

OREGON STATE BAR BUSINESS LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2007
4:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Bar Business Law Section (the "Section") was held at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Stoel Rives LLP, 900 SW 5th Ave., Suite 2600, Portland, OR 97204 pursuant to notice duly given. A quorum was present. The following members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting either in person or by telephone:

Jason Brauser	Christopher Hall	Andrew Ognall
Paul Taylor	Patricia Chapman	Dean Alterman
Michelle Druce	Andrew Morrow	Brenda Meltebeke
Sally Anderson-Hansell	Gustvo Cruz	Jason Dalton
Timothy Jackle	Kevin Thomas	

Peter Threlkel, Clifton Molatore, Gerry Gaydos, Amelie Welden and Carole Barkley also attended.

Jason Brauser called the meeting to order and served as chair. Michelle Druce kept the minutes.

1. Approval of November Minutes. The minutes for the November 17, 2006 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as corrected.

2. Treasurer's Report/Budget. Brenda Meltabeke reported that the 2007 budget has passed. No December financials are available at this time. The Section count is under 1,200. There is approximately \$70,000 in reserve for initiatives. Section is at 63% of budgeted expenses.

3. Bar Liaison Report.

Amelie Welden reported:

- (a) There is a new dial- in phone number for the Executive Committee meetings.
- (b) The Executive Committee agreed that Executive Committee meeting notices may be sent via e-mail.
- (c) The Bar is updating the Section membership list and should be completed by February.
- (d) All e-mails that are sent to the Executive Committee are to be sent to Sarah Hackbart at shackbart@osbar.org.

(e) The Board of Bar Governors is still discussing the issue of free CLE/section membership to staff of judges.

4. Corporation Division Report. Peter Threlkel reported that Oregon currently has 360,000 registered businesses. This number is up 5% from last year. LLCs are up 17%. UCC filings are holding steady at 180,000. There are bills pending in the legislature that may be of interest to the Section: SB 76 – Uniformity in Business Registration Statutes; HB 2090 – Removing SSN requirements; HB 2091 – Changes definition of “fee” in Ch. 79.

5. Legislative Committee Report. Chris Hall reported that there are proposed changes to non-competition statutes. The previous Legislative Committee will be convened to track pending legislation; Jason Brauser recommends convening the committee in the next 2-3 weeks. Andy Morrow reported that the legislature has moved up the deadline to January 29th.

6. ABA Model Act Liaison. This position is vacant. Andy Morrow provided a description of what the position entails.

7. Financial Institutions/Commercial Finance. Andy Morrow nominated Clifton Molatore as the new chair of the Financial Institutions/Commercial Finance subcommittee to replace Michelle Druce. Dean Alterman seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved Clifton Molatore’s nomination.

8. CLE/Annual Meeting. Dean Alterman suggested seeking an out-of-state nationally recognized speaker for a CLE.

9. Legal Opinion Committee. This is a new subcommittee. No report at this time.

10. Oregon Business Lawyer. Drew Ognall reported that there were not many articles submitted last year because there were few relevant cases. There are some new cases this year that may be included in the publication. Send ideas for articles to Drew.

11. Regional Outreach. Sally Anderson Hansell described Regional Outreach as the welcoming committee for the Section. New ideas are needed to reach out to the regions.

12. Website. Carole Barkley reported that the Useful Links Page needs to be updated. In September the website was changed and technical problems resulted. Website visitors decreased from 1,000 a month to 200. The vendor needs to respond to correct the technical problems. Carol will e-mail the link to the site to the Committee. Carole requested information for the “Expert” section of the website.

13. Business Practice Tools/Business Lawyer University. Jason Brauser reported that he will work on getting the Business Lawyer University started again.

14. 2007 Meeting Schedule. Jason Brauser reported that he will be talking to subcommittee chairs regarding setting regular meeting schedules. Jason proposes that the Executive Committee meet every other month and subcommittees use the off month to meet. This schedule change will be determined at a later date.
15. Retreat. Jason Brauser suggested that the Business Law Section retreat be held in May in Portland. A dinner will be scheduled on Friday evening, May 18th. The retreat will be held May 19th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for long range planning.
16. Castles Award. Jason Brauser reported that a committee of past Chairs of the Executive Committee was previously formed to provide a structured process for nominations for this award. This will be discussed further at the retreat.
17. Annual Report. Jason Brauser reported that the Annual Report must be turned in soon. Let him know updates within one week.
18. Other. Andy Morrow reported that he was contacted by Dick Roy (NW Earth Institute) and asked if a liaison will represent the Business Law Section. Andy and Jason will contact Dick Roy to discuss further.
19. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Druce, Secretary