

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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 October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Genevieve Kiley (Chair), Anne Arathoon, William Goodling, Brian Jolly, Matthew Larson, Emily Maass, David Post, Valerie Sasaki, Charmin Shiely, Jeffrey Tarr, and Kara Tatman. 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 12:04 p.m., Pacific Time.

MINUTES

Ms. Kiley reviewed the most recent meeting minutes with the Committee and asked for any comments or changes. An error was noted with respect to who was reflected in such minutes as presenting the legislative subcommittee update to the Committee. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s September 9, 2020 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee and including the noted revision, are approved.

BAR MATTERS

Ms. Grabe updated the Committee regarding the Bar President’s recent message, which included information regarding the upcoming House of Delegates (“HOD”) meeting on October 30, 2020. Ms. Grabe also reported that: (i) the structure of the Bar’s license fee was reviewed at the last HOD meeting, (ii) the Bar is working to recruit attorneys for FEMA panels, and (iii) the Board of Governors met recently and discussed board governance, specifically the removal process of Board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Tatman summarized the August 2020 and September 2020 financials and reported that the Section is well under budget. Ms. Tatman reported that she continues to regularly review the Section's account balance in light of the Bar's rules regarding balance limits at the end of the year. Ms. Tatman further reported that the Section is paying a nominal fee to a speaker for a presentation at the Section's annual CLE and also is subsidizing a portion of Section members' registration fees for the Section's upcoming annual CLE. Lastly, Ms. Tatman updated the Committee on Section membership and a discussion ensued among Committee members regarding complementary Section memberships.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

Ms. Kiley reported that the CLE subcommittee has been very productive since the Committee's last meeting. Ms. Kiley updated the Committee regarding the Section's annual CLE, which is scheduled as a webinar for two half-days on the afternoon of November 5, and the morning of November 6, 2020. Ms. Kiley further reported that the Section's annual meeting will occur on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Finally, Ms. Kiley reported that the CLE subcommittee may meet after the Section's annual CLE to start planning a CLE for Q1 2021.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly reported that the Outreach subcommittee met to discuss the Committee's 2021 annual retreat, specifically the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on such retreat. A discussion ensued among Committee members regarding whether the Committee's 2021 annual retreat should be planned as a virtual retreat or an in-person retreat. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee's 2021 annual retreat will be held virtually.

Newsletter

Mr. Tarr updated the Committee on the Newsletter subcommittee's recent actions. Mr. Tarr reported that the September newsletter was published and the December newsletter has been planned with three articles. Mr. Tarr further reported that the Newsletter subcommittee has brainstormed ideas for future articles and is considering publishing a series on a particular topic with a subtopic within each issue.

New Business Lawyers

Mr. Goodling updated the Committee on the Section's scholarship program to Oregon law students. Mr. Goodling reported that he was pleased with the quality of the candidates who

submitted materials for the scholarships. Mr. Goodling further reported that he emailed all of the scholarship submission materials to Committee members along with recommendations of scholarship recipients. The Committee reviewed each recommended scholarship recipient in detail.

On behalf of the New Business Lawyers subcommittee, Mr. Goodling presented the following proposed slate of scholarship recipients:

Diego Alfonso Gutiérrez – Lewis & Clark
Victoria Nguyen – University of Oregon
Zachary Schick – Willamette University

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the slate of recommended scholarship recipients submitted to the Committee is hereby approved.

Mr. Goodling reported that he will contact the scholarship recipients and invite them to the ceremony during the Section's annual CLE to receive the award virtually.

Legislative

Ms. Sasaki provided the Committee with an update on the Legislative subcommittee's work on the updates to the Oregon LLC Act, which are on track for the 2023 legislative session. Ms. Sasaki also reported that the Legislative subcommittee will begin reviewing which legislative act to work on next. Ms. Sasaki also discussed the importance of including different types of stakeholders early in the legislative process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Ms. Kiley reported that the Nominating Committee, which was composed of Ms. Kiley, Ms. Sasaki, and David Ludwig, met recently to determine a slate of officers and members-at-large to be voted on at the Section's upcoming annual meeting. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Kiley presented the following proposed slate of officers and members-at large:

Officers:

Chair: Jeffrey S. Tarr
Chair-Elect: Kara E. Tatman
Past-Chair: Genevieve A. Kiley
Secretary: William J. Goodling

Treasurer: Anne E. Arathoon

Executive Committee: Members-at Large Terms Ending 12/31/2022:

Charmin B. Shiely

Benjamin M. Kearney

James K. Hein

Michael Walker

Executive Committee: Member-at-Large Term Ending 12/31/2021:

Tyler J. Volm

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed slate of nominees for officers and members-at-large of the Committee is hereby approved.

There being no further business of the Committee, the Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.