

OREGON STATE BAR – DEBTOR-CREDITOR SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 1, 12:00 p.m.

In person @ Farleigh Wada Witt (121 SW Morrison St. STE 600, Portland)

via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83523162144?pwd=tSbRUGLqwJraZuhTUaxQlqBy5KxN31.1>

Meeting ID: 835 2316 2144

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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).

Present (In Person); Holly Hayman, Stephen Raher, Judge Peter C. McKittrick, Brianna Morrison

Online: Zachariah Conway, Julia Manela, Reece Petrik, Garrett Eggen, John Thomas

Guest: Karen Lee

Not Present: Andrew Geppert, Daniel Bonham

1. Call to order and introductions. At 12:08

2. Approve Minutes from last two meetings

- Nov. 6, 2025
- March 12, 2026

Spelling errors on Judge Renn's name on pg. 3 and Zachariah Conway on pg. 3.

Stephen moved to approve both versions of minutes with revisions above.

Brianna Second

Unanimous approval

No one moved against

3. Committee Reports:

- Annual Meeting & CLE – Reece
 - Contract is in place and moving forward
 - Reece sent out invite to list serve
 - Dates September 25-26
- NextGen – Brianna Morrison
 - Position descriptions

- o PLF – learning the ropes – connect with Julia
 - o OSB publishes the bar books – there is a process for editing and revising the sections
 - o Julia worked on the red book, this contract is outsourced.
 - o Karen Lee will connect Lorraine Jacobs l.jacobs@osbar.org.
- Pro Bono – Holly
 - o Judge McKittrick
 - § Run legal clinics
 - § 5 in person, 2 in southeast, 2 in Beaverton, and 1 in Milwaukie.
 - § Direct referrals
 - § Getting harder to refer state-wide
 - § Not having a reception this year
 - § Doing something different to recognize volunteers
 - § For 2027, are there funds available for reception? Or is there a better option.
 - § There are funds available for reception, could do it for the fall, annual meeting.
 - § Bar is shrunk – Debtors’ attorneys are busy
 - § Clinics are good with staffing, but we are having trouble with direct referrals.
 - § Consider authorizing giving a table to LASO at the Annual Meeting – staffed by Jill Mallery.
- Newsletter – John Thomas
 - o Articles are in.
 - o 2 newsletters for 2026 year.
- Consumer Bankruptcy – Reece Petrick
 - o Next meeting was June 10th
 - o Potential replacements - Natalie?
 - o It used to be run by Judge Renn. Interesting in reinvigorating the brown-bag lunch.
 - o Consumer side attorney in Eugene to take over.
 - o Reece will follow up with Catherine.

4. **Invitation to Co-Sponsor May 21st Swearing In Ceremony**

\$50 to co sponsor reception (May 21st @ 2PM @ Willamette University

Co-sponsors may host a table at the reception to promote their section

- Reception afterward
- Ask for volunteers
- Do we have cards or anything to decorate a table
- QR code to the section website as flyers
- o Stephen moves
- o Garrett second
- o All unanimous
- o Motion passed

5. Conduit Payment Working Group (Judge McKittrick)

- Motion to Approve payments through the plan.
- Discussion at Saturday Session and Circle of Love to discuss whether Oregon should be a conduit payment jurisdiction. We have 6 volunteers for this group.
 - o Wayne Godare, Naliko Markel, Lars Olsen, Ted Piteo, Lance Olsen, and Cara Ritcher. Our first meeting is on May 4th.
- Number of jurisdictions of payments through the plan. Did not want to create a split in the Trustee's office.
- Benefits to conduit payment. Rather than pursuing and adopting something, it would be good to get the input of the bar and whether we should do it or not.
- Working group to prepare a report for Judge's review.
- Positive – we get a lot of motion for relief from stays pre-confirmation and then we find out that the debtors' are not current on mortgage pre-confirmation. Lenders are not always quick to get that information. You have to make payments on the plan, not just the trustee, this includes mortgage. Negative – Trustee's charge commission and this would be added to the mortgage payment.

Motion to implement:
Garrett makes motion
Zach seconds
unanimous

6. 2026 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)

7. Other Business /Adjourn.