

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 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 June 24, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

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

Mr. Tarr called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 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 a correction was noted. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon a motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s May 27, 2021 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee after incorporating the correction made, are approved.

BAR LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Grabe provided a brief update about legislative matters, an upcoming deadline in June for nominations for certain Bar awards and an upcoming Board of Governors meeting in July.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Arathoon summarized the Section’s financial statements for May 2021, including to note that there had been little financial activity in the month and that paid members had increased by seven and unpaid members had increased by six during the month.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

Mr. Volm reported that the CLE Subcommittee is working to organize a standalone CLE, to be presented by Natalie Pattison at Barran Liebman, in September 2021 regarding return-to-work legal issues. Mr. Volm next reported that the CLE Subcommittee continues to seek to organize a standalone CLE regarding eviction and foreclosure issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Volm noted that the CLE Subcommittee is planning the annual CLE program in November 2021 to have the CLEs in its first day focus on legal updates related to President Biden's administration policies and executive orders and the CLEs in its second day focus on distressed business issues.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly reported that the Outreach Subcommittee is considering hosting a social event for the Committee in September 2021 if Bar restrictions on social activities permit it. Ms. Grabe advised that an outdoor event for the Committee should be permissible under Bar guidelines but said she would confirm.

Newsletter

Ms. Barkley reported that the Newsletter Subcommittee successfully published the June edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* on time. Ms. Barkley next noted that the subcommittee has selected five topics for the September edition and is seeking authors for its September edition. Ms. Barkley also noted that the Newsletter Subcommittee hopes to publish a mentor-mentee interview in the September edition.

New Business Lawyers

Mr. Cerne provided an updated on the status of the New Business Lawyers Subcommittee's plans to have a recurring law school panel at each of the three law schools in the autumn and then in the winter. A brief discussion followed regarding whether the panel would be accredited as a CLE.

Legislative

Ms. Tatman provided an update regarding the Legislative Subcommittee and a discussion followed regarding potential long-term strategic projects, including in conjunction with the Oregon Law Commission, and Committee members expressed support for a project to review and update the Oregon Business Corporation Act.

James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee

Ms. Kiley reported that the June edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* requested nominations for the James B. Castle Leadership Award and said she would work with the Bar to have the request sent to all Section members via the Section's listserv. Ms. Barkley noted she would post the request for nominations to the Section's website.

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

2021 Law Student Stipends

Mr. Cerne summarized a follow-up discussion with JB Kim, the Director of Diversity and Inclusion Department at the Bar, regarding the Section's planned contribution to the Summer Stipend Program of the Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Department, including to note that: Ms. Kim clarified that the program applies only to students attending an in-state law school and to in-state employers; Ms. Kim confirmed the program can use the Section's contribution to seek three stipend winners, one from each of the three in-state law schools; Ms. Kim advised that, if a school does not have a stipend winner in a particular summer, the program will earmark those funds to be used in a subsequent summer for a student from that school; and Ms. Kim advised that the Section could make its 2021 contribution of \$3,000 (to be used in the summer of 2022) when convenient in the next few months. A brief discussion followed.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m. Pacific time.

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