

**OREGON STATE BAR**  
**BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 8, 2020**

**TIME AND PLACE**

Upon notice duly given, a Meeting of the Executive Committee (the “Committee”) of the Business Law Section (the “Section”) of the Oregon State Bar (the “Bar”) was held by video conference on July 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

**PRESENT**

Present were Committee members Genevieve Kiley (Chair), Anne Arathoon, William Goodling, Brian Jolly, Ben Kearney, Jennifer Nicholls, David Post, Valerie Sasaki, Charmin Shiely, Jeffrey Tarr, Kara Tatman and Tyler Volm. Also present at the invitation of the Committee were Carole Barkley and Susan Grabe of the Bar. Ms. Arathoon acted as Secretary of the Meeting and kept the Minutes.

Ms. Kiley called the Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Pacific Time.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Kiley reviewed the most recent meeting minutes with the Committee and asked for any comments or changes. After a brief discussion regarding the newly renamed “Newsletter” subcommittee, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon motion duly made and seconded:

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Committee’s June 10, 2020 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee, are approved.

**BAR MATTERS**

Ms. Grabe updated the Committee on the first special session of the Oregon legislature and the relevant legislation that passed. She reported that the first special session was focused on policy issues; the next special session will be focused on revenue issues. Ms. Grabe further reported that the Board of Governors has an upcoming election. Information about the election is on the Bar’s website. Ms. Grabe also indicated that the funding for the Oregon Law Commission (“OLC”) has not been determined. The Committee discussed the impact the lack of adequate funding could have on the OLC’s, and the Committee’s, work on the LLC Act. Finally, Ms. Grabe updated the Committee regarding the Oregon Supreme Court’s recent decision with respect to the Bar exam.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Tatman summarized the May 2020 financials. Section activities have slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is reflected in the financials. The June 2020 financials are not yet available from the Bar. The Section is currently significantly under budget. As a result, Ms. Tatman recommended that the Section be mindful of the end of the year fund balance to be consistent with the Bar’s guidelines for Section account balances. Discussion ensued regarding funding a possible scholarship or donation in support of the Oregon Law Commission’s work on law improvement for corporate-related matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the legislative subcommittee is hereby delegated with authority to fund a grant or other financial support of the Oregon Law Commission's corporate-related work in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *CLE*

Ms. Kiley reported that the CLE subcommittee did not meet since the last Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the annual CLE sponsored by the Committee as well as the Section's annual meeting. Ms. Grabe indicated that the Bar is reviewing alternatives for the Bar's sections to have annual meetings via web conference. The Committee also discussed the Castles Award for 2020 and decided not to award it this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to have an in-person meeting to present the award and celebrate the recipient.

### *Outreach*

Mr. Jolly reported that the Outreach subcommittee did not meet since the last Committee meeting. He further reported that the subcommittee will be working through possibilities for the Section's social media outreach. Mr. Tarr suggested having a LinkedIn page for the Section, but reminded the Committee the need to work with the Bar for its review and approval.

### *Newsletter*

Mr. Tarr reported that the newsletter was published recently. The Section's website is now the responsibility of the Section's Chair-Elect. The initial meeting regarding the website is scheduled for next week and there will be monthly meetings on an ongoing basis.

### *New Business Lawyers*

Mr. Goodling reported that the New Business Lawyers subcommittee did not meet since the last Committee meeting. He updated the Committee that the scholarships have been awarded to students at the Oregon law schools and the subcommittee will have monthly contact with the recipients.

### *Legislative*

Ms. Sasaki updated the Committee that the legislative subcommittee has been working on the LLC Act, which is targeted for the Oregon legislature's 2023 long session. Ms. Sasaki also reported that the subcommittee is reviewing whether to have an advisory board or group that is broader than only business lawyers to utilize as a resource on proposed legislation.

There being no further business of the Committee, the Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.