

## MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

#### November 20, 2014 Meeting

Present: Lauren Saucy -- Chair

Members at large: Marcia Buckley, Chris Eggert, Zach Fruchtengarten, Kimberly Quach, Laura Rufolo, Anthony Wilson

Absent: Jennifer Currin, Debra Dority, Susan Grabe, Caitlin Mitchel-Markley, Murray Pettit, Kristin Sager-Kottre,

Also Participating: Melinda Thomas, Stephanie Wilson, Jennifer Brown

The meeting took place telephonically.

**Call to Order.** The Chair began the meeting at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes.** The Committee unanimously approved the October 2014 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report.** As of October 31, 2014, the Section has 1086 members (up two from prior year). Marsha approved the Salishan charge, but it is not reflected on the October 31, 2014 financials.

**2014 Annual Meeting.** Kimberly reported the current status of the review of the evaluations. There were 101 evaluations returned. The speakers, who were all rated on a 5 point scale, ranged between 3.7 to 4.6. The quality, staff and overall ratings were all above 4.6. The written comments are being consolidated.

The Committee explored the extent to which all of the comments should be provided both the individual speaker and the Committee. The consensus was that judgment could be exercised in that regard and the comments could be provided in partial form, particularly where the comment is not constructive.

**Website.** The Subcommittee will commence this work at the beginning of 2015.

**Future Contract Negotiations with Salishan.** Nothing to report by Lauren. Ready to do so and will do so soon. Will need to pass next year. We do not need a December meeting to resolve this issue.

**Hardship Policy.** The Committee reviewed a draft of the hardship policy during the October 2014 meeting. Some changes were requested and integrated in the draft forwarded by Lauren, which was also provided in redline format. Laura suggested that a sentence be added to the application stating that each applicant has an obligation to secure his or her own lodging. The Committee agreed with that suggestion. Lauren noted that the policy now includes a new confidentiality provision (Section 4).

The Committee adopted the policy and the application unanimously.

**Adoption Subcommittee.** John was not present, so the Committee did not discuss the email that he forwarded. This issue will be explored during the next meeting he attends.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Kimberly Quach, 2014 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

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Kimberly A. Quach

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**The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**