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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON STATE BAR FAMILY LAW SECTION

May 15, 2014

Present: Lauren Saucy -- Chair
Debra Dority -- Chair-Elect
Marcia Buckley -- Treasurer
Kimberly Quach -- Secretary

Members at large: Laura Rufolo, Chris Eggert, Jennifer Currin, Susan Grabe, Ryan Carty.

Absent: Caitlin Mitchel-Markley, Murray Pettit, Kristin Sager-Kottre, Anthony Wilson, Zachary Frutengarten.

The meeting took place by teleconference.

Call to Order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was not present (one member had to leave early and another member came in late).

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the Family Law Section Executive Committee (FLEC) meeting held April 17, 2014 will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Marcia Buckley explained that the numbers missing from the Bar's financial reports the first three months of the year have now been provided. Those numbers as well as April's numbers are as follows:

January 2014 Revenue: \$25,425 Membership Fees;
January 2014 Expenditures: \$8,160 OSB Support Services Assessment

February 2014 Revenue: \$300 Membership Fees
February 2014 Expenditures: \$73 Annual Meeting
\$2,017 Newsletters
\$96 OSB Support Services Assessment
\$301 Miscellaneous Expense

March 2014 Revenue: \$175 Membership Fees
Mach 2014 Expenditures: \$37 Conference Calling
\$56 Miscellaneous Expense

April 2014 Revenue: \$375 Membership Fees
April 2014 Expenditures: \$1,667 Newsletter
\$120 OSB Support Services Assessment

In addition, as of April 30, 2014, our section membership is at 1,042 (up 12 members from last year at 1030).

Hardship Policy. Neither Zach nor Murray were present to report on this policy at this time. However, Laura sent a proposal to Zach and Murray to consider using the surplus from Salishan this year to provide the scholarship for next year. This may be one way to help us keep the people who applied private.

Professionalism Award. As Tony was not present during the meeting, the action required has been carried over to the June 2014 meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED (All Members): Make sure you've provided Tony with any proposed changes/edits to the policy by the next meeting. Be prepared to vote on the latest version of the policy at the June meeting.

Annual Conference 2014. Laura provided the update for the Conference. She advised that not much has changed since our April meeting, but that Kimberly has finalized most of the speakers (except one).

Related to the conference, Lauren was curious about the pricing for Salishan and contacted OSB CLE Services to research other conference pricing. She learned the following:

At Salishan, we provide 12 credits for the cost of \$225, which is \$18.75 per credit. According to the OSB, other sections who do 6-7 credit CLEs with no meals charge approximately \$32 - \$38 per credit. Those that do provide heavy meals charge approximately \$36-\$39 per credit. The only other sections comparable to us are the Workers Compensation section (\$22.46 per credit) and the Real Estate section (\$22 per credit). We are lower than most. Since prices for food and other things go up, we should think about increasing the cost eventually.

Ryan pointed out that if we do increase the cost, we should be careful that it does not coincide with a change in location (such as a change to Sun River), so that the cost increase is not associated with the location increase. Lauren reminded the committee that the change to Sun River (if we do it) would not happen until 2016. One option is to test out a \$25 increase (rather than a large increase all at once). Lauren asked the Committee to think about this.

Also related to Salishan, the OAFLP and AAML requested a waiver of the cost for six students to attend Salishan. No one on the Committee had any objection to this waiver.

Web Page. No updates at this time.

Membership – Resignation & Subcommittee to Replace. Laura Rufolo indicated that this subcommittee is moving along. Jacy Arnold has agreed to serve on the Membership Subcommittee.

ACTION REQUIRED: Laura will send the Committee members an email reminding them to advise her whether they will continue to serve on FLEC.

June 19, 2014 FLEC Meeting: The June 19 meeting will be at a new restaurant in Salem to be decided by Ryan Carty. The restaurant location will be emailed to the Committee once it is decided. Lauren Saucy indicated that she has very high hopes that we will see some progression (and perhaps voting on) the Professionalism Award Policy and the Hardship Policy at the June meeting. The meeting will be at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Debra Dority on behalf of Kimberly Quach, 2014 Secretary to the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

Debra Dority

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, at 4:00 p.m. at a restaurant in Salem, Oregon TBD.