

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
MARCH 7, 2024 MINUTES**

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

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

Others Present: Susan Grabe

Call to Order. Keri Smith, President called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 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 February 1, 2024, were circulated in advance of the meeting. Judge Fennerty moved to approve the Minutes; it was seconded Shallon Halttunen. Kristi Skalman abstained as she was not at the last meeting. The motion otherwise passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Amanda Thorpe. The budget circulated prior to the meeting for review of the FLEC members. Registration revenue has come in and financials and accounting are in order. Amanda is working on getting the bar assessment fee paid, which is going to be less than anticipated. The new budget includes six month of newsletter circulation for once someone is found to do the new letter. The deposit paid on conference was accounted for last year, next years deposit will be accounted for this year. Amanda is working to make categorization of the budget items more precise. The FLEC section has a healthy financial reserve; however, with the lack of making up revenue we may not be able to facilitate a hybrid conference if that was a consideration in 2025. With the change to the assessment fee calculation to be done later, it was moved to approve the budget. Brittany Berkey moved to approve the budget, Annalisa Smith seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

Approval of New Treasurer. Kristi Skalman was approved as the new treasurer. Amanda Thorpe moved for the vote and Adam Shelton seconded. The motion to appoint Kristi Skalman as the new treasurer for the section passed unanimously.

Continuing Business:

1. Conference Subcommittee Update – Kayla Steindorf: Went through list of potential topics for the family law conference, and speakers that had been confirmed and topics that are open for which speakers are needed. The conference is on track.
2. Awards Subcommittee Update – Brittany Berkey. No update at this time.
3. Legislative Subcommittee Update – Amanda Thorpe. No update at this time.

4. Conference Location Subcommittee – Alexander M. Jones. We are looking into several new possible venues, but dates with Salishan are saved for 2025 in the event that we decide to go with Salishan. A hybrid approach for the conference is very likely off the table for 2025 for a variety of reason, and the full FLEC would need to approve a hybrid conference. The committee is meeting again this month. Possible venues include Salishan and Sunriver, looking into Black Butte’s new conference facility. The decision has been made to not hold the conference in the Portland area for 2025, but to continue to seek out and utilize a resort type property to host the conference.

5. Family Law Newsletter - Amanda Thorpe. Judge Fennerty and Amanda Thorpe are going to continue to follow up with those that expressed interest from the fliers at the conference.

New Business:

Bar Exam Questions. Keri Smith and Honorable Erin Fennerty. A new committee is being formed with the Oregon State Bar to discuss implications of possibly removing Family Law questions and Trusts and Estates questions from the bar exam. Judge Fennerty and Keri Smith are participating in the committee if anyone else has an interest let Keri know, there is a Zoom meeting upcoming.

Website Information. Adam Shelton, to see how things are going with updates to website and working with the bar to update the officers for the section and the about us section of the website.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2024 at noon.

Adjournment of Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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