

Oregon State Bar Government Law Section Executive Committee
Board Meeting
January 14, 2020 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35. In attendance were: Brad Anderson, Eric Blaine, Jim Brewer, Tommy Brooks, Eric DeFreest, Chad Jacobs, Lauren King, Doug McGeary, Patty Mulvihill, Kelly Sherbo, and Hope Whitney.
2. Agenda Review- Chair Eric DeFreest added item to include Lauren King to the Executive Committee. OSB did not include her on the Executive Committee for 2020. Eric conferred with OSB and Lauren is eligible to be on the Executive Committee if approved by the Executive Committee. Jim Brewer moved and Patty Mulvihill seconded to add Lauren King to the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously. No other changes or additions were made to the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes- The Board considered and approved the minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting. (Doug moved approval as drafted, Chad second). Lauren abstained.
4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Tommy Brooks

Tommy attended OSB training last week on Treasurer duties. He is supposed to get monthly report from OSB but has not received the January report yet. He will circulate once he gets January and on a monthly basis thereafter.

Tommy also reported that new rules are in effect that limit Section reserves. Tommy received the OSB formula. He says we need to track Section reserves and not go over the Bar-imposed limits. Tommy reported that CLE registration must go through the Bar. There are different levels of services offered by OSB. Costs per registrant are different based on level of services requested of the Bar.

Eric Blaine reported that the Bar is slower on first month report because OSB is on a calendar FY and the Bar is working on end of year financials. Eric thinks that next month the Bar will be up to date.

Eric DeFreest stated that will wait for next month for January Treasurer's report. He stated that he also saw the new CLE registration requirements.

5. New Business

- a. Planning for Spring Government Law CLE-Chair Eric DeFreest

Eric DeFreest reported that the subcommittee for Spring CLE has selected the following topics for the CLE: Gender Equity Issues, Insurance, Homelessness/Camping in light of Martin v. Boise, Standardizing Government Contracts, Natural Resources at the Federal Level, a Legislative Update by LOC, and Code Enforcement. Doug suggested we may need another topic. If you can think of other topics, send to subcommittee: (Eric DeFreest, Eric Blaine, Patty Mulvihill, Katie Kammer, Chad Jacobs and Doug McGeary).

Eric DeFreest reported that the conference is scheduled for March 13, 2020. He has a courtesy hold on the Hotel Monaco in Portland. The cost is \$200 for the room with a \$1600 food purchase but needs approval to send to the Bar. Doug moved for approval for reserving the space and the spending request. Eric Blaine seconded. The Board unanimously approved. Eric DeFreest will finalize.

Eric DeFreest ask how much the registration fee should be and whether scholarships should be offered. Discussion followed. Eric assumes that need 50 registrants to cover fees. Doug brought up the actual numbers from last year. Eric stated that we would charge the same registration fee as last year and that four scholarships would be offered unless there are more requests and then we would discuss next month. There was a discussion on whether to comp. the registration and food for speakers. That has been done in the past.

The Board agreed to use the Bar to do the registration at the enhanced level of service that OSB offers. The Subcommittee will continue to work on finalize CLE as it is coming up soon.

6. Old Business

a. Web editor-Assigning the duties to the OSB IT department

Doug has worked on this issue. Doug reported that OSB can take over management of website and we just send materials (agenda, minutes, CLEs) for publication. The OSB ITS department can do without charge unless takes more than one hour per month then IT charges approximately \$60 per hour. However, given the ask, the IT department does not anticipate that would cost anything. Doug got approval from the Board to continue to pursue with OSB.

b. Government Section Listserv

Doug asked whether he should continue to pursue a listserv for the Section. The county attorneys and city attorneys have their own listservs. Private practice attorneys don't necessarily have access to those listservs. OSB says they can do a listserv for the Section. There was substantial discussion on the value of another listserv. The advantage of another listserv is it may access more attorneys including private sector attorneys and in-house attorneys that are not on the county and city listservs or serve special districts. There was also discussion on the ability to post job openings. There were questions on who would police the listserv. Doug is going to continue to check on these issues and report back.

c. Other

Kelly Sherbo asked about the budget for this year. Eric DeFreest said he would share with the whole group.

7. Next meeting: February 11, 2020 at 1:30.

8. Adjourn at 2:05 p.m.