

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2024

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 at the Bar office, Tigard, Oregon, on March 6, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Michael Walker (Chair), Matt Larson, Leigh Gill, Kimberly Boswell, Krista Evans, Joe Cerne, Ben Pirie, Will Goodling, Berit Everhart, Melissa Jaffe, Tim Crippen, Melanie Choch, Jennifer Nicholls, and Justin Monahan. Mike Williams from the Bar, and Jackie Krantz were also present.

Blake Bowman was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Larson acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MEETING

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on January 27, 2024. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s January 27, 2024, meeting are approved.

2. Bar Liaison Report

Mr. Williams reported regarding activities at the Bar. Mr. Williams noted that the Bar was looking for candidates for the House of Delegates, and that applications are due by March 15th. Mr. Williams also reported that April 1st is the cutoff for OSB Public Affairs to submit matters for the 2025 legislative session.

3. Treasurers’ Report

Ms. Evans provided the report. Ms. Evans reviewed the January financial report, and requested Committee members submit any outstanding reimbursement requests. Mr. Williams reported that the member headcount in the financial report will be updated, but that the reported section revenue is accurate.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. CLE Subcommittee. Ms. Jaffee provided the report. Ms. Jaffee requested presenters for quarterly CLEs. A discussion was held regarding the annual CLE. Ms. Jaffee reported that the subcommittee is targeting Nov. 8th for the event and is confirming co-sponsorship with the Bar. The Bar requires a location before committing to co-sponsorship, but the date is open. The Bar would like to hold the event at the Bar facility if there will be less than 80 attendees. The Committee would like to have a larger event this year. Current venues being reviewed are the MAC, Amaterra, the Nines, and EcoTrust. Details will be circulated to the full Committee.

B. Newsletter Subcommittee. Mr. Crippen provided the report. The subcommittee has started working with the new editor, Ms. Krantz, and will be meeting the following week. The subcommittee has two articles for the March edition and is looking for non-executive Committee members to join.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Mr. Cerne provided the report. The subcommittee met earlier in the week for planning and intends to address the summer stipend program. The subcommittee has provided updated website information to Ms. Krantz and is hosting an informal event on March 21st.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill provided the report. There was not extensive business law related activity in the Oregon legislature this session. The subcommittee has its first meeting next week. There is currently a short window to make proposals for the 2025 legislative session, and currently none are proposed.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans provided the report. The subcommittee has met twice and is currently working to set up an event with Oregon CPAs. The event will be on May 16th at Lane Powell. The cap for the event will be 60 attendees. Ms. Evans asked for law firms to sponsor the alcohol for the event, and noted that the sponsoring law firms will be included in the email invite for the event.

F. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee. Mr. Walker provided the report. The subcommittee has not had any activity and will start the process later this year.

G. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. Mr. Goodling provided the report. The subcommittee has not had any activity and will start the process later this year. Mr. Goodling noted that the criteria and past winners are on the Section's website for reference.

5. Other Business

The Committee discussed and decided to move the July 3rd meeting to June 26th due to the July 4th holiday.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. Pacific time.