

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 14, 2025 (via Zoom)

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll call

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
Secretary	Elyse	Waters	1	1	
Member-at-large #1	Christo	de Villiers			1
Member-at-large #2	Derrick	Louie	1	1	
Member-at-large #3	John	Young	1	1	
Member-at-large #4	Lourdes	Sanchez Marte			1
Member-at-large #5	Martie	McQuain	1	1	
Member-at-large #6	Van	Quan	1	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	

Tria Vang from OSB also present.

II. MINUTES

- Approve minutes (January 10, 2024)

Motion to approve minutes. Seconded. No discussions or corrections to minutes. No oppositions. Minutes approved.

III. CHAIR REPORT (Ian)

Proposed bylaws sent and received. Nothing to report. Didn't need response from EC.

Tria – proposed bills tracked by Public Affairs Office of OSB. Session started end of January, continues through May 2025. Periodic updates of hearings for specific bills. If there is friction, it wouldn't be supported by Public Affairs.

Ian – Should EC be tracking bills? Should there be a subcommittee to review? Previously had legislative subcommittee, disbanded a couple years ago. Is Salishan or Bench Bar interested in being a liaison for bill updates? Maybe access to justice committee?

Elizabeth (BOG Liaison) – section input should come from EC to note whether it's coming directly from the section, and whether there is a need for support or not based on lack of consensus. Intro: 3rd year on BOG, feel free to reach out if we need something from BOG or raise issues with BOG. Will attend meetings as frequently as possible.

Nick – interim time loss from NCM, proposed legislation information helpful; interested in tracking and could be useful for subcommittees to receive notice.

Melissa – A2J concern about being legislative. What are EC limitations and relationship with MLAC?

Updates on bills would come to EC chair and additional liaisons can be added to email list. Do we want to have someone provide updates at meetings? Spencer wants to be on email list along with Nick, Charisse, Derrick, Heidi, Martie, John, Van, Melissa.

Initial report to OSB sent by Ian along with subcommittee meetings.

Ian – Should we have a meeting at Salishan?

Nick – Salishan would be interested in having meeting at Salishan; COVID issues changed in-person meetings. Location has space for EC meeting, will double check to make sure. Can integrate into contract if necessary.

Spencer – is cost an issue for EC meeting at Salishan?

Hybrid component to in-person meeting at Salishan?

Van – extra cost for hybrid meeting? Would need to evaluate with the venue.

Might be better to have personal computer to communicate via hybrid meeting

Hybrid isn't required for Salishan; \$6k add'l cost

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

Andrea not present.

Ian – 274 members; \$20 monthly Zoom charge; balance is \$12,679. Balance has stabilized.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Access to Justice (Christo)

Christo not present. Melissa not ready to provide report because she missed last meeting. Put Sydney (chair) in contact for OSB liaison. Assistance needed to get them connected.

Public affairs member – do we want to have someone attend our meetings to help facilitate things between Bar and A2J?

Can the liaison attend the next A2J committee meeting? Tria will reach out to see if they can attend.

Unsure who they can and cannot contact on the MCO issue. Want to know who to contact without overstepping committee's directive.

- Bench/Bar (Spencer)

Spencer – Haven't had first meeting. Need to reschedule. Looking for another ALJ member (possibly Judge Iliahs) to join. ALJ Somers no longer on committee.

Monthly meetings.

Derrick – Need to find new venue, current too small. Other venues are expensive.

- Going Forward (Spencer)

Katie Krametbauer will be new chair. Increase meetings to bi-monthly. Working on connecting with law students for exposure; central Valley event in Eugene. Event in Portland, send surveys to WC members 5 years or less. Possible Pickles game, something other than a happy hour.

ALJ Jacobson teaches WC at Lewis and Clark. Larry teaches WC at Willamette and U of O. Potential contacts? Larry valuable asset for this committee and getting students into the section in the future.

- Professionalism Award (Martin)

Martin not present. Sent out by the Bar. Did anyone not receive? Doesn't look like it. 3/5 deadline. Hope to have nominee to discuss and approve by next EC meeting.

Interest in tweaking language of professionalism award? Need to approve by EC. Not this year but maybe in the future.

- Salishan (Christo)

Christo absent.

Nick – all presentations set; 2 medical presentations. Everything going well. First email going out soon. Selecting food soon; cut down on seafood to help cut costs. Email went out about registration on 1/28. Three total emails to be sent. 2nd email to be sent around end of February 2025. Can only send out three emails.

Will be sending requests for donation. Donators will be recognized at Salishan.

Some did not receive the initial Salishan email including several members of EC.

Difficulty with blockers on Salishan emails, leading to nonreceipt of emails. Mention at Salishan. Limitations to what Salishan emails can include. Issues with email receipt from Bar versus our committees.

- Nominations (Martin)

No update.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new.

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Nothing.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- March 14, 2025 @ noon, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.