

**OREGON STATE BAR – DEBTOR-CREDITOR SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2020 at 12:00pm (via Zoom)

The fifth regular meeting of the Debtor-Creditor Section Executive Committee in 2020 took place via Zoom on October 7, 2020.

The Executive Committee for the Debtor-Creditor Section includes the following members for the 2020 term:

2020 Members: Laura L. Donaldson (Chair), Margot D. Seitz (Chair Elect), Britta E. Warren (Past Chair), Erich M. Paetsch (Treasurer), Cassie K. Jones (Secretary), Judge Trish M. Brown (Ex-Officio Member), Penny L. Austin (Member), William J. Critchlow (Member), Oren B. Haker (Member), Garrett Ledgerwood (Member), Douglas R. Ricks (Member), Rosemary E. Zook (Member), Ava L. Schoen (Member) - with Colin Andries (BOG contact) and Karen Lee (OSB Liaison).

A quorum of the following members participated at the October 7, 2020 meeting via Zoom or phone:

Members Present: Laura L. Donaldson (Chair), Margot D. Seitz (Chair Elect), Britta E. Warren (Past Chair), Erich M. Paetsch (Treasurer), Judge Trish M. Brown (Ex-Officio Member), Penny L. Austin (Member), William J. Critchlow (Member), Garrett Ledgerwood (Member), Douglas R. Ricks (Member), Rosemary E. Zook (Member), Ava L. Schoen (Member)

Individuals Absent: Cassie K. Jones (Secretary), Oren Haker, Colin Andries (BOG contact), and Karen Lee (OSB Liaison).

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Laura Donaldson at 12:03 pm.

**2. Discussion and Final Vote on Annual Budget.**

In advance of the meeting, Erich circulated an updated version of the annual budget for the EC to review and consider. No one had questions regarding the updated budget. Erich reported that he did respond to a couple of questions via email. Erich clarified that the budget reflected the increased Bar assessment in 2020 despite the fact that it will only be effective in 2021. Practically speaking the inclusion of the increased assessment is calculating the estimated reserves going into 2021. There was also an increase in the annual meeting expense. There was a \$10/ per person bar assessment covered by the Section for the 2020 Annual Meeting and CLE. Originally that was estimated assuming we would have 100 attendees. This year the interest in the CLE was increased and so that estimated budget expense was also increased.

Doug Ricks moved to approve the budget and Rosemary Zook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The EC thanked Erich for all his hard work on the budget.

### **3. Saturday Session for 2021.**

Laura Donaldson presented two primary options for the EC to Consider. First, Saturday Session could be held via Zoom. If so, the EC needs to discuss and brainstorm topics and provide input to the Saturday Session Committee/Loren Scott. A second option is to skip the Session for 2021 and resume in 2022 (hopefully in-person). The EC then had an active discussion about some pros and cons of having a virtual Saturday Session in 2021. For example, Doug and Bill mentioned some drawback to having a virtual event, including lack of interactive elements. It is simply harder to have good participation in a virtual format. Ava pointed out that there are some tools for increasing participation such as using breakout rooms, the group chat feature for questions, etc., but these only go so far. .

Judge Brown suggested a third option of delaying the Saturday Session decision and considering it later in 2021 when we have more information. For example, it may be more feasible to have an in-person event later in 2021 after a COVID-19 vaccine has been developed. Laura mentioned that a drawback is that it can be hard to find a place to hold an in-person meeting on shorter notice.

The EC discussed next steps and decided to poll the Section in conjunction with the Annual Meeting to determine if the membership would like to have a virtual Saturday Session in 2021.

### **4. Reminder Future Meeting Dates and Locations.**

- Brief reminder regarding the November, 12 2020 meeting via Zoom. This meeting is primarily to introduce incoming officers and say welcome. We may also discuss the results of the Saturday Session Poll.

### **5. Other New Business /Adjourn.**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.