

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

June 18, 2015 Meeting

Present: Debra Dority – Chair
Lauren Saucy – Past Chair
Kimberly Quach – Chair Elect

Members at large: Laura Rufolo, Jennifer Brown, Andrew Ivers,
Stephanie Wilson, Melinda Thomas, Murray
Petitt, Zachary Fruchtengarten

Absent: Jennifer Currin, Annelisa Smith.

Also Participating: John Hudson, Ryan Carty, Susan Grabe.

The meeting took place in Salem, Oregon with some members appearing telephonically.

Call to Order. The Chair began the meeting at 4:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the May 2015 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report. Nothing active. One section accidentally clicked on our codes, so some expenses came out of our section, specifically \$741 for conference expenses and \$97 for awards. An email was sent to all treasurers to ensure correct codes being used. We may have incorrectly coded \$496 for the executive committee and \$750 for computer/website expenses. This may be a common problem.

Creating New Policies? Traditionally, we waive the fee for six (6) students to attend the conference. Discussion about whether to make it a policy and if we want to commit future boards to making space for students at future conference.

Discussion regarding whether a notebook or instructions should be created to pass along important information. Chair for membership committee could handle in the form of a letter that has a list of expectations, different committee opportunities, and any other helpful information for new members.

2015 Annual Conference. Planning going well. FLEC members need to let Stephanie know if they need a room and call the bar to register for the conference.

Website. In contacting past presenters to obtain permission to post materials on website, was informed that we need a signed release. Discussion regarding whether we want to track down all past speakers to obtain a signed release or simply have this be a prospective project. Kim will contact list of speakers from last year regarding a release and we will need to put in packets for speakers.

Legislative Subcommittee. SB370 passed in House and Senate and now on Governor's desk. Hope that it will be signed in next few days. There is an interim work group on joint custody becoming standard. At the information hearing, valid points and concerns were raised. There is a request for data and information from other states, and would like anyone with information and research to provide it. It has been raised in the past and this information has already been provided, therefore the task may be limited to just updating the information and research.

Professionalism Subcommittee: Paul DeBast was nominated as a great recipient due to his professionalism. References were glowing. He is an advocate, works as a pro tem, respectful, polite and on top of his cases. One person noted that he cares about clients and opposing counsel, a gentleman, and is respectful of the process. Another noted that he de-escalates problems, goes above and beyond. The Committee unanimously approves his receipt of this award.

Motion to comp his registration, room and lunch for the conference is unanimously approved.

Discussion as to whether the award should occur at the dinner or lunch.

Adoption Subcommittee. New member is Beth Wolfson. Discussed new federal ICWA and its presumption that every child is Native American and requires compliance. The American Academy of Adoption Attorneys has filed litigation on this. Would like to have a statement of purpose, bylaws and would like direction on authority, ability to make rules (i.e. six (6) year terms, etc).

September Meeting. BOG will be attending to ensure we operate efficiently.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

These minutes were prepared, in part, by Stephanie Wilson, member at Large of the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

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Stephanie F. Wilson

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The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.