

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

Friday, October 29, 2021 at 10:30am
 Location: Sunriver Resort (17600 Center Dr., Sunriver, OR 97707)
Fireside Room / Call-in Information Below for Remote Attendees

Members in Attendance: 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), Laura Zaro (Member), with Linda Kruschke (OSB Liaison).

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.** Chair called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.
- 2. Award of Merit.** EC needs to ratify decision made by Award of Merit Committee regarding 2021 AOM recipients. Chair called for a formal vote to approve Tom Stilley and Charlene Hiss as award recipients. Cassie moved to approve; Craig seconded. No objections/absentions. **Motion approved.**
- 3. 2022 Executive Committee Nominations Discussion.** EC needs to discuss and vote on nominations for 2022 Executive Committee Members and Officers proposed by the Nominating Committee. Process moved from in person voting to (a) approval by EC followed by (b) online approval by the section. If approved by the Executive Committee, the Section will be asked to vote electronically on the slate of new members and officers for 2022. Proposed Slate is as follows:

2022 EC Slate	Title	Firm	Term
Margot Seitz	Past Chair	Farleigh Wada Witt	Term Ends 12/31/2022
Erich Paetsch	Chair	Saalfeld Griggs PC	
Cassie Jones	Chair Elect	Gleaves Swearingen LLP	
Douglas Ricks	Treasurer	Vanden Bos and Chapman LLP	
Rosemary Zook	Secretary	Zook & Zook Law LLC	
Craig G. Russillo	Member	Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC	Term Ends 12/31/2022
Jeanne K. Sinnott	Member	Wildwood Law Group LLC	Term Ends 12/31/2022
Judson M. Carusone	Member	Behrends Carusone & Covington	Term Ends 12/31/2022
Laura R. Zaro	Member	Zaro Law Firm	Term Ends 12/31/2022
Holly Hayman	Member	Leonard Law Group	Term Ends 12/31/2023
Tony Kullen	Member	Farleigh Wada Witt	Term Ends 12/31/2023

Belle Na	Member	OR Department of Justice	Term ends 12/31/2023
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Judge Brown moved to approve proposed slate; Penny seconded. No objections/abstentions. **Motion approved.**

4. Treasurer’s Report. Update from Section Treasurer regarding the section budget and reserves. Cassie - Reserve available to cover overages in expenses from Annual Meeting. Sufficient reserves to do so. Responds to Bar request to spend down reserve. Chair commented that the reserves allowed us to do a fully in person and virtual event. This may become a long-term requirement for future OSB events. A/V component is expensive (\$13,000 for Annual Meeting event); even obtaining competitive bid did not lower cost. If both in person and virtual is mandated, the Section will need to closely evaluate and project cost for future events. The cost includes live streaming as well as recording for future viewing. Ava commented that virtual attendees pay the same cost for the content, question is whether the total attendance fee is sufficient to cover cost. For this year, objective was explicitly to provide low-cost CLE and use of reserves made that possible. Erich noted that going forward we need to evaluate the impact on future events in light of these requirements (costs, logistics, accessibility, etc.). Judge Brown wondered what other, smaller, sections are doing to comply with these requirements. Laura D. noted that the Bar does have A/V services availability, but those may not be available for remote events. Linda K. from the Bar noted that the A/V service (Blue Jean) is no longer available. Is this potentially an expense for the Bar rather than the Section? Judson asked what happens to future video orders of recorded CLE. Linda K. indicated that it goes to the CLE Seminars department at the Bar. Judge Brown commented that the Section takes the expense for the A/V but then the Bar receives the revenue for the recordings. Seems unfair in light of the Section bearing the cost to comply with the Bar’s rules, and the Section should receive revenue for future video orders based on incurring that cost and putting on the program. Chair noted that we need to follow up with Karen Lee on this point.

5. Officer Updates. Discussion of updates needed to EC Position Summary Manual. Chair circulated to EC members before meeting. Officers are asked to review and send updates to Laura D. Erich proposed putting in on a password protected area of the website. Improve use of the Manual by making it more accessible and up-to-date. Ava – betting onboarding for new member responsibilities should be evaluated and included.

6. Committee Updates. Discussion of recent and future activities of each committee. Pleaes touch base with each committee chair about website updates.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>EC Liaison</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Annual Meeting & CLE	Rosemary Zook	Questions about what to do for next year. Erich - Does the remote option take away the value of moving the venue around the State? Should we focus on lower cost, central location to accommodate cost of offering remote option? Craig – Value in having in person gathering. Laura D. – Different location provides a different atmosphere and recreation opportunities for Section members. Rose – Comm. Focused on this meeting; has not engaged

		in discussion on planning for next year. Erich – perhaps surveying the Section to get more sense from the broader membership, instead of personal opinions of EC membership.
Consumer Bankruptcy	Laura Donaldson	Last meeting had approximately 48 to 50 virtual attendees. Next meeting is in Nov. and will be Laura D.’s last as chair of the Comm. Will undertake of review of VPR in Ch 13.
Legislative – Lash case/new matters	Erich Paetsch	Made clear position on Court of Appeals decision in Lash with new legislation. Tony K. will cover in more detail.
Newsletter	Margot Seitz	Review process for next issue ongoing. Need authors and topics for next newsletter. Margot needs input from EC on this. Jeanne volunteered to write an article but would like ideas for a topic. Judge Brown suggested title insurance and crossover with debtor-creditor law.
Nominating	Laura Donaldson	COVERED ABOVE
NWBI	Craig Russillo	Nothing to report.
Pro Bono: (Portland)	Penny Austin	Decision was made to not hold any in person clinics for the rest of the year. Referrals to be made by direct contact with volunteer attorneys. Will try to have the Judge’s Reception and CLE in person. Medford is working on its own clinic.
Pro Bono: (Eugene)	Judson M. Carusone	Held a September meeting with stakeholders. May work to plug in Portland attorneys to handle cases in more remote areas. Will contact UST about maintaining telephonic 341a meetings.
Pro Bono: Task Force (incl. Bend, Pendleton & Salem)	Ava Schoen	
Saturday Session/Other CLEs	Jeanne Sinnott	Nothing to report. Margot suggested adding whether to hold Saturday Session to survey on Annual Meeting CLE.
New Lawyers	Cassie Jones	Asking about virtual CLE. No substantive update.
Public Education (Portland and Eugene combined)	Cassie Jones	Nothing to report.
Website	Laura Zaro	Looking at reformatting. No other update. Content update? Website is fairly up to date with what can be on there. There is a need for a point person to handle updates and maintain the website. That person should also be noted on the website. Laura D. suggested sending notice via the listserve to advise who the point person is for website updates.
Local Rules and Forms	Douglas Ricks	Proposed rules and forms are on the

		Court's website. Comment period runs through 10/31.
Award of Merit	Past-Chair (Laura Donaldson)	SEE ABOVE
Federal Bar Association Rep.	Trish Brown/Conde Cox	
Donation Requests	Chair (MDS)	No requests.

6. Other Business /Adjourn. Meeting for Annual Budget – 11/29/21 @ 12:00 p.m. Erich – do Committees need to comply with open meetings rules? That would require advance notice, posted agendas, access available, etc. Margot – No direct instruction from the Bar; awaiting update from Karen. Section has its own Zoom account. Nominal expense. Minutes from July and August approved. Erich moved; Laura D. seconded. **Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.