

OREGON STATE BAR – DEBTOR-CREDITOR SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND

AGENDA

Thursday, March 12, 12:00 p.m.

via Zoom only:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87104932723?pwd=gbavRrNNbqDH3fvG8bTHQVajpel.1>

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2026 Members: Stephen Raher (Past Chair), Holly Hayman (Chair), Julia Manela (Chair Elect), Garrett Eggen (Treasurer), Brianna J. Morrison (Secretary), John Thomas, Zachariah Conway, Andrew J. Geppert, Daniel Bonham, Reece Petrik, Hon. Peter C. McKittrick (Advisory Member), invited guests: and Karen Lee (OSB Liaison) and Tony Kullen.

Members Present: *Stephen Raher (Past Chair), Holly Hayman (Chair), Julia Manela (Chair Elect), Garrett Eggen (Treasurer), Brianna J. Morrison (Secretary), John Thomas, Zachariah Conway, Andrew J. Geppert, Daniel Bonham, Reece Petrik*

Members not present: *Hon. Peter C. McKittrick (Advisory Member)*

Guests Present: *Tony Kullen*

Guests Not Present: *Karen Lee (OSB Liaison).*

1. Call to order and introductions. Meeting Called to Order at 12:02 p.m.

Holly welcomes new member Reece Petrik and began introductions from each members present, including invited guest Tony.

2. Status of Legislative Session: Tony Kullen

Light session for the legislative committee with prepackaged items. There was a Bill to prohibit private attorneys from getting SCRA searches and would require a court order. The target was brokers selling information to immigration. The current bill prohibits that. It does not prohibit private attorneys.

Proposed Universal Law Commission for the Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors for 2029, not 2027.

Looking to find someone else to take over the Legislative Committee after this year.

3. 2025 recap and discussion re general status of the Section.

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Holly begins the recap of 2025 and what to expect for the coming year. We are here to serve as support for the other committees in the section and do the business of the section.

Standard Operations there are 5 meetings a year within the boundaries of the state of Oregon. We will schedule a hybrid meeting in early May. Meeting in the Summer. Meeting in the Fall to discuss the Budget and is usually in person because it is at the Annual Meeting.

Will be asking for specific reports from liaisons of committees.

In the past there were CARE education programs, Civics writing competition, and other programs that are no longer active in the section. We will not be breathing any new life into these and will move forward.

Focus: Membership – at the end of 2025 we had 396 members (19 comp'd), as of Feb. 2026 we have 345 paying members (10 comp'd). All EC members to pay attention to and encourage others to be members of the section. Although the fees increased, another reason may be forgetting to re-sign up.

Filings are up by 15% across the board nationally from 2024 to 2025.

Request for EC members to reach out to encourage others to become active section members.

Holly shared graph showing decreasing trend of membership numbers.

EC should help those transitions of leadership for the committees. In December of 2026, Andrew, Dan, and Zack will be rolling off and there will be three vacancies on the EC committee. We are looking for a transition of leadership for several committees, including the Consumer and the Annual Meeting Committee.

We probably don't need to identify chairs for the Federal Bar Association and NWBI.

Holly introduces nomination to have Garrett Eggan as treasurer of the EC.

- Julia Manela makes the motion to accept Daniel's resignation and Garrett's nomination as treasurer.*
- Daniel seconds motion.*
- Approval is unanimous.*
- no votes against.*

2026 Budget

Historically, we had a large reserve of cash that needed to be spent and that was done when we returned from COVID. Last year, we received sponsorships to support the annual meeting. The 2026 Budget submitted was accepted by the bar. We received \$14,000.00

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from sponsorship revenue. We estimate that the annual meeting will generate \$20,000.00 in revenue, with sponsorship revenue in the amount of \$13,000.00 for 2026. We expect/estimate to spend \$30,000.00 on the annual meeting this year. We took out contributions all together for 2026. At the end of the year, we hope to carry over around \$11,000.00, with 380 members.

Financial Statement

The bar handles the financial statements, not the EC. On December 2025 financial statement, the section head count was 396. The net assets number changes and deals with the bills submitted to the bar and how the bar pays them. For the January 2026 budget, we have \$29,000.00 to spend and anticipate the section is financially healthy for this year.

Julia has worked on a spreadsheet according to each event and forwarded on to Garrett to have a tool to do comparative analysis per event. The financial statements do not show specific vendors etc.

Stephen – The deadline to pay OSB dues was in February and we are at \$15,000.00 from February.

As for expenses, we were asked for the section to contribute to reimbursements to Judge Renn's retirement reception.

4. Liaison Assignment.

COMMITTEE	Chair	Liaison
Annual Meeting & CLE	Britta Warren & Tom Stilley	Reece Petrik & Holly Hayman
Award of Merit	Stephen Raher	Stephen Raher
Consumer Bankruptcy	Reece Petrik	Reece Petrik
Federal Bar Association		
Legislative	Tony Kullen	John Thomas
Local Rules	Chris Coyle	Garrett Eggen
Newsletter		John Thomas
New Lawyers/NextGen	Brianna Morrison	Brianna Morrison
Nominating	Stephen Raher	Stephen Raher
NWBI		
Pro Bono	Jill Mallery	Holly Hayman
Saturday Session	Loren Scott	
Website	Zachariah Conway	Zachariah Conway

Currently, no one on the EC is active in the FBA.

John Thomas – We are not sure there is an active chair of the Newsletter Committee. John Thomas has been stepping in to perform some duties. It is a heavily volunteer-based process.

Zach believes that it will only cost \$200 to maintain the website and he will continue to be the chair.

5. Upcoming Schedule.

Date	Location
March 12	Zoom
May 1	Portland (FWW Office)
July or August TBD	Most likely via Zoom
Sept. or Oct. TBD	In Person (at Annual Meeting)
Nov. or Dec. TBD	Most likely via Zoom (budget approval)

There were no objections to a May 1st meeting.

6. 2026 Annual Meeting.

Reece's Update – We are looking at central Oregon, Bend, as our venue for this year. Because the budget has gone up, he is not concerned about central Oregon. The possible dates are October 3rd, September 26th, October 24th, November 7th, and September 12th. September 12th is removed. We will start meeting in May and are currently looking at different venues.

John Thomas proposes a future annual meeting to be held in Salem.

Next Meeting Brianna will give an update on the Next Gen committee on May 1st.

7. Other Business /Adjourn.