

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FAMILY LAW SECTION, OREGON STATE BAR
November 2, 2023 MINUTES**

Present: Chair: Hon. Erin Fennerty
Chair Elect: Keri Smith
Treasurer: Absent
Secretary: Absent
Past Chair: Vacant

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

Also Present: Susan Grabe, OSB

Not Present: Zachary Gottlieb, Kristi Skalman, Shallon Halttunen, Annelisa Smith, Brittany Berkey, Samantha Benton

Call to Order at: 12:03pm by Hon. Erin Fennerty. Meeting took place via Zoom.
Quorum present.

Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2023. Minutes not circulated previously. Will vote next month.

Treasurer's Report:– Samantha Benton – absent so no Treasurers Report. Hon. Erin Fennerty gave a recap of the financials provided by Samantha Benton by email. As of the end of September registration for the conference was \$83,000 and sponsorship additions were \$3,000. Close to breaking even on the conference. We have more money on hand now than we had last year at this time which may be problematic next year.

Continuing Business:

- Annual Conference Subcommittee Update – Chair: Alexander Jones, Keri Smith, Pat Melendy, Kayla Steindorf, Zach Gottlieb
 - Alex registered everyone except the people the bar has to invoice
 - Alex sent everyone the evaluation summary by email. The responses were good. All speakers had averages between 4 and 5 on the ratings.
 - Many comments on Salishan v. Sunriver, many wanted late check out, overall good comments, many things the committee couldn't change.
- Awards Subcommittee Update – Chair: Adam Shelton
 - Nothing to report
 - Awards presentation went well
- Family Law Newsletter – Amanda Thorpe

- Have about 6 interested people. Provided each with what the committee would like to see such as writing samples. Following up on inquiries and doing a screening process.
- Conference Location Committee –Amanda Thorpe
 - Nothing new but Sunriver has reached out to Amanda to get our business back. They would like to set up an appointment for after the first of the year to discuss the 2025/2026 conference. Amanda is still the contact person for Salishan. Do we want to branch out and explore other locations? Probably not. Anticipated to need a 300+ person venue so likely limited to Sunriver and Salishan, unless we wanted to consider smaller venues.
 - The committee needs to meet – Kacie, Alex, Shala, Pat, Amanda
- Legislative Subcommittee Update – Amanda Thorpe, Hon. Erin Fennerty
 - We will work with the bar to identify the legislation that may be of interest to the family law bar so that they, as individuals, can support or not support specific legislation.
 - The information link should be on our website and possibly disseminate. But we shouldn't take a position on certain legislation.
 - Hon. Erin Fennerty joined this committee – proposed meeting in January

New Business

- Subcommittee membership – each person needs to be on at least one subcommittee moving forward.
 - Kayla Steindorf is the chair for the Conference Committee. Hon. Erin Fennerty agrees to assist with the conference committee.
- New Slate – Nominating Committee
 - Committee is meeting today at 1pm.
 - Pat Melendy – we will have 1 At Large position open. Also has information on who would be willing/like to be in officer positions.
 - Putting together the slate to be voted on at the December meeting. Then it will be submitted to the membership to be voted on by the end of the year.

Concluded at 12:32pm

Next Meeting: December 7, 2023