

This report will be brief as our last business meeting occurred in late October 2021. In these last six months the section has continued to navigate the evolving and seemingly-endless covid upheaval and its impact on our section and the people we serve. I want to thank everyone in our section for their patience and flexibility as we soldier on together.

And now a brief rundown of section activities:

Access to Justice has been, as it is always, a very active section subcommittee. Led by Jovanna, the subcommittee has continued to pursue several issues affecting injured worker awareness of and ability to receive benefits under our system, including educating doctors about worker medical treatment after claim closure; non-binary considerations on workers' compensation forms, in form letters, and at hearings; with the latest project of identifying statutes and rules that do not require simultaneous notice to the worker's attorney and exploring changes to ensure simultaneous notice.

Bench Bar Forum is busily planning this year's event, set for October 7 this year at the Eola Hills Winery. And of course, the Salishan planning committee has done wonders with the quick turnaround to pull this year's event together.

We've started revising the Oregon State Bar Bar Books Workers' Compensation Book last revised in 2008. The six section members that comprise the editorial review board are looking for volunteers to bring this worthwhile compendium of knowledge up to date. We need your help, your experience, and your insights. If you are willing to author or co-author a chapter of the book, please contact Allison Lesh, Spencer Aldrich, Trish Fleischman, Jenny Ogawa, Jodie Phillips Polich, or Elaine Schooler.

And finally, we've completed the revision of our section website. As promised, the website is an accessible repository of our section's past and present. There are now links to current and historical EC minutes from 2004 forward and annual section reports going back almost 20 years. There's an in memoriam section to honor our section members who have died and a list of past EC chairs and Professionalism Award winners. Also there are registration links for our annual CLEs.

The Bar's rules regarding voting on new executive committee members and EC officers now require electronic voting that will take place in the fourth quarter of 2022. Be looking for the ballot in your inbox probably late October/early November.

A big thanks to all committee and subcommittee members and to everyone who has given their time and pitched in to keep our section top-notch. Special thanks to Jovanna for her year as executive committee chair! And of course, biggest congratulations to John Oswald as this year's Professionalism Award winner.

And now to Andrea for the treasurer's report...