

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

**5/10/24
(Via Zoom)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ATTENDANCE

Andrea K Knight	Treasurer		1	
Spencer S Aldrich	Secretary		1	
Nicholas A Yanchar	BOG Contact		1	
Tria Vang	Bar Liaison		1	
Craig Thomas Miller	Member			1
Heidi M Havercroft	Member		1	
Elyse M Waters	Member		1	
Christo J de Villiers	Member			1
John C Young	Member			1
Nicholas D Cordes	Member		1	
Martie L McQuain	Member			1
Jovanna L Patrick	Member			1
Van B Quan	Member		1	
Lourdes Sanchez Marte	Member		1	
Karli L Olson	Member		1	
Derrick A Louie	Member			1
		0%	12	6
		Quorum (>50%)	67%	

III. MINUTES

The 3/7/24, minutes were approved as written.

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Many SBH attys were not in the section, and that will hopefully be resolved soon if not already.

V. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

We have reports from Jan – March, now. \$12,460 income in Jan (benefit from increased section fees). Still financial adjustments to come from Bar for December. There are suspected inaccuracies that Andrea is working on. The membership numbers seem off, as we're currently showing 245, but it might also be 259.

Got \$4300 in donations from Salishan!

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Access to Justice (Jovanna)**

Jovanna is out. They had a meeting recently, but we'll get an update at next meeting.

- **Bench-Bar (Spencer)**

The committee had a meeting on 4/18. We have some topics confirmed (abuse reporting, DME/Prosthetics/Burnout).

BB is concerned about the location and will send a poll to the membership about whether people are willing to attend if it's in Portland somewhere.

Who do we coordinate with from Professionalism about the presentation to Judge Smith?

Recommendation – Oregon Garden, Willamette Vineyards

Budget update at Bench Bar? – That's a good idea. Andrea willing.

- **Going Forward (Spencer)**

Larry, Spencer, and Judge Cordes are interested in continuing the committee, but we need new members to fill in the rest (ideally 2 more Def and 2 more Claimant). No responses from Salishan announcement.

Joy emailed wanting to see how WCB can be more active in recruiting/participating. Martin informed her we'd discuss it at this EC.

Van recommended a mentorship possibility and is interested in participating.

Nik reminded us of BOGs interest in the alternative bar exam. No current participants have been in WC.

Recommendation: Have breakout sessions at BB / Salishan that is targeted at the basics/101 to encourage newer members.

Recommendation: Assigning new members “guides” at BB/Salishan to get newer members involved.

Recommendation: OTLA-style new to WC academy?

- **Professionalism Award (Jovanna)**

Jovanna not here.

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

Salishan went well. Still cost is an issue. Also, they crow’s nest is not a bar anymore, and that upset people. They will probably scale back the seafood/food in general to reduce cost. Also there was feedback about not going back to Salishan. So, they’re looking at other options (sun river, resort at the mountain, best western in Hood River). The committee is getting quotes from other places. Also, there’s a recommendation to try and increase attendance of staff.

- **Nominations (Martin)**

No update

VII. OLD BUSINESS

AAJ/EC interest in coordinating with WCD on MCO is progressing. Also there’s a lot of consternation of WRME – it takes months to get an uncontested WRMEs.

VIII. Next Meeting

No new business.

Next meeting on 6/14/2024 @ noon, via Zoom

Adjourned at 1 PM