

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

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 12:30 pm

Portland Hilton Downtown, 921 SW 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97204 (Skyline III Room)
and via Zoom

Members present: Erich M. Paetsch (Past Chair), Cassie K. Jones (Chair), Douglas R. Ricks (Chair Elect), Stephen Rahe (Secretary), Judge Theresa Pearson (Ex-Officio Member), Laura Zaro (Member), Zachary Conway, Daniel Bonham, Holly Hayman, Tony Kullen

Members not present: Rosemary Zook (Treasurer), Jeanne Sinnott

Guests present: Karen Lee (OSB Liaison).

1. **Call to Order.** The chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Attendance via Zoom was also offered, but no members or guests attended remotely.
2. **Minutes.** Holly Hayman moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting as circulated, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** The chair presented a financial overview in Rosemary's absence. There have not been significant expenditures yet this year. Loren Scott anticipates a loss of approximately \$800 from this year's Saturday Session. The section currently has 344 paid members (down from 362 last year). Cassie has requested a list of non-renewing section members from the Bar's member services office.
4. **Committee Updates.** Liaisons provided the following updates on committee activity:
 - Annual meeting: The executive committee discussed the high cost of remote attendance. According to Karen, there is no current OSB requirement that remote attendance be offered (except perhaps as an ADA accommodation).
 - Legislative: Tony provided an update of pending legislation, including a section-sponsored bill and a proposal to modify Oregon's exemptions (HB 2008).
 - Newsletter: A new student editor from University of Oregon is coming on board. A cash award for the student article competition is included in this year's budget, but the contest will not take place before end of this academic year so the award payout will likely not occur until 2024.
 - NWBI: The event just concluded with great success except for travel disruptions for some of the speakers. Costs were sharply higher this year. Total attendance of 150 attendees; event will be at a loss (no direct impact to section), but this was a pandemic-deferred contract that needed to be used. Next year will be in Washington, but the organizers will likely not be able to afford holding the event in the Seattle area.
 - Pro bono: Holly reported that the annual reception occurred this past Thursday. The Medford program (Keith Boyd) is working on covering Jackson County. The Bend program (Rex Daines) is ramping up. Both Medford and Bend are using a direct-referral model. No update from Eugene or Salem. Portland is returning to a clinic model with the next clinic session scheduled for May (six lawyers signed up). LASO has reported low client demand in past years, but it's starting to increase.
 - New Lawyers: still working on an event later in the year. Judge Pearson suggested a lunch/CLE for new admittees later in the year, to highlight benefits of the section and teach basic bankruptcy skills.

- Donation requests: There is one pending request for co-sponsorship of the May 25 swearing-in reception for new admittees (\$50). Tony Kullen moved to grant the request and co-sponsor the reception; the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. **BarBooks.** The Committee continued its previous discussion about updating relevant BarBooks. Judge Pearson suggested a new publication on the state-court collections process (execution, garnishment, exemptions). Erich will talk to the OSB publications manager after her sabbatical and revisit at the next meeting.
- 6. **Section Membership.** The Committee will revisit at next meeting after Cassie receives a list of non-renewing members.
- 7. **Executive Committee Makeup.** The Committee received notice of Belle Na's resignation, and agreed to not fill that seat. The Chair also advised that our bylaws contain no authority for "ex officio" members (as Judge Pearson has been designated). Holly Hayman moved to appoint Judge Pearson as an advisory member, and the motion passed unanimously. At next general election, the judicial member will need to be labeled on the slate of candidate as an advisory member.
- 8. **Website Updates.** Laura and Cassie led a discussion of the website. Committee members agreed that various updates are needed. Laura has talked with our web provider and discovered that our flexibility is limited due to requirement that we choose from a limited number of OSB-approved templates. Cassie asked that all committee liaisons look at their committees' pages in the next two weeks to identify necessary updates (both membership lists and other info). Cassie and Laura will then create a shared Google document for liaisons to report suggested changes. Judge Pearson has scanned almost all back issues of the newsletter and can provide them for inclusion on the website. Cassie suggested that webpage updates should be part of the Committee's January agenda each year.
- 9. **Next meeting:** There will not be a Committee meeting in conjunction with Saturday Session. Cassie will send poll for scheduling a meeting in June or July
- 10. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen Raher, Secretary