

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

April 18, 2019 Meeting

Present: Chair: Stephanie F. Wilson
 Chair Elect: Amanda Thorpe
 Treasurer: Zachary Fruchtengarten
 Secretary: Annelisa Smith (ABSENT)
 Past Chair: Jennifer J. Brown

 Members at large: Murray S. Pettitt, Jennifer Currin, Debra Dority, Kimberly Quach, Shannon Snow

Absent: Annelisa Smith, Keri Smith, Andrew Ivers

Also Participating: Ryan Carty, Katherine Denning, Susan Grabe

The meeting took place telephonically.

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

Approval of Minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the March 2019 meeting minutes with two changes: Debra Dority and Murray Pettitt's names were corrected.

Treasurer's Report. Zachary Fruchtengarten reported fairly uneventful month for March. Minimal expenses paid for telephone and OSB support assessment. Expected to pick up as we near the annual conference. Member numbers are still behind last year. We reduced the expected budget for member dues.

Continuing Business:

1. Website Subcommittee. Keri Smith was absent. Stephanie Wilson reported that Andrew Ivers still needs to provide administrator access to Keri, so no activity to report.

2. Legislative Subcommittee. Ryan Carty provided updates on the following legislation:

a. SB 356 – Court to allow more notice requirements in parenting plans. Moving forward and expected to be enacted.

b. SB 385 – Provides for ADR process for modifications. Moving forward and expected to be enacted.

c. SB 318 – Presumption of Equal Parenting Time. There was a work session on 4/4, but significant changes were made. As it reads now, the Court may order joint parenting time in its discretion or if the parties agree to joint parenting time, the Court shall adopt the parties' agreement or if it does not, then it shall make specific findings of fact. **Addresses parenting*

*time only and not joint custody** If passed, no real impact on current law, but will encourage parties and courts to consider equal parenting time as an option.

d. SB 736 – Changes language relating to custody and parenting time. No hearings set and not likely to move forward this session.

3. Awards Subcommittee. Debra Dority and Stephanie Wilson reported the subcommittee circulated an email to OSB, Listserve, and an ad in the Family Law Newsletter seeking nominations for Professionalism Award. No nominations received. Deadline is May 1. Subcommittee has been researching other sections and our nomination process is more complex. The committee is working on forming another award to recognize contributions to the Section.

4. Hardship Subcommittee. No report. Issue was raised to approve the AAML’s request to waive registration fee for six law students to attend annual conference. Motion was unanimously approved (Kimberly Quach abstained).

5. 2019 Annual Conference. Shannon Snow reported things are coming together for the annual conference. Food order was placed. All speakers confirmed except for one panel. Discussed potential panel of judges to present on children testifying in court and/or expectations of children’s attorneys.

Ethics attorney from OSB will speak. **ACTION:** Email Shannon if you have hypotheticals for speaker to address.

There will be a whiskey tasting event instead of beer. Sunriver will provide price and selections. Still in need of a sponsor. **ACTION:** Email Shannon if you have potential sponsors.

6. Listserve. Amanda Thorpe reported that only one issue came up this month, but otherwise, no issues to report.

New Business:

1. Member Nomination Subcommittee. Debra Dority will reach her maximum consecutive years on FLEC at the end of this year (9). Shannon Snow and Jennifer Currin appointed to the Member Nomination Subcommittee. They will contact a third non-FLEC member per the bylaws.

Andrew Ivers has resigned from FLEC and his position is deemed vacant as of today. The Member Nomination Subcommittee will consider an immediate replacement to discuss at the May meeting. **ACTION:** Email Shannon Snow or Jennifer Currin with any potential new members.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:42 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Jennifer J. Brown, 2019 Past Chair for the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

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The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (telephonic)