

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MINUTES**

Present: Keri Smith, President
Shallon Halttunen, President Elect
Alexander M. Jones, Secretary
Hon. Erin Fennerty, Past President

Members at Large: Kayla Steindorf, Brittany Berkey, Patrick Melendy, Adam Shelton, Shala Kudlac, and Amanda Thorpe. (Absent: Kacie Bitzenburg, Kristi Skalman, Laura Eckstein, Seth Hantke, and Annalisa Smith).

Others Present: None

Call to Order. Keri Smith, President called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. 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 January 4, 2024, were circulated in advance of the meeting. Brittany Berkey moved to approve the Minutes; it was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Samantha Benton resigned the section; therefore, the section needs a new treasure which is on the agenda today. Keri updated group on the payment made for the conference to Salishan.

Continuing Business:

1. Conference Subcommittee Update – Kayla Steindorf: Payment made. Currently working on putting together the speakers and topics. Conference subcommittee is meeting again soon.

2. Awards Subcommittee Update – Brittany Berkey. Discussed doing the professionalism and the professor award again this year and ways to drum up excitement about the awards.

3. Legislative Subcommittee Update – Keri Smith reported that she had a conversation with Susan Grabe; if the section wanted to propose legislation they had to do so by March 1, 2024. Amanda Thorpe gave a report, discussed the breadth of the section and not weighing in on legislation that was not procedural. Judge Fennerty gave a report on the status of the move away groups legislation. There was a brief discussion on the Uniform Parentage Act. Amanda reported that the Court Council on Court Proceedings may be making some changes soon.

4. Family Law Newsletter - Amanda Thorpe: Still waiting for people who expressed interest at the conference to provide a letter of interest and a writing sample but nothing has come in from the people who expressed interest at the conference. Discussion that Samantha had resigned and was not longer on the committee. Judge Fennerty volunteered to help reach out to the people who had expressed interest.

5. Conference Location Subcommittee – Amanda Thorpe: Contacted Salishan regarding 2025 and likely 2026 conference. Salishan reports they are making renovations to the facilities

and our interested in our business. Salishan to provide official proposal in writing. There has been similar contact with the Sunriver. Discussed a hybrid approach to the conference. Subcommittee is going to look more into this and report back to the Discussed apportioning the hybrid costs and possibly fees. As a facility options for the conference are limited to places that have housing and catering.

New Business:

Website Subcommittee- Do not currently have website subcommittee; Judge Fennerty had been handling it the past few years. Adam Shelton volunteered to get the information to the bar to put on the website. Not forming a new committee.

Hardship Subcommittee- This committee is dissolved.

Treasurer- Amanda made a report on what serving as the Treasurer entailed. Ran through missing members, added notation to the minutes for the missing members. Nobody volunteered to serve. Amanda is going to take over as the intern Treasurer until the committee can find someone. Alexander M. Jones and Pat Melendy are going to take over as the co-chairs of the relocation committee to take it off Amanda's plate.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024 at noon.

Adjournment of Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Alexander M. Jones, Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.