

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

Date: February 16, 2017

Present:	Chair:	Jennifer Currin
	Chair Elect:	Jennifer Brown
	Treasurer:	Absent
	Secretary:	Stephanie Wilson
	Past Chair:	Absent

Members at large: Shannon Snow, Keri Smith, Debra Dority, Amanda Thorpe

Absent: Kimberly Quach , Ryan Carty, Annelisa D. Smith, Murray Petitt, Chris Costantino, Zachary Fruchtengarten, Andrew Ivers.

Also Participating: Susan Grabe

The meeting took place telephonically.

Call to Order. The Chair began the meeting at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes (January 2017). The Committee unanimously approved the January 2017 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report. Zachary Fruchtengarten was absent. No treasurer's report.

Continuing Business

1) 2017 Annual Conference– Jennifer Brown reports that the committee has met twice. Currently working on bringing back an informal reception on Thursday, specifically what the number we must guarantee regarding food.

After reviewing the surveys and responses regarding the professionalism award and lunch time speaker, many people want to use the lunch time to be able to network. Committee has decided that there will be a short presentation for the professionalism award at lunch and then allow the remainder of lunch for networking.

Six presentations are confirmed and ready to go. Committee is currently working on 7 to 8 other potential topics and speakers. One presentation option is the differences between

Washington and Oregon, but they are still looking for a potential speaker for that topic. They would also like a practical skills presentation regarding management or technology.

The Moderator is confirmed. This year will be John Barlow, who is happy to fill the gap left by Judge Landau. The committee is excited for his involvement.

Topics include spousal support modifications, the legislative update, appellate review, parental alienation, evidence in family law, and a presentation on prenuptial agreements. The committee has reached out to Alison Rhoades for ethics in billing practices and Kate Richardson to do a presentation on child support, which she will be speaking at the March SFLAC CLE.

2) Website Subcommittee Update –Andy Ivers is absent.

3) Legislative Subcommittee Update — Shannon Snow reports that the family law bills are up for hearing on Monday. We spoke about SB 550 (presumption of equal parenting time) at length at the last meeting. A vote was taken and the executive committee unanimously votes to oppose proposed SB 550.

Another bill is up for debate, SB 652, which proposes to make FAPA restraining orders reciprocal, meaning the Petitioner is restrained from contacting the Respondent. This is scheduled for hearing quickly, on February 22nd. Ryan Carty will send us the Bill, as well as the child attending school bill.

4) Professionalism Subcommittee Update – Debra Dority reports that the committee has met, taking a look at the forms to simplify nominations. We may ask to change the forms at the next meeting to encourage more nominations. Those who have nominated in the past are encouraged to resubmit their nomination, and we would like to give them that opportunity without redoing the entire form. We may add a box that allows for a renewal or simply an update of past nominations. The Committee is happy to have the professionalism award during the lunch hour.

5) Hardship Policy Subcommittee Update – Jennifer Currin reports that we are still waiting to know if there is a deficit or if we have a surplus in order to fund the scholarship. Initial reports show that there is likely a deficit, which means we will be unable to offer a scholarship this year.

6) Listserve Etiquette – A message will be sent by Jennifer Currin to Listserve as a reminder of listserve etiquette.

7) 2018-2019 Annual Conference Contracts Update – Jennifer Currin reports that we have reserved the dates for the Annual Conference in 2018 and 2019. The Resort is putting together numbers and they specifically talked to us about how our conference structure leaves them open for Saturday night, thereby making it more affordable to us. Jennifer has asked to reduce the room rates since most of our attendees stayed through Saturday this past year. The Resort is working on this, and it depends on whether there is another conference or group lined up for Saturday night. If so, then we will be able to have the rates we've requested. The Resort is

giving us a discount, the question is how much of a discount. All other terms of the contract will remain the same. Once the contract is ready, then it will be sent to the Bar's counsel, Amber Hollister.

We will be at Sunriver for the next three years, but then we will probably change locations again. The committee received a long complaint about Sunriver's service during an attendee's booking of a room. It has been addressed with the resort.

8) New Business – No new business

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Stephanie F. Wilson, 2017 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

/s/
Stephanie F. Wilson

*****Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. via telephone conference.*****