

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

11/8/24

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher engaged warp drive and attendance was taken as follows:

II. ATTENDANCE

Member	Role	RSVP as Present?	Present?	Absent?	
Martin M Fisher	Chairperson	1	1		
Ian T Brown	Chair-Elect	cannot make it		1	
Andrea K Knight	Treasurer	1	1		
Spencer S Aldrich	Secretary	1	1		
Nicholas A Yanchar	BOG Contact			1	1
Tria Vang	Bar Liaison		1		
Craig Thomas Miller	Member	cannot make it		1	
Heidi M Havercroft	Member		1		
Elyse M Waters	Member			1	
Christo J de Villiers	Member	cannot make it		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	1		
Derrick A Louie	Member		1		
		25%	69%	44%	

III. MINUTES

The 10/11/24, minutes were approved as written.

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Martin suggested emails to membership to give folks a heads up in the “off season” that costs are going up. Basically, to head off people freaking out when the event comes around. Perhaps this will be a suggestion for next year. Perhaps a monthly or quarterly email that updates folks on what committees are up to and other important info.

V. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

2025 budget. Salishan is anticipating fewer people attending, however expenses will go down too. Bench bar is looking the same. Assumptions: same number of members, same dues. We do know Bar support services assessment fee will go up. No recommended contributions this year.

Budget approved.

VI. Old Business

Still working on coordinating with WCD on the difficulty workers have in finding MCO doctors. Bar has not allowed us to speak to WCD directly. We’ve been trying for years. Avery Picard in attendance from Bar Legal. Matt Shields also has been working on getting something together. He says they spoke with WCD a week ago on a separate issue, and he and Avery got connected to the “right” people and have a meeting next week. They will push for the creation on an advisory committee. They are cautiously optimistic as WCD seems open to having a conversation.

Issues

1. 14 days to find an MCO doc is too few.
2. MCO lists are way out of date.

Matt: do we want to have a legislative liaison within the group? No, that subcommittee fell apart so keep sending it to the Chair.

Jovanna: Reminded the group of other WCD issues we have interest in. Is WBF available for interim comp on NCE? Can WCB cover interpretation costs for medical / interpretation costs? Matt thinks we could ask them, but we need a more detailed explanation.

Spencer expressed worry about overwhelming WCD with different issues (WBF access vs. MCO). It was agreed that the issues are so important that it’s worth it to present all the WCD when we have the opportunity.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Access to Justice (Jovanna)**

Continuing to pursue WBF access for interim comp on NCE and interpreter access. We discussed that LRS is preventing us from putting a list of foreign languages that attorney's speak on our Bar Section website. Matt shields will look into whether or not this is still the case. Perhaps we can make that change?

- **Bench-Bar (Spencer)**

88 were in attendance. Seems to have gone well. Requesting a \$7,500 budget for 2025. We are considering on greatly raising the cost to help make it pay for itself (\$50-75).

- **Going Forward (Spencer)**

Had meeting. Planning 2 mixers, one targeted at students that will be in Eugene or Salem, and one in PDX targeted at new atty and lateral. Talked about coordinating with Salishan to get more students involved. Also looking to promote WC to Law schools from a law clerk perspective.

Connect with JB Kim (Bar Director of Diversity and Inclusion). Perhaps she can assist in working with law students.

- **Professionalism Award (Jovanna)**

Not much going on, but it's coming.

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

Most topics are tentatively outlined and working on speakers. HB 4138, improper closure, a doctor (ankle injuries?), budge is done. AAJ or Ethics credit.

- **Nominations (Martin)**

Need more defense atty into EC. Potentially add Ned A. and Melissa D as new members. Approved.

Secretary for 2025? We're working on it.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on 12/13/24

Adjourned at 12:57