

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

November 16, 2017

Present: Chair: Jennifer E. Currin
Chair Elect: Jennifer Brown
Treasurer: Zachary Fruchtengarten
Secretary: Stephanie Wilson
Past Chair: Kimberly Quach

Members at large: Shannon Snow, Debra Dority, Murray S. Pettit,

Absent: Amanda Thorpe, Andrew D. Ivers, Keri Smith, Annelisa Smith, Ryan Carty, Christine Constantino.

Also Participating: Susan Grabe

The meeting took place telephonically.

Call to Order. The Chair began the meeting at 3:06. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the previous executive meeting and business meeting are unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report. Zachary Fruchtengarten reports that he received the financials, items will be posting as we pay bills. The budget will be circulated by email in the next week or so for a vote. Zach would like to ensure that the costs are accurate and then try to forecast for the next year. The budget is due December 1, 2017. The costs should remain the same, however the biggest variable is the conference.

Continuing Business:

- 1. Annual Conference 2017 Update** – Jennifer Brown reports that we had good numbers. Final invoice sent over to Zachary. Working on one last room charge that seemed high, otherwise, the final amount was \$111,000. A rough estimate of the revenue generated was \$106,000 and there was a total of 436 registrants.
- 2. Annual Conference 2018 Update** – Annelisa Smith was absent, however via her email, Stephanie Wilson reports that Annelisa has received a lot of ideas for topics. She will try to schedule a brief conference committee meeting in December to start narrowing down topics. If anyone on this committee has a potential topic, please email Annelisa with our suggestions.

For next year, we will either need to cap attendance and get an overflow room. The cost for an overflow room would be about \$4,000.

Annelisa received requests from our section members about possibly moving the date. Jennifer Currin reports that we cannot move the dates forward for next year's conference. First, we are already locked into our dates for the next two years as Sunriver is booked years in advance. Further, we have our conference this weekend for cost purposes. We are on the cusp of the off-season, so if we move it forward, it would dramatically increase the cost per room.

Annelisa suggested chartering a bus from Portland and Salem to Sunriver. The committee likes the idea of charting a bus to save people from having to drive.

3. **Website Subcommittee Update** – Andy Ivers was absent.
4. **Legislative Subcommittee Update** — Ryan Carty was absent. Susan Grabe reports they met with collaborative law people and they are on the same page. They agree that the statutory framework makes sense. This should be a non-issue.
5. **Hardship Policy Subcommittee Update** – Nothing to report.
6. **Professionalism Subcommittee** – Nothing to report.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Future Annual Conference Contracts Update** – Stephanie Wilson reports that she looked at two different places, though she will need to actually contact representatives to obtain more information about their facilities. Jennifer Currin would like each member of the committee to investigate two places and then reconvene at the beginning of the year. A committee meeting will be set up soon.
 - b. **List Serve** – In regard to the recent issue with List Serve, all agrees that Amanda did a terrific job of engaging with the member. Despite Amanda's post, responses continued. Our list serve isn't the only one having this problem. The board is meeting this weekend to discuss this issue and determine what can be done. A section may adopt a policy of a "one strike and you're out rule," meaning if you are asked to stop and you continue, you can be removed from list serve. This type of behavior is unacceptable, and it devolved into unnecessary personal insults. Discussion ensued.

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

These minutes were prepared by Stephanie F. Wilson, 2017 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

/s/Stephanie F. Wilson

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The next meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 3:00 p.m. via telephone conference.