

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 12, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Name	By Remote Conference	Absent
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 Rockey 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 February 12 meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Jovanna is recording meeting on Zoom. Will send log in info to liaisons for subcommittees to use.

Todd Westmoreland passed away. Bruce will work to get this on the web site.

Committee Membership issues: Phil's subcommittee on nominations noted that Carrie and Jenny are rotating off so they need to be replaced.

Linda says she doesn't want to be treasurer after this year. She will step down from committee as well. Chris recommended that we force Linda to remain treasurer or nominate Joe Puicci. No one seconded Chris's motions though some people did laugh.

Now we have a full committee but can replace members who are leaving. Bruce suggests we replace them. Jovanna will let Phil know we have 2 defense positions coming open and one ALJ position and hope to fill those. Jovanna wonders who will volunteer for treasurer as we all do. Jovanna notes that Chris Frost is at 9-year limit but can continue on as chair elect and chair but would have to leave after that or be a nonvoting member the year after. Chris said that was too far away to think about.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Linda says we received \$7100 in fees from the Bar. Had 284 paid section member and 24 comp section members.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

Jovanna says next meeting is in early April

B. Salishan/Annual Meeting

No report. Karli gone. Jenny will fill in next month if Karli isn't here.

C. Bench Bar Forum

Spencer says February 9/17/21 is date for Bench/Bar via Zoom. Still working on content.

D. Going Forward

Spencer says he talked to Oregon New Lawyers guy who is willing to link all these to web site. Trying to make website more user friendly and useful.

E. Legislative and Rules

Jovanna talked to Ben Debney. Seems Ben is sending a couple emails to the subcommittee members each year, and he and Keith Semple are involved in the legislative process outside of the subcommittee, but there are concerns that the subcommittee is not engaging together nor forwarding its activities to EC. Bruce would like to have Legislative and Rules committee let EC know when MLAC meetings are. Chris said at the very least Ben should send a summary of upcoming bills and rules and MLAC meetings to either the liaison or the Chair to share with the EC. Anyone can sign up for MLAC meeting notices. Jovanna will touch base with Ben again on this.

F. Nominations

Jovanna to talk with Phil re getting new folks as noted above.

G. Professionalism Award

Bruce said John, Kate and he had meeting. They will send the survey in early April with a 6-week turnaround, having Mid-May results. Ready no later than July 9 meeting, leaving plenty of time before Salishan.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

none

VII. NEW BUSINESS

none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

The next meeting will be April 9 at noon.