

OREGON STATE BAR

BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 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 November 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Genevieve Kiley (Chair), Anne Arathoon, William Goodling, James Hein, Brian Jolly, Matthew Larson, Jennifer Nichols, David Post, Jeffrey Tarr, Kara Tatman, and Tyler Volm. Also present at the invitation of the Committee were Carole Barkley and Matt Shields 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. A suggestion was proposed to include details with respect to the slate of officers and members-at-large voted on at the Section’s annual meeting as well as the slate of Section scholarship recipients. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s October 14, 2020 meeting and the minutes of the Section’s November 5, 2020 annual meeting, in the form presented to the Committee and including the noted revisions, are approved.

BAR MATTERS

Mr. Shields reported that the Oregon Board of Governors (“BOG”) is meeting on November 19 - 20, 2020, for its annual planning meeting and to prepare for the legislative session. Mr. Shields also reported that the BOG, at its most recent meeting, discussed the Bar’s fee structure based on income level as well as sustainable practices for Oregon courts.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Tatman summarized the October 2020 financials and reported that the Section is well under budget with minimal new activity. Ms. Tatman indicated that there are a few expenses to pay before the end of the year, including a CLE speaker fee and the Section scholarships. Ms. Tatman further reported that she is working on the Section's 2021 budget and will present it to the Committee for approval.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

Ms. Kiley reported that the Section's annual CLE went well. Ms. Kiley noted that she will communicate with the Bar to confirm final attendance numbers. Ms. Kiley also stated that the CLE subcommittee may meet before the end of 2020 to begin planning a CLE for Q1 2021.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly confirmed that the Committee previously decided that the Committee's 2021 annual retreat will be held virtually. Discussion ensued among the Committee members regarding the budget for the retreat and whether to potentially have an in-person mid-year retreat, if advisable under the then-current guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next, Mr. Tarr reported that the Committee's 2021 virtual annual retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mr. Tarr further reported that the agenda for the annual retreat will include reconstituting the subcommittees, selecting subcommittee chairs, and discussing goals for the Committee for 2021.

Newsletter

Mr. Tarr reported that the December edition of the newsletter will be published the first or second week in December and will include several substantive legal articles, an announcement of the Section scholarship winners, reports from the Section's subcommittees, as well as a profile on a new Committee member. Mr. Tarr further reported that work on the March edition of the newsletter is currently underway and the subcommittee is maintaining a list of proposed article topics for future publication.

New Business Lawyers

Mr. Goodling reported that the Section's scholarships were awarded at the Section's annual meeting to three Oregon law students.

Legislative

Mr. Hein provided the Committee with a brief update on the Legislative subcommittee's work on the updates to the Oregon LLC Act, which is on track for the 2023 legislative session. Mr. Hein also reported that there will be separate working groups focused on other acts for future legislative sessions. Discussion ensued regarding the future work and composition of the Legislative subcommittee.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business of the Committee, the Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.