

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 10, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:00 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	
Martie McQuain	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 November meeting were approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT

Virtual voting occurred for the EC members.

Linda, Carrie, Joe and Bruce are rotating off and Jovanna thanked them for their service.

Jennie noted some errors on the ballot but Jovanna got those corrected.

Liaisons to EC for next year will be decided at the January, 2022 meeting.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

Linda indicated the Bar hasn't issued a report. She did request processing of our donation. Jovanna said Classroom Law Project sent a nice thank you letter.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice

Bruce said they met on Dec 6. Steve Schoenfeld working to make information available to treating doctors about what services they can do after claim closure. Jovanna working on nonbinary forms with other committee members to respect their dignity at the Division and Board. The Board is discussing informally about what to do. Also working on Access to Justice issues for unrepresented claimants. Bruce is spearheading this with other committee members and is getting some facts from WCB (Greig is working on the data collection for this). Steve Schoenfeld and Jovanna working on simultaneous notice to claimant's attorney for bona fide job offers, likely rule changes. Elyse sent a letter to Dale Johnson who is retiring and has been on committee for 25 years thanking him for his work over the years.

Jovanna will be the liaison next year.

B. Salishan/Annual Meeting

No meeting and no info. Karli assumed they will have meeting soon because they have short time-line for next Salishan.

C. Bench Bar Forum

Virtual Bench bar –159 people attended. Hoping in-person event next year. Date unclear at this time.

D. Going Forward

No report.

E. Legislative and Rules

No report. Jovanna passed the torch to Allison to see whether this committee should be continued.

F. Nominations

No report.

G. Professionalism Award

Bruce says nothing has happened. Jovanna will be the chair/liaison next year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Bruce reported that list of prior winners of professional award has been gathered and has contacted Skylar to get those on the web site along with list of former chairs of EC. Former chairs will be listed under the EC tab. The professional award winners may be placed under a new tab that explains what the award is.

Christine Ford told Bruce to reach Anna Azanolli at the bar 503-431-6414 about web site info.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

New meeting schedule was set for 2nd Friday of every month except for Salishan and Bench Bar. Next meeting will be Friday, January 14. Feb 11, March 11, April 29 – Salishan, May 13, June 10, July 8, No August, Sept 9* Oct 14* (* might change due to Bench/Bar), Nov 18, December 9.

All meetings on Zoom until further notice.

Bruce thanked Jovanna for being chair during this difficult year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on January 14, 2022, via Zoom.