

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION
FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MINUTES**

Present: Annelisa Smith, Chair
Zachary Fruchtengarten, Treasurer
Erin Fennerty, Secretary
Amanda Thorpe (12:27pm), Past Chair
Jennifer Brown, Member at Large
Jennifer Currin, Member at Large
Keri Smith, Member at Large
Kimberly Quach, Member at Large
Susan Grabe (OSBA)
Kate Denning (BOG liason)

Absent: Dan Miller, Stephanie Wilson, Shannon Snow, Murray Pettit

Call to Order: 12:08 pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the October 2020 meeting were not available for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Zachary Fruchtengarten

- Fruchtengarten provided financials for October – December 2020 and January 2021.
- Membership is down 2021 over 2020, continuing the ongoing trend. Questions were raised about who gets their membership comped.
- Quach moved to approve the financials, which was seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Business:

- **Website Subcommittee Update: Keri Smith**
 - Smith indicated they are still working on transitioning the website over to the Bar. All minutes except for October 2020 have been uploaded to the site.
- **Legislative Subcommittee Update: Ryan Carty**
 - Carty reviewed new bills that are currently under consideration in the legislature, namely HB 2948 (providing the court discretionary authority to order joint custody over the objection of a parent); HB 2959 (requiring any parenting plan involving a child over 14 have the minor child's consent and addressing testimony of minor children). Committee discussion ensued.
 - Quach moved that the Section take a position in opposition to HB 2959, which Fruchtengarten seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Carty will draft testimony and forward it to Annelisa for circulation.

- Smith moved that the Section take the position that HB 2948, as drafted, is not workable as it does not have sufficient guidance, and will result in an influx of litigation given the change in circumstances language, and the Section will work committee to address changes to make it workable. Fennerty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Awards Subcommittee Update: Stephanie Wilson and Jennifer Brown**
 - No update.
- **Hardship Policy Subcommittee Update: Zachary Fruchtengarten, Murray Pettit, Kimberly Quach.**
 - Tabled.
- **Annual Conference Subcommittee Update: Amanda Thorpe and Keri Smith**
 - Ongoing discussion about whether it is feasible to hold an in-person conference at Sailshan given ongoing pandemic concerns. The Section is currently under contract with Salishan for 2021 and 2020, based on historic past in-person attendance numbers.
 - Smith, Thorpe, and Brown were selected as this year's conference chairs.
- **Listserv Update: Annelisa Smith**
 - No update.

New Business:

- **Timing for future Meetings.**
 - The timing for future meetings was discussed, and the 4th Thursday of the month over the noon hour was agreed upon.