

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
NOVEMBER 11, 2024 MINUTES**

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

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

Others Present: Susan Smith, Oregon State Bar

Call to Order. Hon. Keri Smith, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.. and the meeting took place via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from last meeting had not yet been circulated and would be voted on in December. The May meeting minutes, when the Secretary, was not present have been lost to time.

Continuing Business:

1. Treasurer's Report - Kristi Skalman. The 2024 conference is paid for and the first deposit has been paid for the 2025 conference at Sunriver. The budget, as approved, was submitted to the Oregon State Bar, but they have not responded. Susan Smith spoke and mentioned that the FLEC budget had been discussed at the last Bar meeting so the Bar does have the budget. Discussed Kristi Skalman continuing to serve in the Treasurers role given her new position as the conference committee chair and the work that would entail.

2. Conference Subcommittee Update – Kayla Steindorf. There were four hundred attendees at the conference, which was the most since COVID. But only about thirty-five people turned in reviews. The reviews were mostly positive and the people who did reviews are excited to move forward. A discussion was had on the formation of the new conference subcommittee and it was decided that we would vote on the committee in January 2025 when the new members are brought in to the FLEC.

3. Awards Subcommittee Update – No one was present to report on this subcommittee.

4. Legislative Subcommittee Committee Update. Amanda Thorpe - Nothing to report. Hon. Keri Smith discussed that she had received an email about a committee forming in New York to look at international child kidnapping laws, if any individual member was interested in looking into that issue, she would forward them the information.

5. Family Law Newsletter. Nothing new to report at the moment. Hon. Keri Smith is going to reach to the individual chosen to edit the newsletter.

6. Conference Location Subcommittee - Alexander M. Jones. Nothing to report, the contract is done, payments have been made, and for the next two years we are at Sun River so there is little for the subcommittee to do for a while.

New Business:

1. **Creation of the Officer Slate.** The Committee to determine the Officer Slate for voting consisted of: Judge Smith, Shallon Martin, and Lauren Saucy. The Officer Slate is: Shallon Martin for President, Alexander Jones for President Elect, and Kayla Steindorf for Secretary. Discussed the Treasurer role again and having Kristi Skalman be both the Treasurer and conference committee chair, and it was discussed that it would likely be too much work given running the conference is a part time job as the conference approaches. Adam Shelton is going to be put up for Treasurer on the Officer Slate. Shallon Martin moved to accept proposed slate, Kayla Steindorf seconded, the Officer Slate was approved unanimously.

2. **Bar Dues for the Section.** Hon. Keri Smith. discussed whether or not the Oregon State Bar was taking a larger percentage of the dues and whether or not that was going to be an issue. It is likely the deadline on the issue of raising the dues has passed and it will need to be addressed next year. Susan Smith indicated that the Oregon State Bar was taking a larger percentage but she was not sure how much.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2024 via Zoom.

Adjournment of Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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