

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE January 10, 2025 (via Zoom)

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll call
- Introductions

Attendance:

Position	First Name	Last Name	RSVP as present?	Present?	Absent?
Chairperson	Ian	Brown	1	1	
Chair-Elect	Spencer	Aldrich			1
Past Chair	Martin	Fisher			1
Treasurer	Andrea	Knight	1	1	
Secretary	Elyse	Waters	1	1	
Member-at-large #1	Christo	de Villiers	1	1	
Member-at-large #2	Derrick	Louie	1		1
Member-at-large #3	John	Young			1
Member-at-large #4	Lourdes	Sanchez Marte	1	1	
Member-at-large #5	Martie	McQuain	1		1
Member-at-large #6	Van	Quan			1
Member-at-large #7	Ned	Arenberg		1	
Member-at-large #8	Melissa	Douglas	1	1	
Member-at-large #9	Nicholas	Cordes	1	1	
Member-at-large #10	Heidi	Havercroft	1	1	
Member-at-large #11	Charisse	Dickson	1	1	

II. MINUTES

- Approve minutes (December 13, 2024)

Minutes approved as written.

III. CHAIR REPORT (Ian)

First meeting of 2025. Meeting 2nd Friday of the month. Let EML know if you are unavailable for meetings.

Salishan & Bench Bar – big events for 2025
Timeline for voting on Salishan/Bench Bar?

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

November 2024 report from OSB (most recent available). Reviewed line items of Nov. 2024 statement of activities.

Salishan is main source of income; increase sponsorship efforts this year

Issues with firms registering all WC attorneys to the section

More \$\$ allocated for Going Forward Committee as they ramp up

Budget submitted with Salishan and Bench Bar info (primary source of income)

Numbers generally stay the same

Stabilized income by increasing fees, dues, Salishan/Bench Bar

Can't have balance that exceeds two years of dues to carry forward

10/15/25 – if we decide to increase membership dues

Bench Bar doesn't pay for itself; Salishan no longer brings enough income in to cover Bench Bar

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Access to Justice (Jovanna)
 - Jovanna not present
 - Melissa (on A2J committee)
 - A2J committee having difficulty with MCO requirements (wants to get EC + OSB involved)
 - Wants OSB involved to ensure compliance with scope of A2J directive; requires persistent/consistent follow-up
 - Looking at talking to Virgil about worker benefit fund for reimbursement of interpretation costs by claimant's attorneys (litigated or non-litigated cases)
 - Asked for contact info for who to reach out to about these issues

- Bench/Bar (Spencer)

No report – no members present

- Going Forward (Spencer)

Judge Cordes provided update.

Recruitment events in Eugene & PDX

Next meeting: 2/5/25 – want to hold more consistent meetings

- Professionalism Award (Jovanna)

No report – no members present

- Salishan (Christo)

New chair – Judge Cordes

Next meeting – 1/14/25

Solicit donations for Salishan

Topics finalized minus 1 or 2 (looking for surgeon + practical skills presentation)

Larger/stakeholder community – solicit donations

Cost of Salishan has increased – section membership has gone down significantly

Can we still do Salishan – essential to WC section (want to keep it going as long as possible)

2025 budget set – renegotiate contract?

Salishan dates: 4/25-4/26

Want to have weekend before Mother's Day going forward

- Nominations (Martin)

No report – Martin not present.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEXT MEETING

- February 14, 2025 @ noon, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.