

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

10/11/24

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the wolves to order and attendance was taken as follows:

II. ATTENDANCE

Member	Role	RSVP as Present?	Present?	Absent?
Martin M Fisher	Chairperson		1	
Ian T Brown	Chair-Elect		1	
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%	1600%	200%
		Quorum (>50%)	89%	

III. MINUTES

The 9/13/24, minutes were approved as written.

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Nothing to report.

V. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

Balance is steady. Some income from bench bar forum, and 3 new members. Membership at 271. Normal expenses and some new fees related to CLE credit card usage. Bench Bar bill incoming. We need to vote on budget next meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Access to Justice (Jovanna)**

Had a meeting on Monday. Education to Doctors project reviewed, no action needed right now. Will readdress in 6 months. WCD has a lot of good info right now. Need one more ALJ member.

Martin expressed concern about the fact that it's taken 2 years for us to have a meeting with WCD about addressing workers' difficulties finding MCO doctors. Not controversial on our end, but the Bar seems to be running interference. We as a committee express to the Bar the great need in their getting this done. It can't be that hard in getting someone on the phone from WCD. Especially if we can't just do it ourselves. Tria will redouble her efforts to try and facilitate, including escalating the matter to the GC.

Jovanna picked it up again after Martin. They are looking into whether there could be a stipend from WBF for interpreters outside of hearing setting. To help non-english speaking workers get information and counsel. Virgil liked the idea and recommended talking to Mat West at the WCD. AAJ is not sure if they're allowed to do that or not.

Non-complying employer. No interim comp during investigation is a problem. They're going to see if the WBF can be sued for that too.

Is EC agreeable to them moving forward. Yes, we had a raise-hand poll. We agreed to raise this issue with the others we're seeking the Bar's help in communicating with the WCD.

Tria asked for a running list of what we want from WCD. This will help her in coordinating with CG and WCD.

TODO: Jovanna to put a simple list together.

- **Bench-Bar (Spencer)**

Event went well. Committee is still working on assigning credits and review feedback, however the event seems to have been well-received.

TODO: We need budget by Nov First to EC.

- **Going Forward (Spencer)**

New Membership established. Meeting planned for 10/24/24 to get things going forward.

Defense

- Larry S.
- Lorrie Spencer
- Allison Lesh
- Kat Wolfe

Claimant

- Me
- Sierra Alvernaz
- Matthew Lawrence

Neutral

- Nick Cordes
- Katie K.

TODO: Assisting with reviewing membership list and cross-referencing with firms and claimant/defense.

- **Professionalism Award (Jovanna)**

Resting until January until they need to send Nominations.

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

April 25 and 26 is date. Karli is undecided about continuing and Elyse will continue. Spencer Kelly will be doing Jeopardy starting 2026. Nick will take over general planning in the future from Holly.

TODO: We need budget by Nov First to EC.

- **Nominations (Martin)**

Martin, Phill Garrow, Jill R will be on subcommittee. Looking to add Melissa Douglass and Ned Arenberg. Not official, but likely.

VII. New Business

Tria brought up getting a section membership roster (from last meeting's notes). We wanted a list to see if there are obvious omissions. Tria can assist. Martin asked if it's possible to see a list that indicates where an atty is working. That will make it easier to see if folks might be missing. This would also be helpful to see Claimant/Defense distribution.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on 11/8/24

Adjourned at 12:32