

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Noon.
Via Zoom

2021 Members: Margot D. Seitz (Chair), Laura L. Donaldson (Past Chair), Erich M. Paetsch (Chair Elect), Cassie K. Jones (Treasurer), Douglas R. Ricks (Secretary), Judge Trish M. Brown (Ex-Officio Member), Penny L. Austin (Member), Rosemary E. Zook (Member), Ava L. Schoen (Member), Jeanne Sinnott (member), Laura Zaro (member), Craig G. Russillo (member), Judson M. Carusone (member) - with Bik-Na Han (BOG contact) and Karen Lee (OSB Liaison).

1. **Call to Order/Introductions.** Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and made introductory comments on need for meeting and agenda. Attendees included Cassie Jones, Doug Ricks, Penny Austin, Margot Seitz, Erich Paetsch, Craig Russillo, Rosemary Zook, Laura Zaro, Laura Donaldson, Judson Carusone, Karen Lee, Bik-Na Han, Jeanne Sinnott, Ava Schoen
2. **Discussion & Vote on Legislative Affairs Committee Proposed Amendments to HB 2009.** Erich provided an overview of the Committee's review of the legislation and the issue the Committee wanted to address. Committee's primary concern is the lack of inclusion of trustee along with Lender for protections under statute leaves lawyers exposed to potential liability for acting at the direction of their client.

Doug asked about current posture of bill in the legislature. Erich explained that the bill passed the House and the amendment would be directed to the assigned Senate committee. Ava clarified that the bill would need to go back to the House if the Senate adopted this (or any other) amendment. Jeanne asked about the timing. Erich indicated that it could happen any time before the end of the session and allowed time for workgroups to consider legislation.

Erich moved to approve Committee's recommendations, Cassie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Other New Business /Adjourn.** Margot advised the EC that Prof. Andrea Coles-Bjerre asked for the Section to sponsor her attendance at NWBI. Karen Lee noted that BOG allows complementary attendance for court and the staff, and that is typically followed. Otherwise, there is tuition assistance or scholarship available. Laura D. recommended that we provide her with a scholarship based on her past contributions to the section and volunteer commitments. Margot also commented that she has committed to making contributions to the Newsletter. Laura D. moved to provide her a scholarship. Judson seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Regarding Charlene Hiss's retirement, Laura D. informed the EC that she does not want a party, but she wants to attend the Annual Meeting with her husband as a send-off. Margot proposed providing her a complimentary attendance and complimentary room. J. Carusone mentioned that recall status might make her, and Judge Brown, still court employees that could not be provided gifts of that nature.

Bik-Na Han gave an overview on the current status of the BOG and OSB changes to amendments that were discussed at the last meeting.

Margot gave a preview of next meeting. One topic will be an overview of the Committee leadership and needs. Liaisons need to reach out to their assigned Committee chairs for updates at the next meeting. Miscellaneous questions about this process followed. Also for discussion will be topics for the Annual Meeting CLE. Next meeting will be in the first full week of May. Scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Laura D. asked that anyone who wants to be on the Committee for Judge Brown's retirement party should contact Margot.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.