

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FAMILY LAW SECTION, OREGON STATE BAR  
October 25, 2025**

**Present:** Shallon Martin, Chair  
Alexander Jones, Incoming Chair  
Adam Shelton, Treasurer  
Kayla Steindorf, Secretary  
Hon. Keri Smith, Past Chair (absent)

Members at Large: Kristi Skalman, Jessica May, Stefanie Burke, Amanda Thorpe, Patrick Melendy, Katherine Denning

Bar Liaison: Avery Pickard

BOG Contact: John Marandas (absent)

**Absent:** Andrew Levine, Brittany Berkey, John Michael Meyers

**Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 a.m. The meeting took place in person. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Family Law Section Executive Committee (FLEC) meeting held in September 2025 were not circulated. They will be circulated at the next meeting.

**Continuing Business:**

**1. Conference Subcommittee Update – Kristi Skalman (Chair), Kayla Steindorf, Patrick Melendy, Alexander Jones, Katherine Denning**

- Kristi Skalman reports there are issues with the break out room; end time of main room; lunch issues
- Discussion of venue issues, contract, considering other venues
- Discussion of restarting conference location committee
- Discussion regarding signing contracts for A/V, other
- No tip built in for trivia night; discussion regarding tip
- Discussion regarding presentations
- Discuss possibility of signage next year

**2. New Slate of Members and Officers**

- Keri Smith and Amanda Thorpe timing out this year
- Shala Kudlac has resigned
- We have about five to six open slots
  - Directive for everyone to speak with and come up with two names of recommendations for folks interested in joining
- Discussion regarding adding new members, possibility of requesting new judge

- Julia Newland may be interested
- Patrick Melendy needs to be on the slate of officers, otherwise he will time out
- Brittany Berkey also needs to be on the slate of officers
- Need: Chair elect, treasurer, secretary
  - Adam Shelton volunteers for treasurer
  - Patrick Melendy volunteers for secretary
  - Patrick Melendy nominates Brittany Berkey for chair elect
- We need a new conference subcommittee chair
  - Discussion regarding members who may be interested
  - Discussion regarding rooms for subcommittee chair, host
  - Katherine Denning volunteers for 2027 – Alexander Jones moves, and it is unanimously approved
  - Shallon volunteers for conference subcommittee chair; Amanda Thorpe moves, Alexander Jones seconds, and it is unanimously approved
    - Katherine Denning, Kristi Skalman, Patrick Melendy, Adam Shelton volunteer to be a subcommittee member
- Brittany Berkey does not want to do awards subcommittee

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Shelton**

- Discussion regarding annual budget, due dates, excess application

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** on November 17, 2025, at noon via Zoom

Minutes prepared by Kayla Steindorf, Secretary.