

**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 11, 2022**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Lesh called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. Attendance was as follows:

Name	By Remote Conference	Absent
Allison B Lesh (Chair)	X	
Christine Coffelt Frost (Chair-Elect)	X	
Jovanna Patrick (Past Chair)	X	
Andrea K Knight (Treasurer)	X	
Martin M Fisher (Secretary)	X	
Spencer Aldrich	X	
Ian Brown		X
Katherine Caldwell	X	
Trish Fleishman	X	
Philip Harry Garrow	X	
Heather L Holt	X	
Halah Ilias	X	
Martie McQuain		X
Karli L Olson	X	
Jenny Ogawa	X	
Christo de Villiers	X	
John Young	X	
Lee Ann Donaldson (BOG)	X	
Christine Ford (Bar Liaison)	X	

II. MINUTES

- Approve minutes (February 11, 2022). Approved unanimously.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- In memoriam – Colin Rockey Hackett
 - Members shared thoughts and appreciation of Colin.
- Bar Books authors wanted
 - Committee met earlier today, Allison noted committee still needs people to author or co-author a chapter.

- Committee membership balance
 - Chris Frost noted that leg & rules now has one ALJ instead of two, but adding a second would be of questionable value right now.
 - Karli noted that Salishan committee is a little heavy on the defense side. Could use another claimant's attorney. Karli will send Allison a list of that committee's membership.

IV. TREASURER REPORT

- Andrea's report
 - Have January report, February came in 30 minutes prior to meeting so we'll address it next meeting. Membership is down a little. Budgeted 324 members.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Professionalism Award (Jovanna)
 - The award committee received nominations and, after review, made a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee voted on the nominees and John Oswald was named at this year's recipient.
- Access to Justice (Jovanna)
 - Wrote thank you letter to Dale Johnson for his years of service.
 - Working on issues regarding pro-se claimants and technology gaps.
 - Looking at rules re depositions and sponsorship of exhibits at hearing but could not find a way to improve rule to expand access. Waiting for division's modernization project before improving forms.
 - Identified several statutes/rules where simultaneous notice is not required to the worker's attorney (i.e., BJO that comes directly from employer).
 - Jovanna moved to allow committee to move forward with investigating notice issues. Approved unanimously.
 - Discussed issues with finding doctors after MCO enrollment, working with leg & rules re mailing issues, which dovetails.
- Bench/Bar (Spencer)
 - Working on a venue, looking at the winery we used before. Asking for input from Salishan committee to avoid overlap. Date not yet pinned down, but shooting for late Sept, early Oct.
- Going Forward (Spencer)
 - Trying to get committee going again, probably meet next month.
- Legislative and Rules (Chris Frost)
 - Waiting for responses from people with regard to legislation.

- Salishan (Karli)
 - On track, but difficulty finding an ethics speaker. Will send agenda to Allison once ethics speaker is lined up.
- Nominations (Phil)
 - Nothing to report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Allison mentioned changes in denial language raised by access to justice, noted changes fell through when it got to the Bar level. This will be added to agenda next month.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Phil noted that he and Bruce Smith have been putting memorial info on website, unsure who's doing that for Colin. Allison advised it's been done.
- Lee Ann Donaldson introduced herself as Region 5 BOG contact. BOG implemented vax policy in Feb mtg, general counsel working on process for vax status for events outside of bar building. Policy will include attestation of full vax, and full vax was defined as boosted.
 - Spencer asked about vax requirement impacting Going Forward "mixers." Lee Ann recommended reaching out to Bar staff. Christine noted that, once process was done, Bar would send info probably to Allison. Also provided Spencer with Bar contact to address questions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – April 29, 2022, at 10:30 am. The meeting will be at Salishan Resort and Spa and also held virtually via Zoom.

Adjourn unanimously at 12:44 PM.