

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021

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 March 25, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Jeffrey Tarr (Chair), Will Goodling, Brian Jolly, Ben Kearney, Genny Kiley, Jennifer Nicholls, Matt Larson, and Michael Walker. Also present at the invitation of the Committee were Carole Barkley (Editor, *Oregon Business Lawyer*), Joe Cerne (Chair, New Business Lawyers Subcommittee) and Amy Zubko (Bar representative). Committee members not in attendance were Anne Arathoon, James Hein, Emily Maas, David Post, Charmin Shiely, Kara Tatman and Tyler Volm.

Mr. Tarr called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. Pacific time. Mr. Goodling acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MINUTES

Mr. Tarr reviewed the most recent meeting minutes with the Committee, and the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon a motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee's February 25, 2021 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee, are approved.

BAR LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Tarr requested that Ms. Zubko or her colleague Susan Grabe report to the Committee on two items: (a) whether the *Oregon Business Lawyer* may contain content that solicits charitable donations and (b) the status of the Bar's potential social media policy applicable to all sections of the Bar. Ms. Zubko indicated one of them would do so at a future meeting. Ms. Zubko then proceeded to provide a general update on the current Oregon legislative process.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Section's Treasurer was not in attendance, and Mr. Tarr summarized the Section's financial statements, noting that the Section has received \$29,470 in dues for the year-to-date ending February 28, 2021 but had not spent funds in the same period (other than Bar support service assessments).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

The CLE Subcommittee's Chair was not in attendance, and Mr. Kearney reported that the CLE Subcommittee had met and brainstormed ideas for CLE topics, with the goal of holding its first CLE in the early part of the second quarter of the year, with two more CLEs and the Section's annual CLE program in November 2021 to follow. Ms. Kiley reported that the CLE Subcommittee has a potential speaker for a CLE regarding commercial and residential eviction matters in light of COVID-19 laws and regulations.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly reported the Outreach Subcommittee had not met and he had no update.

Newsletter

Mr. Tarr reported that the Newsletter Subcommittee published the March edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* and described four article topics for the upcoming June edition, noting the Newsletter Subcommittee has three committed authors for the June edition. A brief discussion ensued regarding membership of the Newsletter Subcommittee and other individuals who may be willing to join.

New Business Lawyers

Mr. Cerne reported that the New Business Lawyers Subcommittee had met the prior week to brainstorm its activities for the year, noting that one idea is to hold a panel with one or more law schools where newly practicing business lawyers would share their perspective on transitioning from a student to a practicing business lawyer. A brief discussion ensued regarding providing a flyer at the swearing-in ceremony to newly admitted lawyers to promote the Section's activities and the ability to participate in the Section.

Legislative

The members of the Legislative Subcommittee were not in attendance and there was no update.

James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr inquired about who should lead the James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee. After a brief discussion the Committee concluded that the past Chair (Ms. Kiley) will Chair the Subcommittee, with the current Chair (Mr. Tarr) and the Chair-Elect (Ms. Tatman) joining the Subcommittee. Additionally, Ms. Kiley said she will solicit input from former Chairs of the Committee with respect to evaluating candidates for the award. Mr. Tarr and Ms. Kiley agreed that they should seek to solicit applications for the award in the June edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* as well as several times via the Section's email listserve.

Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr noted that there was nothing to report regarding the Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee at this point of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tarr raised an issue regarding promoting a pro bono opportunity in the *Oregon Business Lawyer* and a discussion ensued regarding other school clinics and organizations that may also wish to be promoted. Mr. Tarr requested that Ms. Zubko report back regarding the Bar's position on whether this type of communication would be permissible.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Pacific time.