

**MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 13, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. Attendance was taken and introductions were made as follows:

Name	By Remote Conference	Absent
Christine Coffelt Frost (Chair)	X	
Martin M Fisher (Chair-Elect)	X	
Allison B Lesh (Past Chair)		x
Andrea K Knight (Treasurer)	X	
Ian Brown (Secretary)	X	
Spencer Aldrich	X	
Nicholas D Cordes	X	
Trish Fleishman	X	
Heidi M Havercroft	X	
Elyse M Lopez		x
Martie McQuain	X	
Craig Thomas Miller	X	
Karli L Olson	X	
Jovanna Patrick	X	
Christo de Villiers	X	
John Young		x
Dani Edwards (OSB member services)	X	
Apolinar Montero-Sanchez (BOG)		x
Tria Vang (Bar Liason)	X	

II. MINUTES

December 9, 2022, minutes were approved unanimously

III. CHAIR REPORT

- Set schedule for meetings
 - Meetings planned second Friday of the month
 - April: Salishan meeting is the last weekend in April, and the normal second-Friday meeting will occur in April.
 - August: No meeting in August
 - October: Bench-Bar is expected in October but does not have a date, and there will probably not be a regular second-Friday

Bench-Bar does not have a date but is expected in October. October will probably not have a regular second-Friday meeting.

- Meeting preference - Zoom or in-person? Combination?

Proposal for in-person meetings at the Bar building, with hybrid attendance option, in June and September proposed by Chair Frost and seconded by Karli Olson. Motion passed unanimously.

In-person meetings subject to availability, Tria Vang to check. Virtual option is required for in-person meetings.

- Bar liaison

Tria Vang is the new Bar Liaison to keep us on track, act as gatekeeper, and facilitate communication with Bar.

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea Knight)

Most recent report e-mailed January 10. Not much is new. Refund for Bench-Bar food (\$1,700); charitable contributions previously approved (\$2,000); Zoom (\$20). Member count unchanged.

Chair Frost clarified, and Andrea confirmed, that 2023 projection includes an approximately negative \$5,000 change over the year, even after the recently-approved increase in Salishan registration fee. Discussion ensued.

We have carryover assets, won't be out of money, but carryover is capped at twice the annual section membership dues (around \$15,000), otherwise the Bar penalizes the section. If there's a need to carry over more for a specific need, such as a big event, special permission can be requested.

Salishan expenses are up, particularly food. Even with increased fee, the ongoing feasibility of Salishan in its present form is questionable. Are costs in line with inflation? Is registration fee in line with inflation?

Suggestion to begin conversations about a potential change as soon as possible.

Explore options for moving event away from Salishan? What are the alternatives (Sunriver? Skamania?), what do they cost? People like Salishan because they can bring their families, the place has a beach and the Crow's Nest.

Issue was considered a few years ago, Skamania was chief alternative but was not less expensive.

In-person camaraderie a big component of Salishan event. In-person attendance makes event more important to Salishan resort. Attendance is encouraged by having same fee for virtual and in-person attendance. Uncertainty exists as to trends attendance trends. Dani notes general trend toward virtual attendance.

Bench-Bar committee has similar concerns. Bench-bar attendance is down (60-ish people last year).

Survey the section about what they want, how they feel about in-person attendance, what would encourage attendance. Salishan and Bench-Bar committees to coordinate to develop survey questions. No real decisions until membership provides feedback.

Nick noted that \$5,000 deficit is about \$16.17 per member. Section dues increase could help. To be discussed further at February meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Access to Justice (Jovanna)

In December, EC voted to ask the bar's permission to ask WCD to form an advisory committee to study access to doctors in MCOs. Issue briefly summarized for Dani and Tria, asked what can we do, where do we go?

Dani answered, from OSB perspective, access to justice is about legal justice not medical care. There's a Bar memo regarding *Keller v. State of California*, 499 US 1 (1990), available at

https://www.osbar.org/_docs/resources/2022.04.05KellerSectionsProgramming.pdf
To make the request to WCD, EC should formally put it in a letter to Susan Grabe outlining exactly what the EC is asking.

To be discussed further at February meeting.

B. Bench Bar Forum (Spencer)

Bench-Bar concerns already covered in discussion regarding Treasurer report. No meeting scheduled but knows it needs to meet soon to discuss possible survey questions.

C. Professionalism Award (Jovanna)

Survey usually sent out February 1, left open for several weeks, voted in March meeting. Will contact Allison.

D. Salishan/Annual Meeting (Karli)

E-mail sent January 13. Next meeting Tuesday.

E. Nominations

NA

F. Going Forward

N/A

I. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

II. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

III. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The EC meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

The next meeting will be at noon on February 10.