

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 8, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order 12:03 pm. Attendance was taken as follows:

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

II. MINUTES

The July 14, 2023, minutes were corrected regarding the donation request by the

Campaign for Equal Justice donation request. The July 14, 2023, minutes were approved as corrected.

III. CHAIR REPORT

A In-person meetings

This September's meeting was originally planned to be in person, but most members were not able to attend in person. Despite the difficulty, Chris hopes the new chair will try to have some in-person meetings next year.

B OSB 10/5/23 swearing-in ceremony

Spencer will engage the Going Forward committee.

C Some missing members found

Two firms, SBH and Reinisch Wilson, had several active lawyers missing from the Workers' Compensation Section. Their section memberships had not been renewed with their bar memberships, and they joined after being contacted. Chris recommends that the membership be checked and that we act proactively when we see drops in membership.

Jovanna suggested that the membership glitch might explain some prior communication difficulties. Spencer suggested sending an e-mail reminding members to renew section membership when paying bar dues. Spencer also suggested Salishan be priced higher for non-members to clue practitioners in on their membership status and that the price difference be more than \$25 to encourage practitioners to chose section membership.

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

Andrea submitted the June and July financial reports. As of July 31, 2023, our balance was \$12,685. The expenditures were anticipated, largely consisting of the \$2,000 deposit for Bench-Bar and the OSB support service assessment of \$9.50 per member that we pay for both paying and non-paying members. In June and July, we picked up 45 new members, including 41 paying members. Our member count 286, including 269 paying members and 17 non-paying members.

Again, monitor and encourage membership.

Our budget is due to the Bar October 15. Numbers for Bench-Bar and Salishan should be done next week. A special meeting to address the Salishan contract prior to the next scheduled meeting was discussed, but we will simply address it at the regular October 13 meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Access to Justice (Jovanna)

The Access to Justice committee did not meet over the summer, but will meet next month. Chris asked Jovanna if anything was finalized for the Executive Committee to review regarding the request for OSB to approve the request to WCD for an advisory committee regarding MCO lists and timelines. Jovanna will double check whether the Access to Justice committee had approved the request. Chris noted that the October meeting would be a good time to look at it.

B Bench-Bar (Spencer)

The Bench-Bar meeting is coming up, and the first e-mail invitations have been sent. There will be a couple more rounds of e-mail invitations. Vincci is monitoring that. Everything's set to go, although the lunch menu is still being worked on. Budget is being put together and next week's meeting will address that.

Chris asked if there are limitations regarding the space. Spencer thought the maximum was 100 or more and not likely to be something to worry about.

C Going Forward (Spencer)

Next meeting is rescheduled for September 25. Larry is working with his class in Eugene and hopefully some students will be at Bench-Bar, and the committee will try to connect the students with practitioners.

Spencer sent an e-mail to the committee about the swearing-in ceremony to try to get someone to attend.

D Professionalism Award (Jovanna)

No action

E Salishan/Annual Meeting (Karli)

Karli absent, no report. Andrea reached out to Holly Ansari about needing a budget, and no trouble is anticipated.

F Nominations (Martin)

Martin absent. Chris and Trish are off at the end of the year, we probably need a claimant's attorney and an ALJ. Voting is in December, so we need nominations at the November meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

The EC meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.