OREGON STATE BAR BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING September 19, 2013 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 Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the offices of Elliott Ostrander & Preston PC, 707 SW Washington Street, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97205, pursuant to notice duly given. The meeting commenced at 12:03 p.m.

The following Committee members, which constituted a quorum, were present at the meeting: Ambyr O'Donnell, Benjamin Lenhart, Tyler John Volm and Kenneth Haglund, and, via teleconference, Kyle Wuepper, Edward Impert, James Kearney and David Matheson.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Dani Edwards, OSB Liaison, and, via teleconference, Chris Hall.

1. <u>Prior Committee Minutes</u>. After a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Committee meetings held June 15, 2013 and July 18, 2013.

2. <u>Bar Liaison Report</u>. Dani Edwards initiated a discussion regarding the Fall swearing in ceremony for new lawyers in early October, and noted that the Section may include printed materials in the packet for new members if desired. Such printed materials would need to be submitted by September 30, 2013. Dani Edwards also noted that the OSB House of Delegates passed a resolution encouraging OSB sections to support the Campaign for Equal Justice.

3. <u>Legislative Update</u>. Chris Hall reported that next April will be the time in which to submit new Oregon legislative proposals, and that in the last legislative session several amendments to the Model Business Corporation Act were reviewed and implemented. Chris Hall noted that a legislative task force was being established, and asked for volunteers. Benjamin Lenhart, Kenneth Haglund, Justin Denton and James Kearney volunteered for the task force.

4. <u>Treasurer Report</u>. David Matheson reported that (a) the Section has revenue of approximately \$30,000, of which approximately \$25,000 was spent, and (b) the Section account balance is slightly more than \$100,000. David Matheson noted that the Section will complete contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. The Committee discussed the costs of the upcoming annual Section CLE, and that Committee members should come up with concrete proposals to spend Section funds for the benefit of members prior to the next retreat.

5. <u>New Business</u>.

a. <u>Proposal for 2014 BLS Officers</u>. Ambyr O'Donnell stated that the proposed slate of officers was circulated. The Committee discussed the slate of officers, and it was noted that Justin Denton should be considered for the Chair-Elect position next year. Ambyr O'Donnell discussed the terms of Committee members, and noted that James Kearney, Edward Impert, Lorrie Harris Hancock, Holley Young Franklin and Kyle Wuepper would need to be re-elected at the next annual meeting. The Committee discussed diversity within the Committee, in terms of both geographic scope and membership. The Committee members discussed expanding the Committee to 12 at-large members, and it was noted that any decision to expand would need to be finalized by October 17, 2013, which is 14 business days before the Section annual meeting.

b. <u>Castle Award Nominations Update</u>. David Matheson reported that notices were sent to Section membership requesting nominations, and that the selection committee is reviewing responses. David further reported that the selection committee is likely to approve a nomination shortly and that the award would be given at the annual meeting.

6. <u>Committee Reports</u>.

a. <u>CLE</u>. Benjamin Lenhart reported that the annual CLE program had been finalized, and that CLE credit for the First Lady of Oregon's presentation was at issue. Benjamin Lenhart and Justin Denton will co-present at the CLE to welcome attendees and introduce speakers. It was noted that the annual CLE program would be circulated to the Committee.

b. <u>Newsletter</u>. Kyle Wuepper reported that four weeks ago an email had been submitted to the listserv, and that a number of responses were received. The subcommittee is reviewing three article submissions, and reported that 5-6 Section members desired to serve on an editorial board to review the article submissions. Kyle Wuepper stated that the subcommittee would meet soon to continue its efforts with respect to the next newsletter.

c. <u>Website</u>. Edward Impert reported and explained certain proposed changes to the website that relate to the public and password-protected portions of the site, and noted that the changes would cost about \$750 to implement. After a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes and the payment of related costs.

7. <u>Adjournment</u>. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Haglund, Secretary