

**MINUTES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**03/08/2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fisher called the wolves to order. Attendance was taken as follows:

**II. ATTENDANCE**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>RSVP as Present?</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Absent?</b>
Martin M Fisher	Chairperson	now	1	
Ian T Brown	Chair-Elect	now	1	
Andrea K Knight	Treasurer	now	1	
Spencer S Aldrich	Secretary	now	1	
Nicholas A Yanchar	BOG Contact			1
Tria Vang	Bar Liaison	now	1	
Craig Thomas Miller	Member	now	1	
Heidi M Havercroft	Member	now	1	
Elyse M Waters	Member			1
Christo J de Villiers	Member	now	1	
John C Young	Member		1	
Nicholas D Cordes	Member	now	1	
Martie L McQuain	Member			1
Jovanna L Patrick	Member	now	1	
Van B Quan	Member	now	1	
Lourdes Sanchez Marte	Member	now	1	
Karli L Olson	Member			1
Derrick A Louie	Member		1	
		0%	1400%	400%
		<b>Quorum (&gt;50%)</b>	<b>78%</b>	

**III. MINUTES**

The 02/09/2024, minutes were approved as written.

**IV. CHAIR REPORT**

Nothing new.

## **V. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)**

Past two months of reports from bar are not accurate and are being updated on their end. We're awaiting the accurate info.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Access to Justice (Jovanna)**

AJ had developed a request to WCD to look into an advisory committee related to MCOs. We went through the bar, they didn't like it, and responded. They're concerned about expressing political viewpoint given we are a mandatory bar assn (Keller case). They decided to let us have informal convo with WCD.

Matt Shields present from Bar to address.

Matt: They (the bar) are going to work with WCD legislative director to get a meeting with AJ together. Wanted to be sure WCD brought the appropriate people. They expect to hear from WCD next week about who will participate and will start setting up a meeting. Bar will tell us so we can pick people on our side (AJ).

We (EC) don't see this as "political" but we can see how it might appear that way. We understand that Bar has to be cautious.

So, we are currently waiting to hear from the bar, who is waiting to hear from DCSB, then we'll get a meeting together to address the items outlined in the memo.

- **Bench-Bar (Spencer)**

Meeting scheduled for 3/21/24. It will be the initial meeting.

Thoughts from EC:

- Put it out on the listserv to topic ideas? – no need to have EC approval.
- Plug at Salishan?

- **Going Forward (Spencer)**

No Update. Committee is dead.

How to revive?

- Plug at Salishan?
  - Overlap with Salishan – scholarships for students?
- How to do we incorporate with other committees
  - Salishan
  - Access to justice (unrepresented workers are increasing in number).

- Lateral transfers from other practice areas
  - Overlap with other bar sections
    - Solo / small firm
    - Minority and bipoc groups
      - Non-english speakers.

Next steps

- Spencer to call Larry and discuss.
- Confirm interest in remaining for current committee members.
- Email to listserv for new members.

Does the committee need a clearer goal and focus? Yes.

The EC had a nice discussion about how to revive this subcommittee. It was agreed that the first step will be to try to find active participants to lead it. Spencer will call Larry and check in with the current members to see who's interested in remaining. Any vacancies will then be filled. Once the committee has active participants, it can move forward with addressing the items listed above.

- **Professionalism Award (Jovanna)**

Nominee will be Bruce Smith. He's been nominated many times and is finally eligible. EC voted and approved Bruce Smith as the nominee. Bruce cannot attend Salishan, so potentially we can do it at Bench Bar.

- **Salishan/Annual Meeting (Carli/Nick)**

Has gotten some private donations and is looking into allowing more sponsors (vendor booths).

- **Nominations (Martin)**

Nothing needed.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

AJ has a new idea they want to work with WCD on. Simultaneous service to attorneys. Initially identified BJO as an issue because CA was not required to be copied. Also areas where DAs are not copied, but can be penalized for inaction. They went through rules to try and identify places where change is needed.

Want to ask EC if we can ask Bar if we can ask WCD for an advisory committee.

No one on committee objects to starting informal conversation with Bar about how to proceed (Matt Shields). Notably there is one 438 rule, which would follow a slightly different path.

Jovanna to enquire further with Bar.

Other new business: Do we have an April meeting at Salishan? Tria advised if we have an in-person meeting we also must have a remote option per bylaws. We decided to not have an 4/12 meeting due to the logistical and financial difficulties. Next meeting will be 5/10/24.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting will be on 5/10/24**

Adjourned at 12:52