

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

September 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:02 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	12:23	
Philip Harry Garrow	X	
Heather L Holt	X	
Halah Ilias	X	
Andrea K Knight	X	
Martie McQuain	X	
Karli L Olson		X
Jenny Ogawa	X	
Carrie D Wipplinger	X	
Joseph Piucci (BOG)		
Christine Ford (Bar Liaison)	X	

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the July 9, 2021, meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- OSB Section Meeting and Event Updates

In-person Salishan is going forward on October 29 & 30. Everyone must wear a mask and everyone who is attending in person must sign a release/assumption of risk.

- HOD Meeting 10/29/21

Jovanna will be at Salishan, can't attend HOD. Asks if someone else wants to take her spot.

- Committee make up, election process for new members and officers (see nominations subcommittee)

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Linda not here but emailed report (July). 322 section members as end of July; 306 are paid members. Net assets \$23,603.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice (Bruce)

No new proposals. A couple of issues ongoing with subcommittees:

- Education for doctors, specifically medical treatment available after claim closure because providers do not know what they can treat. Subcommittee looking into a way to communicate with providers and how to encourage providers to continue as the AP.
- Also still looking at nonbinary option for WCD and WCB forms.

Discussed access to justice issues for unrepresented claimants; will investigate ways to mitigate access to justice issues for unrepresented claimants.

B. Salishan/Annual Meeting (Jenny/Karli)

- Will have virtual option for annual business meeting

Discussed potential pitfalls for cancelling in-person annual business meeting. If cancel now, Salishan will charge a \$10K cancellation fee, plus no money from registration fees. If governor changes rules between now and Salishan so that we can't have an in-person meeting, then no cancellation fee. Salishan waiving minimum accommodation requirement. In person or virtual, either is fine, up until day of conference. Also, if want to go to Salishan but are not comfortable w/ assumption of risk form or mask – can watch virtually from hotel room.

- Form

Have to sign waiver/assumption of risk form to attend in person. Bar is still working on approving the form. Jovanna and Holly Ansari are responsible to make sure everyone signs the form.

One speaker can't come in person anymore, looking to have that person present virtually.

Phil: When sign assumption of risk form? Have to get signed form before person steps through door; have to turn forms into Bar within three business days. But absent new regulation from governor, conference will go forward in person.

C. Bench Bar Forum (Spencer)

n/a

D. Going Forward (Spencer)

Asked Spencer about reimbursement request for Going Forward event. Event has not happened because of Delta variant. No reimbursement request because no money yet spent.

E. Legislative and Rules (Chris)

Not much to share w/ newsletters, etc., until next legislative session gets underway.

F. Nominations (Phil)

Folks leaving: Carrie, Phil, Linda, Bruce.

Folks joining: Trisha Fleischman, Christo de Villiers, John Young, maybe Ian Brown. Moved and voted to add Ian to the committee. Will be on ballot for voting.

G. Professionalism Award (Bruce)

Chris Frost is going to present award to Keith.

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 at noon on October 8, 2021.