

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

February 21, 2019

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

Members at large: Debra Dority, Keri Smith, Shannon Snow, Kimberly Quach, Murry Petitt, Jennifer Currin

Absent: Amanda Thorpe

Also Participating: Matt Shields (OSB)

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 January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Budget. Zachary Fruchtengarten. Zach sent out the budget before the meeting. Membership fees are behind where they were last year. The current budget reflects all section fees received. We may receive more in February, but there appears to be a down-trend we will monitor. There was a credit for small overpayment made to Sunriver that is reflected on the budget.

Continuing Business:

Website Subcommittee. No formal report.

Note that there is a page on the website that talks about the list serve – the last bulleted paragraph may need revision. No action taken.

Legislative Subcommittee.

While nothing specific was referenced, there was discussion that there may be an issue regarding the funding force for Court Care coming up. Family Law Cases may have increased filing fees state-wide to assist with the costs of funding Court Care in counties that currently have it. There may be a pilot program to test increasing family law filing fees and the committee in just one county and members of the committee expressed concerns about the cost disproportionately impact family law cases.

Awards Subcommittee. Debra Dority. The committee is meeting next Tuesday,

Hardship Subcommittee. No Report.

2018 Annual Conference. Annelisa Smith. The conference was well received based on the OSB Surveys. Annelisa will send the surveys to Shannon. All board members have paid for their rooms.

2019 Annual Conference. Topics and committed presenters include: Former Chief Paul Demuniz will talk about preserving issues for appeal Kate Richardson and Mike Ritchey will do Child Support Updates, Wendy Bourg will discuss her ideas for bright line parenting plan with high conflict families, Judge McIntyre wants to talk about Birth – age 3 parenting plans, Ryan Carty legislative update, Amber Hollister will do ethics hypotheticals, Paul and Lauren doing Hot Topics. More access to justice including mental health requirement and putting these in the main program. The Mental Health program is so new they don't know who to go to for this presentation – the PLF will take it on this year. Deborah Carnegie works for the State of Oregon, put on a presentation on Abuse Reporting and several folks reported it was excellent. Rebecca Duncan is unavailable this year. Doug Tookie in the Court of Appeals is reluctant based on the amount of work it may include.

Other topic ideas: Tax changes now that we're 1 year out, depositions, Judge Panel discussing children as witnesses, fee agreements, how to best represent Non-English speaking clients, Mark Kramer wants to do something on whether or not a custodial parent can bar the other parent from taking a child to their non-preferred. Discussion of panel

Idea for morning video replay: PLF may present on topics on attorney transitions such as moving firms or retirement. Other practice-specific topics that would have a more limited interest.

List serve Update. No Report. Amanda was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:39 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Annelisa D. Smith, 2019 Secretary of the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

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The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. via telephone conference.