

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 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 July 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Jeffrey Tarr (Chair), Anne Arathoon, Will Goodling, James Hein, Brian Jolly, Ben Kearney, Matt Larson, Jennifer Nicholls, Charmin Shiely, Kara Tatman, 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 Genny Kiley, Emily Maas, David Post, and Tyler Volm.

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 comments were made. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon a motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s June 24, 2021 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee after incorporating the comments made, are approved.

BAR LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Grabe provided a brief update regarding Bar bylaw changes and an upcoming Board of Governors meeting in Baker City.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Arathoon summarized the Section's financial statements for June 2021, including to note that there had been little financial activity in the month and that paid members had increased by three (from 875 to 878) and unpaid members had increased by two (from 108 to 110) during the month.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

Mr. Tarr summarized an email update from Mr. Volm regarding upcoming CLEs to be hosted by the Section, including a standalone CLE to be presented by Natalie Pattison at Barran Liebman in September 2021 regarding return-to-work legal issues, and the Section's upcoming annual meeting in November 2021, which will have CLEs in its first day focusing on legal updates related to President Biden's administration policies and executive orders and will have CLEs in its second day focusing on distressed business issues.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly reported that the Outreach Subcommittee is considering hosting a social event for the Committee in September 2021 at Langdon Farms and said he would follow up to schedule the date via a poll.

Newsletter

Ms. Barkley reported that the Newsletter Subcommittee is preparing to publish a September edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* and summarized the anticipated article topics. Ms. Barkley also noted that the Newsletter Subcommittee expects 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 in the winter. Mr. Cerne noted that the subcommittee has five confirmed panelists and has been working with each law school to schedule the first event in September.

Mr. Cerne next reported regarding the Bar's diversity and inclusion summer stipend program for law students. He noted that the Chair or Treasurer should send the Bar an email specifying the authorized use of the Section's \$3,000 contribution to the program that the Section will make this year for use in the summer of 2022, i.e., for stipends for law students attending any of the three law schools in Oregon (with a target of \$1,000 for a student at each of the three law schools, but not necessarily so) for summer employment in a business law during the

summer of 2022. Mr. Cerne reported that he would draft the email and send it to the Chair and Treasurer to review and then send to JB Kim (the Bar's Director of Diversity & Inclusion).

Legislative

Ms. Tatman provided an update regarding the Legislative Subcommittee and a discussion followed regarding the need to form a working group and deliver a memo to the Oregon Law Commission to request that the Oregon Business Corporation Act be reviewed and updated.

James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr noted that the request for nominations for the James B. Castle Leadership Award has been posted on the Section's website and was include in the June edition of the Section's newsletter. Mr. Tarr noted that the Bar indicated it does not send this request to the Section's listserv itself but that Ms. Kiley is working to do so herself.

Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr summarized recent changes in the Committee election process, including that Section members will vote by electronic ballot rather than at the Section's annual meeting.

Mr. Tarr reported that he and Ms. Kiley would be on the Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee to nominate Committee members for 2022, which nominations are due by December 10, 2021. Mr. Tarr reported that he and Ms. Kiley would seek a third member to join the Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee who is not currently on the Committee as required by the Section's bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Year's Chair

Ms. Tatman reported that she will be declining to continue on the Committee and its Legislative Subcommittee after the end of this year. After a discussion the Committee determined that Ms. Arathoon would be nominated as the Section's Chair for 2022 and Mr. Goodling would be nominated as the Treasurer for 2022.

Request Regarding "Celebrating Oregon Attorneys" Ad Placement

Mr. Tarr reported that the Bar requested that the Section provide an advertisement in the *Oregon State Bar Bulletin* to celebrate Oregon attorneys in the Section. A brief discussion followed, and Ms. Grabe reported she would advise the Committee of the cost (if any) to place the advertisement.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m. Pacific time.

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