

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
JUNE 6, 2024 MINUTES**

Present: Keri Smith, President
Shallon Halttunen, President Elect
Alexander M. Jones, Secretary
Kristi Skalman, Treasurer

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

Others Present: Matt Shields

Call to Order. Keri Smith, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:06 p.m. The meeting took place in person at Lively Station in Salem Oregon and via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. We will vote on last months minutes at the next meeting as they are not finalized.

Treasurer's Report - Kristin Skalman. Both the donations approved at the last meeting were processed but the financials for April and May 2024 are not showing them correctly, that will be fixed soon. The FLEC only allocated \$500.00 to sponsorships in the original budget but at the moment we are over by \$100.00 so we will need an approval on that adjustment to the budget at some point in the future.

Continuing Business:

1. Conference Subcommittee Update – Kayla Steindorf. Preliminary schedule and letters have been sent out to the speakers. The next step for the conference is to get the advertising done. The committee is still working with the Oregon State Bar on the issue of having the conference recorded. Particularly, the committee is looking into charges the Bar assesses to figure out if this is a good move forward. There was a discussion on the royalty payment the Bar charges for the online download and storage of the conference recording. If the Section does not make enough on the backend there probably won't be a charge. The committee still needs to figure out what the percentage the Bar wants is going forward. Discussed potential that people might not show up to the conference if there is a recording released soon thereafter, as well as a discussion of what to charge for the recording.

2. Awards Subcommittee Update – Brittany Berkey. Only a single applicant at this point which is a problem based on the years in the past. When this was looked into the feedback was people were not paying attention to things on the list serve and what was going on. Feedback was also there were dueling emails from other awards from the Bar. Discussed handing out nomination forms for at the conference and how to deal with this issue in the future. Discussed the possibility of more involvement by the FLEC in the process.

3. Legislative Subcommittee Update – Amanda Thorpe. No update at this time.

4. Family Law Newsletter Update - Keri Smith and Amanda Thorpe. We are going to a soft start moving forward with Bronwen Wright appointed as the editor of the newsletter. Amanda Thorpe moved for approval, Annalisa Smith seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The committee needs next to bring the Oregon State Bar General Counsel, into the loop on the contract.

5. Conference Location Subcommittee – Alexander M. Jones and Amanda Thorpe. The recommendation is for the conference to go back to Sunriver. The committee is recommending a one contract year to see how the video replay, if we do the video replay, affects attendance. The FLEC will get know more based on how a video replay option to deal with things in the future. The dates at Sunriver next year will be later in October. The committee did not see a conflict with any holidays. Rooms are cheaper at Sunriver than Salishan and there are more rooms, but the contract is more expensive. Annalisa Smith moved that the recommendations of the committee were adopted, Adam Shelton seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed. October 23-25 for conference.

New Business:

Contributions to the Campaign to Equal Justice. Keri Smith, gave a report asking that the Section contribute its usual \$500.00 donation. Patrick Melendy moved for \$500.00 donation, Annalisa seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024 at noon.

Adjournment of Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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