

Oregon State Bar Government Law Section Executive Committee
Board Meeting
February 11, 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, Sarah Hanson, Chad Jacobs, Katie Kammer, Lauren King, Doug McGeary, Haley Percell, Kelly Sherbo, Hope Whitney and Dan Atkinson (Bar Representative).

2. Agenda Review- The agenda is in order and no new items were added.

3. Approval of minutes- Brad Anderson

The January minutes were revised to clarify that Katie Kammer did not attend. With that amendment the minutes were approved. (Doug moved as revised and Tommy seconded, with Haley and Katie abstaining).

4. Treasurer's Report – Tommy Brooks

Tommy presented the December 2019 report for approval. The report was approved. (Jim moved and Doug seconded).

Tommy noted the following highlights:

- Membership has increased from 469 to 518 with 77 complementary memberships.
- We have four expenditure categories that had no expenses last year that we need to keep in mind when budgeting for next year.
- On the revenue side we took in only \$104 v. \$600 in anticipated revenue for sponsorships. There was much discussion on whether this was the correct amount and whether it can be pulled from general fund this year. General fund cannot be used on alcohol at meetings. There will not be alcohol purchased for the Spring CLE because the committee decided to expand the lunch period for networking and have no happy hour as it has not been well attended recently. Doug discussed some of the reasons for not actively pursuing sponsorships such as going to the same law firms each year with sponsorship requests. Tommy is going to look further into the \$104 figure.

5. New Business

a. Information on 2020 Legislative Session-Eric DeFreest

Eric reported to the Executive Committee on the OSB approach to supporting/opposing legislation in 2020. The OSB Public Affairs Committee needs to approve any position taken. There was discussion on whether to support or oppose current legislation. Lauren King

discussed HB 4001 which pre-empts local government authority in locating homeless shelters. The pre-emption includes land use regulations and perhaps property ownership approval. That may mean that advocates could site homeless shelter on government property. Although the consensus was that the bill was faulty Eric DeFreest suggested that we work through our local government clients on this bill.

Eric also reported that if the Section wants to propose any legislation for the 2021 legislative session proposals must be submitted by April 1, 2020 for approval by the Public Affairs Committee at the Bar.

b. Charitable donation request and OSB guidelines-Eric DeFreest

The Chair received a request from Scott Pratt of the Senior Citizens Council of Clackamas County (SCCCC) for a Section donation. This organization is on the approved charitable contribution list from the OSB for Sections. The Chair sent out the request and list in advance of the meeting. There was a discussion on the specific request, the OSB list, and the criteria for approving charitable donations from the Government Law Section. The two leading criteria discussed were that the organization had to have some sort of nexus to the Section and the organization had to operate statewide. There was also discussion of whether someone on the Executive Committee had to be a member of the organization. The request from SCCC did not generate any interest from the Executive Committee and was tabled by the Chair.

6. Old Business

a. Planning and status of the Spring Government Law CLE-Eric DeFreest

The Save the Date has been published by OSB and an email was sent out. The schedule for the CLE is going out via email on Thursday. Eric asked OSB for the registration count as of today and did not get it. The Chair has contracted with the venue site (Hotel Monaco) and is going to order food when he gets the registration numbers. Eric reported that all speakers have been informed that they need to get all their materials to the Bar by February 21 so that they can be made available electronically to attendees. There was some discussion of also posting on the Section webpage as well.

b. Web editor – Assigning duties to the OSB IT department-Doug McGearry

Doug continues to work with the OSB IT Department on OSB posting material on the Section webpage. They have placed material on the upcoming CLE on the webpage and can/will do so in the future. The Bar can also place material on the webpage going back 3 years. OSB can also post approved minutes and Treasurer's Reports. Previous minutes and reports can be posted too. Doug will get the contact information to the Secretary and Treasurer for posting. There is no restriction on storage according to Doug. The only restriction is time it takes OSB IT to do the posting (1 hour per month or the Section pays). There are multiple page offerings for Sections. There was some discussion on the job posting page and the

legislation page. After discussion it was agreed that the Section would keep all the pages and work on it in the future.

c. Government Section Listserv-Doug McGeary

Doug will continue to work on this issue with OSB IT personnel.

7. Next meeting-Eric DeFreest

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020 at 1:30. The Executive Committee agreed to hold that meeting at the Spring CLE. The meeting was rescheduled to March 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Hotel Monaco.

8. Adjourn at 2:10 p.m.