

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 Immix Law Group, PC, Portland, Oregon, on September 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

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

Justin Monahan was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Larson acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MEETING

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on June 26, 2024. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s June 26, 2024, meeting are approved.

2. Bar Liaison Report

Mr. Williams reported regarding activities at the Bar. Mr. Williams reported that there will be a change in section assessments for 2025, consistent with cost of living and inflation. Mr. Williams noted that the Bar is looking for volunteers for committees.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Evans provided the report. Ms. Evans reviewed the June financial report. A discussion was held regarding member dues, it being noted that the Section’s historical operations had resulted in a surplus, that the cost of events is going up, and that the Section has the highest dues in the Bar. Mr. Williams noted that if the Section keeps its current activities, the dues would be sufficient for

2025, and the Section could revisit dues in 2026. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Section would keep the Section dues unchanged for 2025.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. CLE Subcommittee. Ms. Jaffee provided the report. Ms. Jaffe stated that on Sept. 27th the Section is having a CLE that will be an update on accounting for lawyers. Regarding the annual CLE, Ms. Jaffee noted that sponsors are needed for the alcohol, estimating the aggregate cost to be \$1,000 to \$2,000, and that rooms can now be booked at The Nines. The Bar has the final agenda and will do most of the coordinating from here. The subcommittee plans to send a survey to Section members next year to see what topics members would like included in future CLEs.

B. Newsletter Subcommittee. Mr. Crippen and Ms. Everhart provided the report. They reported that next newsletter will go out this month, and that they have a good outline for the next newsletter as well. The next newsletter will likely be in the new format, which is more modern and searchable. The Committee commended Jackie for her great work.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Mr. Cerne provided the report. The subcommittee is planning fall panel events at the Oregon law schools. A Q3 social event with the Lane County bar association in Eugene is in the works to tie to the University of Oregon panel event, and a similar event is being planned for Lewis & Clark Law students at Tryon Creek Sports Bar. A discussion was held regarding inviting law students to CLEs for free, and panelists at the law school events will determine the interest level from students.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill provided the report. The subcommittee is tracking the OLC committee working on updating the Oregon Business Corporation Act. OLC would like recommendations from the Committee regarding who would be good to include in the working group. Please provide suggestions to Mr. Gill.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans provided the report. The subcommittee is tentatively planning an event at Tryon Creek Sports Bar for Sept. 30th for Lewis & Clark Law students, and is in the process of begin planning the annual retreat for 2025.

F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. Mr. Goodling provided the report. The subcommittee has solicited nominations but has not received any yet. The stated deadline for nominations is Sept. 15th, but may be extended. There are two nominations from prior years to consider again. There is no obligation or practice of making the award each year, so the Committee can decide to not award it this year.

G. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee. Mr. Walker provided the report. The subcommittee is beginning its process. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that former Section Chair Anne Arathoon is approved to join the Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. Pacific time.