

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 12, 2025 (via Zoom)

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	1	
Member-at-large #5	Martie	McQuain		1
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 (November 14, 2025)
 - Motion to approve. No corrections/objections. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. CHAIR REPORT (Ian)

- The annual section report was submitted

IV. TREASURER REPORT (Andrea)

- Membership is stable at 317 members.
- Expenses: \$20 zoom fee and the \$2500 prepayment to Salishan for 2026 event voted on last meeting

- **\$19,476 current balance**
 - **With 283 paying members, our allowable carryover threshold is \$19,810. Balance is below that heading into December.**
- John Young will be treasurer!!

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Access to Justice (Christo) or Charisse?
 - Access to Justice subcommittee had identified a possible rule request to direct to the Workers' Compensation Division (below). This proposal has support from the whole subcommittee, balanced between both defense and claimants' representatives.
 - This is on hold as WCD has already taken this under consideration and it is anticipated that language will be proposed by WCD
 - The subcommittee plans to revisit at a later date, if needed
 - Discussion continues about the possibility of a portal that all stakeholders can access. This is in the early stages of exploration.
 - Discussion ongoing regarding the possibility of allowing injured workers to opt in to email notice rather than mail to speed up the time in which they learn of time-sensitive issues. The subcommittee has reached out to WCD about their use of email notifications. Some concerns exist regarding language barriers and represented status of the injured workers.

Date of request: December 1, 2025	Name and contact information: Kevin Anderson, kanderson@sbhlegal.com, 503-595-2130 c/o Access to Justice Subcommittee
Brief summary of issue: Our sub-committee identified OAR 436-015-0001 as a potential barrier to workers accessing medical care for their claim, specifically the 14-day limit on temporary disability benefits may not be a sufficient amount of time for a worker to identify an MCO provider and be seen by the provider.	
If this issue is related to an existing rule, which rule is it? OAR 436-015-0001	
What outcome would you like to see? Our committee identified a possible solutions including extending the 14-day time frame to a longer period. The information we received from MCOs indicate they were able to see claimant's within 6 to 13 business days, but we did not get a confirmation of calendar days. Other MCOs indicated it was taking up to 22 days. Some of the responses also indicated enrollments at the start of the claim was faster than enrollment mid-claim. It may be helpful for the WCD to ask for MCO to confirm this data. Another possible solution was to provide an email of the MCO enrollment notice, opposed to a mailing, would meet the insurer's obligation in sending the notice. Allowing for email would avoid	

- Bench/Bar (Spencer)
 - Derrick will take over in January
 - Monthly meetings are planned
 - Derrick will reach out to Rebecca Fey to determine topics to be covered at Salishan and plan for different topics at Bench Bar
 - Sydney Montanaro is stepping down but will be replaced by an associate from her firm
- Going Forward (Spencer)
 - No report
- Professionalism Award (Martin)
 - No report
- Salishan (Christo)
 - Dr. Ron Bowman has agreed to speak about shoulders
 - looks forward to golfing
 - other speakers are getting lined up
 - planning underway for breakout sessions
 - Laura Newsom is handling the sponsorship campaign
- Nominations (Martin)
 - Proposal for new members + returning members for EC was revisited
 - John Young and Christo de Villiers were termed out but have both agreed to come back in their new roles as treasurer and secretary, respectively.
 - Andrea Knight will return as a member at large

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEXT MEETING

- January 9, 2026 @ noon, via Zoom

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.