

OREGON STATE BAR BUSINESS LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 23, 2014

12:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Executive Committee (the “Committee”) of the Oregon State Bar Business Law Section (the “Section”) was held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the offices of Lane Powell, 601 SW 2nd Ave., Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, pursuant to notice duly given. The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m.

The following Committee members, constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting: Kenneth Haglund, Ben Lenhart, David Ludwig, David Matheson, Tyler Volm, and via teleconference, Justin Denton, Holley Franklin, Chris Hall, Lorie Hancock, David Kopilak, Ambyr O’Donnell, and Kyle Wuepper.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Carole Barkley, and Dustin Dopps (for Dani Edwards), via teleconference.

1. Prior Committee Minutes. After a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the Committee meeting held March 26, 2014, with the last paragraph stricken.<p>

2. Bar Liaison Report. Dustin Dopps reported for Dani. The Bar’s accounting department released financials for all sections for the first quarter, and the Committee treasurer should review those financials. The Committee is not doing anything for the swearing-in ceremony.

<p>Legislative Update<p> Chris Hall joined the meeting partway through and provided his report later. See below.

3. Treasurer’s Report. Kenneth Haglund reported that at end of the first quarter there was a balance of \$98,936 and that the Committee still has plenty of money. He proposed reducing website expenses, as well as the general contribution fund, and lunch expenses. The current budget allocated \$10,000 for conferences and seminars, which amount will be reviewed to determine if this includes costs and expenses for our annual CLE. After a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved a resolution authorizing \$1,000 contributions to each of the Minority Lawyer Bar Section and the Campaign for Equal Justice. The Committee agreed to further evaluate such donations going forward, including a more in-depth analysis of whether such contributions are consistent with the goals and proper use of Section funds.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. CLE. Kenneth Haglund reported that the CLE committee met this morning and discussed annual CLE and topic suggestions, will continue working on compiling topics, and Committee members should email any ideas to him.

b. Planning. David Ludwig reported that the planning committee met and discussed its function as retreat planners and agenda creation for retreat. The business plan will be reviewed once more before retreat. Committee members are encouraged to respond to doodle for retreat dates. Ben Lenhart asked Dustin Dopps for an update on the change to the proposed rules for spousal expenses, and whether the Committee needs to apply for an exception, and Dustin agreed to follow up with the Committee.

c. Newsletter and Website. David Kopilak reported that the newsletter and website committee is moving forward with article solicitations from larger firms and they will compile a list. Committee members should request participation from their own firm and any other firms that they think may be able to submit articles. Ben Lenhart agreed to solicit articles from his firm.

d. Social. Holley Franklin reported that she and Ambyr O'Donnell met and decided on three socials this year. They are currently planning a joint event with accountants, to be held sometime in the next month or so, in downtown Portland along with another event this September in Central Oregon. The third social will follow immediately after the annual CLE. Ben Lenhart suggested reaching out to larger accounting firms to increase attendance, and reaching out to a service provider to see if they are willing to sponsor one or more of the events (e.g., Merrill Lynch, other investment bankers, or Bridge City Legal).

e. Legislative Update. Chris Hall reported discussed proposed regulations that were approved by the Committee at the March meeting. Those proposals have been submitted to the OSB, and Chris attended the meeting last week with the Bar to answer questions. On ratification proposal, the Committee has spent more time discussing the details in this statute, and may continue developing that proposal for the Committee's consideration. On dissenter's rights, there has been additional discussion about how to gain consent from the interested dissenters, after sending dissenter's notice. They will circle back to the Committee on this issue as well. Ben Lenhart thanked Chris Hall and all of those on the task force for their work on these proposals.

5. Other Business. Kenneth Haglund reported that the Bar asked the Committee to renew our contract for website hosting through June 2015 at the same rate (\$4,500). That price was competitive last year. Carole Barkley reported that the vendor is easy to work with, but the Committee should consider other options at the retreat for the 2015-16 year. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously authorized the renewal of the website hosting contract for one year.

The next Committee meeting will be on May 28, 2014 at Perkins Coie, 1120 NW Couch St., Portland, OR 97209.

6. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler J. Volm, Secretary