

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

February 28, 2013

Present: Kristen Sager-Kottre -- Chair
 Marcia Buckley -- Treasurer
 Debra Dority -- Secretary

Members at large: Christopher Eggert, Lauren Saucy, Greg Oliveros, Anthony Wilson.

Also participating: Ryan Carty.

The meeting took place by teleconference.

Call to Order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was RESOLVED: the minutes of the Family Law Section Executive Committee meeting held January 17, 2013 are approved as written.

Treasurer's Report. Marcia Buckley presented the final numbers for 2012 as \$67,029, which is up from 2011 (\$54,808). There was some discussion of the change in membership numbers from last year as well. [Presented at the end of the meeting].

Old Business. The following items of old business came before the committee:

1. **Salishan Conference 2013 Subcommittee Report.** Christopher Eggert, chair of the Salishan subcommittee, reported that he has spoken with Jim Murphey regarding room set-up at Salishan and general planning. The subcommittee already has a fair number of speakers and topics ready to go. Gil is pulling together the keynote speaker.
2. **Legislation Subcommittee Report.** Ryan Carty gave the report for this subcommittee. Things have been very busy as last Thursday (Feb. 21) was the final day for submission of bills, so there was a flurry of bills. There is not a whole lot to report on our two sponsored bills- HB 2571 (housekeeping bill re: spousal support, statutory RO, and where to file filiations) and HB 2572 (re: attorney fees/costs in DR cases relating to life insurance). These bills have moved out of the House and into the Senate, and they are expected to pass the Senate and go to the floor.
There is a new bill, HB 2559, which changes the establishment and modification of spousal support. The Family Law Executive Committee (FLEC) gently opposed a similar bill when it came up in May of 2012, but it has moved forward. There are major concerns regarding this bill in part because of the mandatory guidelines it creates and

because it is retroactive. Ryan is meeting with the proponent of the bill (with Gil, Susan Grabe, and others). Ryan will send proposals for different changes to spousal support to the FLEC before this March 14 meeting, and will need a vote from the members (via email).

Ryan also indicates that the FLEC should expect to see a number of position requests via email, as well as asking for a vote by email on whether Ryan may testify on behalf of our section on a particular bill. *PLEASE* get back to Ryan right away whenever you receive such a request.

There are a few other bills Ryan brought to our attention: The first gives the Court the authority to award joint custody if they determine it is in the child's best interests (HB 3134); and there are a couple of bills relating to FAPAs, to which we don't object.

3. **Webpage Update.** No report at this time.
4. **Hardship Policy for Conference Fees.** No report at this time.
5. **Expert Database.** No report at this time.
6. **Professionalism Award.** Tony Wilson reported that he has some language from Greg Oliveros and he is going to circulate it to the rest of the FLEC for our input.

New Business. The following items of new business came before the committee:

1. Ryan Carty informed the group that he is involved in the process of implementing e-court, and is involved in the OJD/OSB e-court meetings. He explained that, because of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), nothing can be shown on e-court in FAPA cases. Ryan pointed out that family law attorneys will want to see the family law cases that will be consolidated with FAPAs, and we need to consider how that might work.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Debra Dority, 2013 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

Debra Dority

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The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21, 2013, 3:00 p.m.**