

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
June 1, 2023 MINUTES**

Present: Hon. Erin Fennerty, Chair
Keri Smith, Vice President
Shallon Halttunen, Secretary
Samantha Benton, Treasurer

Members at Large: Shala Kudlac, Kacie Bitzenburg, Alexander Jones, Kayla Steindorf, Patrick Melendy, Annelisa Smith, Brittany Berkey, Adam Shelton, Kristi Skalman, Zachary Gottlieb

Also Participating: Matt Shields, OSB

Absent: Laura Eckstein, Amanda Thorpe

Call to Order. Hon. Erin Fennerty called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 pm. The meeting took place via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the Family Law Section Executive Committee (FLEC) meeting held May 2023, were circulated in advance of the meeting. Pat moved to approve the Minutes; Samantha Benton seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Hon. Erin Fennerty abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Samantha Benton.

- April report provided. Not much change in the last month.
- Upcoming: \$2,500 SoberLink sponsorship and outgoing \$500 payment for audio/visual at CLE
- Working with the Bar to add a line item for sponsorship in the budget. May need to wait until the next cycle.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- **Annual Conference Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Alex Jones, Keri Smith, Pat Melendy, Kayla Steindorf, Samantha Benton, Zach Gottlieb.
 - *Alex Jones reports:*
 - Still need an emcee
 - Next meeting is June 12, 2023.
 - Food outlined; fliers prepared; speakers confirmed
 - Golf event on Saturday-open to people staying and their guests. Limited to 40-50 people.
 - Trivia – plan for approx. 100 people

- **Awards Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Brittany Berkey, Kristi Skalman, Adam Shelton. Chair: Brittany Berkey.
 - *Brittany Berkey reports:*
 - One professionalism award nomination: Laura Rackner.
 - Discussion regarding the nomination process. Awards subcommittee will meet, review references and letters, and make a recommendation to the Board in July. Adam Shelton will abstain from voting because
 - but may continue to participate in the subcommittee to the level he is comfortable.

- **Legislative Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Amanda Thorpe, Annelisa Smith, Kacie Bitzenburg, and Shala Kudlac.
 - Annelisa reports no meeting yet.
 - Matt Shields – not much family law moving through this session.
 - Kacie will work with members to plan a meeting date/time.

- **Family Law Newsletter.** Committee members are: Amanda Thorpe and Samantha Benton.
 - *Samantha Benton reports:*
 - No applications were received.
 - Samantha will reach out to OJD to see whether a request could be circulated to judges seeking a family law editor.

- **Conference Location Committee.** Committee members are: Alex Jones, Pat Melendey, Amanda Thorpe, Shala Kudlack, and Kacie Bitzenburg, Chair.
 - *Kacie Bitzenburg reports:*
 - Working on possible dates for a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Shallon Halttunen, Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.