

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
June 9, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frost called the meeting to order 12:15 pm. Attendance was taken as follows:

Member	Present	Absent
Christine Coffelt Frost (Chair)	In Person	
Martin M Fisher (Chair-Elect)	Zoom	
Andrea K Knight (Treasurer)	In Person	
Ian T Brown (Secretary)	Zoom	
Spencer S Aldrich (Member)	In Person	
Nicholas D Cordes (Member)	In Person	
Trisha Loitz Fleischman (Member)	Zoom	
Heidi M Havercroft (Member)	In Person	
Martie L McQuain (Member)	Zoom	
Craig Thomas Miller (Member)	In Person	
Karli L Olson (Member)		Absent
Jovanna Patrick (Member)	Zoom	
Christo J de Villiers (Member)	Zoom	
Elyse Waters, formerly Lopez (Member)	Zoom	
John C Young (Member)	Zoom	
Tria Vang	In person	

**II. MINUTES**

The May 12, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

### III. CHAIR REPORT

#### A Philanthropic request, Lawyers for Literacy

Andrea noted that we donated \$500 to Lawyers for Literacy group last year, and our donations are usually determined toward the end of the year, so she suggested deferring a decision on a donation. Chris noted that the \$5,000 “suggested gift” was much higher than our historical donation, and Andrea noted that’s common. Tria noted that donation requests are quite common throughout the Bar sections.

Andrea moved to defer the donation question until after Bench-Bar, and the motion passed.

#### B In-person meetings

This is the first time the Executive Committee flock has congregated at the Bar building in years. It’s better than Zoom for getting to know each other. The next in-person meeting will be in September, which will be fun.

### IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

The April section financial report has been distributed. It shows \$16,400 of revenue attributable to Salishan, but does not show major Salishan expenses (in the neighborhood of \$26,800 was recently paid). So what we have in the bank is substantially less than the report shows. Overall, Salishan was close to breaking even, appears to be a bit negative.

Three new paid members joined in April, bringing the paid headcount to 226. Total headcount is 240.

Craig raised the question of credit card fees, which may be associated with payments for section membership or with registration for Salishan, and there was discussion about exploring ways to reduce what the section is paying. Chris asked Tria to see if she can find out if there’s anything we or the Bar can do to reduce those costs or pass them on to the people paying by credit card.

### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Bench-Bar (Spencer)

There’s openness in the Bench-Bar committee to charging for attendance. \$15 was agreeable, \$25 got pushback. Attendance is expected to be 70 to 100.

The location is the McMenamins Wilsonville Old Church. The cost will be about \$4,000. Ancillary costs might include what the Bar charges for advertising. The date will be either September 22 or September 29, depending on speaker availability.

In overlap with the Going Forward committee, there may be an attempt to link up students/clerks at the event with breakout rooms to facilitate introductions.

Chris noted that it was apparent that Salishan is not a cash cow that can dependably pay for Bench-Bar. Having students coming is great, but even that raises concerns from a financial perspective. Craig will push \$20 to the committee.

Sometimes people from outside the section come to Bench-Bar to get free credits. Several people expressed reservations about having section members subsidize non-members. Chris suggested having members pay \$20-25, non-members \$50, which would still be a great deal for the non-members. Andrea agreed that it makes sense to charge non-members more.

#### B Going Forward (Spencer)

Efforts to reach out to students/clerks noted above.

The committee will meet in July.

#### C Access to Justice (Jovanna)

Committee is meeting monthly now and has two new members.

There's a letter regarding MCO issue that's been drafted and is expected to be presented at the next meeting.

Committee has looked into data on unrepresented workers and has been brainstorming on fixing gaps. It also continues to look into simultaneous copying of claimants' and defense attorneys, as well as payment for interpreters and education of doctors regarding post-closure issues.

#### D Professionalism Award (Jovanna)

Committee is hibernating, will continue until January-ish.

#### E Salishan/Annual Meeting

In Karli's absence, an e-mail from Holly Ansari confirmed that they anticipate doing Salishan next year. Nick noted that the committee has a break in its meetings.

#### F Nominations (Martin)

Committee is hibernating and will probably wake up around September.

Chris noted that we will probably need to find two at-large members.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

None

Notes regarding future meetings:

- The next meeting will be July 14, 2023, by Zoom.
- August will have no meeting.
- The September meeting will be in person.

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.