

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

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll call

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

II. MINUTES

- Approve minutes (September 12, 2025)

Minutes approved with modification of Melissa being Board/ALJ member.

III. CHAIR REPORT (Ian)

- Is Salishan the annual chair report for the website?
- Memorial for colleagues who've passed away: Doug Schoen &
- Are there others we want to add? Let Ian know.

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

Need to put together budget report. Due 12/1 if no changes to section dues. Otherwise, due 10/15. Put to a vote in November as to how to allocate surplus funds between committees versus outside of WC donations.

Vote on budget next month.

Nick reiterates \$\$ earned from sponsorships shouldn't be used as donations to outside sources. Ian agrees based on the committee's efforts in obtaining these important sponsorships.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Access to Justice (Melissa)
 - Melissa is leaving the committee.
 - Christo – Kevin Anderson will be the new chair. Looking for defense members. 4 sub committees. Request for public advisory committee re: MCO. Discussing timeliness of mail issues and possible email service or portal for parties to check updated claims documents.
 - Interpreter stipend
 - NCE time loss subcommittee
 - Reports from subcommittees will be provided at next meeting in November.
 - Van: “red tape” of digitalization that isn't necessarily consistent with what the rules require as to mailing of documents.
 - Biscom system isn't as easy as it sounds. Actually takes 3 staff members to deal with.
 - Christo acknowledges and recognizes this will be an ongoing conversation.
 - Easier for insurers/TPAs to get out information to relevant parties.
 - Third-party hosting?
 - Spencer: is this a way to track MCO requests/authorizations/etc.?
 - Where is the information located and how can we make accessing it easier?
 - WA LNI has similar system we could model or look at?
- Bench/Bar (Spencer)
 - 70-ish registered for event. Encourage WCB staff to attend.
 - Speakers lined up, working on finalizing presentations.
 - Waiting for receipt of materials from speakers.
 - Van: did ALJ/Board staff receive email about the event?
 - Still having email issues with some section members not receiving mass emails from OSB?

- When members unsubscribe from OSB emails, that includes all emails except for those re: compliance. Possible explanation for why some members don't get the emails.

- Going Forward (Spencer)
 - \$175 for snacks and coffee for “pre-game” before Bench Bar (come at 10 a.m. for roundtable/networking).
 - 3-4 individuals committed
 - Had similar roundtable event in Eugene last month.
 - Nothing else planned other than Bench bar.
 - Buy books as prizes; request funds to do so from EC.
 - Couple hundred \$\$
 - \$490 for 2 copies of books mentioned by Spencer (rough estimate)
 - Table until November meeting
 - Van spoke with Katie about UO career fair events. Allison Lesh also down in Eugene. Active practitioners in Eugene? Lourdes willing to pitch in with Van as well to participate in Eugene events.
 - Trying to spread out events outside PDX. Staying in contact with Willamette and UO law schools re: career fairs/events.
 - UO recently cut WC class per Larry S.

- Professionalism Award (Martin)

Not present.

- Salishan (Christo)
 - Meeting regularly. Just working on Salishan tasks. 4/24 & 4/25 (event dates).
 - **Chicken wings for Van!**

- Nominations (Martin)
 - Balancing of committee between members.
 - Still down defense members.
 - Encourage different employers but not a hard and fast rule. Ok to have second SAIF member.
 - Defense members lacking on various subcommittees as well.
 - Elyse to push on SBH attorneys to join section committees.
 - List of defense firms who don't have committee representation?
 - Tolleson Conratt
 - Cummins Goodman
 - MacColl Busch Sato

- Wallace Klor
- Reinisch

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new.

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N/A.

Meeting adjourned 12:53 p.m.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- November 14, 2025 @ noon, via Zoom. Think about whether to put the surplus carryover toward Salishan or donations