

**MINUTES**  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

**January 21, 2016 Meeting**

**Present:** Chair: Kimberly A. Quach  
Chair Elect: Jennifer E. Currin  
Secretary: Jennifer J. Brown  
Past Chair: Debra Dority

Members at large: Gwen Moore, Murray S. Petitt, Lauren Saucy, Stephanie F. Wilson

**Absent:** Zachary Fruchtengarten, Andrew D. Ivers, Annalisa D. Smith, Melinda Thomas.

**Also Participating:** Susan Grabe, Ryan Carty

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 (Nov. 2015)** The Committee unanimously approved the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report.** Zachary Fruchtengarten was absent, but Kimberly read his report. There was nothing to report. There are no year-end reports available from the Bar. Zach submitted our Section budget, and is waiting for feedback.

**2016 Annual Conference Update.** Jennifer Currin reported that the first meeting took place last week, during which the Committee discussed possible speakers. Working to find keynote speaker (possibly attorney from Illinois regarding their new law which, in theory, eliminates the concept of custody) and to confirm Justice Landau to be moderator. The Committee reached out to Sun River to get in touch with event planner there. (We need to have cookies!) The Committee members were advised to submit ideas for topics or speakers, email Jennifer Currin. The next planning meeting is scheduled for February 16.

**Website Subcommittee Update.** Andy Ivers was not present, so there was no report.

**Legislative Subcommittee.** Ryan Carty explained that there was an informal working committee meeting arranged at the end of last session relating to, among other things, creating presumptive joint custody in Oregon. There have been two meetings so far in December 2015 and January 2016. It is not a sanctioned work group, but an informal group looking at how to better involve parenting coordinators, decision-making differences, breaking up tenets of custody, automatic review of parenting time, etc. No immediate action is taking place. There was a lengthy

discussion on tenets of custody in Oregon. Ryan will send out a list of bullet points and ask for committee members' input.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** All members are to review the bullets presented by Ryan and provide at least 5 minutes of input regarding those issues.

Susan Grabe indicated that the deadline for legislative input is 4/1/16 for 2017. She asks the Committee to consider re-approving a bill that would require the exchange of limited discovery every two years in spousal support cases. A bill died in session last year after approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Judiciary Committee and the House, but it died in the Senate because two or three senators who were previous support obligators made comments that this could allow for the extension of a support obligation, which the bill did not do.

That would require the exchange of limited discovery every two years

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Ryan Carty is to circulate the bill at least two weeks prior to the Committee's March 2016.

Ryan indicated that the current members of the Sections' Legislative Subcommittee include himself, Michael Yates, Kevin Gage, Cybil Hebb, Larry Gorin and Mike Fearl. Debra Dority wants to join the Committee.

**Professionalism Subcommittee.** Debra Dority reports that the Subcommittee has not yet convened, so there is nothing to report.

**New Member Subcommittee.** Lauren Saucy indicates there is nothing to report this early in the year. However, the Committee members are advised to consider who would be good candidates for the Committee.

**Hardship Policy Subcommittee.** Kimberly Quach reports that the Committee has not yet met, but a meeting will be scheduled soon. There is nothing to report. Hardship waivers of registration fees are not allowed unless there was a profit from the prior year's annual conference. Because we do not have the financial data to determine whether there was a profit, at this point it is not clear that hardship waivers can be allowed for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Kimberly to report to Committee regarding whether threshold profitability will allow hardship waivers for the 2016 meeting.

**Students Attending Sunriver 2016** – Lauren Saucy reports that the Oregon Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Oregon Association of Family Law Practitioners pay the room and board for six law students – 2 from each of the law schools – for the Annual Meeting. The Family Law Section historically waives fee for the six students attending conference. The Committee unanimously approved to waive fees for the six students for 2016 Sunriver conference.

**2017 Annual Conference in Sunriver.** There is nothing to report. The Section will meet again in 2017 due to contract. The item will be removed from next month's agenda.

**Adoption Subcommittee.** There is nothing to report.

**Starbuck's Card Winners.** Ryan Carty and Debra Dority were the winners of the Starbucks' Card Drawing for the meeting. Debra waived her payment in favor of a fund for the June dinner in-person meeting.

**Next meeting: February 18, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. via telephone conference.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:49 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Jennifer J. Brown, 2016 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

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Jennifer J. Brown

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