

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
MAY 4, 2023 MINUTES**

Present: Shallon Halttunen, Secretary
Samantha Benton, Treasurer

Members at Large: Shala Kudlac, Kacie Bitzenburg, Amanda Thorpe, Alexander Jones, Kayla Steindorf, Patrick Melendy, Annelisa Smith, Brittany Berkey, Adam Shelton, Laura Eckstein

Also Participating: Susan Grabe, OSB

Absent: Hon. Erin Fennerty, Keri Smith, Kristi Skalman, Zachary Gottlieb

Call to Order. Amanda Thorpe called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 April 2023, were circulated in advance of the meeting. Samantha Benton moved to approve the Minutes; Annelisa Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- We are within the budget
 - Incoming sponsorship from Soberlink (lunch sponsor)
 - Outgoing sponsorship of \$500 (International Law CLE for videography-previously authorized).

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- **Annual Conference Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Alex Jones, Keri Smith, Pat Melendy, Kayla Steindorf, Samantha Benton, Zach Gottlieb.
 - *Alex Jones reports:*
 - Letters of confirmation are out.
 - Need to reserve rooms by end of the month. Kayla Steindorf will arrange reservations.
 - There will be a Board meeting at the Conference on Saturday.
 - *Annelisa Smith reports:*
 - Morgan Dement emailed her regarding rooms they sponsor for students that want to attend.

- **Awards Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Brittany Berkey, Kristi Skalman, Adam Shelton. Chair: Brittany Berkey.
 - Brittany Berkey reports no applications for the professionalism award.
 - In the past, we have extended deadlines. Authorized extension to the end of May to submit nominations.

- **Legislative Subcommittee.** Committee members are: Amanda Thorpe, Annelisa Smith, Kacie Bitzenburg, and Shala Kudlac.
 - *Amanda Thorpe reports:*
 - Conversation at AAML regarding Parental Abduction Act and possibly codifying uniform rules for Oregon – would be for the next legislative session.
 - Meeting to be planned.
 - Amanda Thorpe will do a sweep of the remaining proposed legislation with impacts on family law.

- **Family Law Newsletter.** Committee members are: Amanda Thorpe and Samantha Benton.
 - *Samantha Benton reports:*
 - A follow-up announcement was not sent and no applications have been received.
 - There is a new deadline date of May 26, 2023.
 - New announcement will include information that the stipend is up to \$10,000.

- **Conference Location Committee.** Committee members are: Alex Jones, Pat Melendey, Amanda Thorpe, Shala Kudlack, and Kacie Bitzenburg, Chair.
 - *Kacie Bitzenburg reports:*
 - Meeting to be planned.
 - Will provide an update at the June FLEC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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