**D. Legislative and Rules**

Noting to report.

**E. Nominations**

Noting to report.

**F. Professionalism Award**

Bruce doesn't have a report but is trying to get a link.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm. The next meeting will be at noon on February 12. Via Zoom. At next meeting, we will confirm dates for meeting for remainder of year, including whether we will skip August.