

Oregon State Bar Government Law Section Executive Committee
Board Meeting
March 13, 2020 12:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order. In attendance were: Brad Anderson, Eric Blaine, Jim Brewer, Tommy Brooks, Eric DeFreest, Chad Jacobs, Haley Percell, Kelly Sherbo and Hope Whitney.
2. Agenda Review- The agenda is in order and no new items were added.
3. Approval of minutes- Brad Anderson

The February minutes were approved after discussion on some future tasks regarding finances. (Jim moved and Tommy seconded).

4. Treasurer's Report – Tommy Brooks

Tommy presented the January 2020 report for approval. The report was approved. (Jim moved and Eric Blaine seconded).

Tommy noted the following highlights:

- Membership numbers have moved up and down but are higher than this time last year. The member numbers are the same as the 2018 numbers. The current membership numbers do not have a revenue impact.
- Expenditures for this last month include Bar support for the Spring CLE which were less than planned. We will have to pay a termination fee for the venue. Otherwise the financials are expected to be quiet because the CLE was cancelled.

5. New Business

- a. Status of the Spring CLE-Eric DeFreest

Eric reported to the Executive Committee that the CLE scheduled for today was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Eric was ready to move forward yesterday but two speakers cancelled because of workplace restrictions and a third was concerned about appearing. Eric attempted to convert the CLE into a webinar, but the venue could not accommodate unlike the other Bar CLE that moved forward today. The Bar pushed for cancellation and rescheduling and an official pronouncement from the Bar requiring cancellation came out later in the day yesterday.

The venue first wanted to charge the full \$2350 to cancel the meeting but mitigated that cancellation fee to its true costs of \$1200 for food prep and staffing. The venue agreed to allow \$1,150 of the fee to go towards a rescheduled event so long as the event is booked by May 31st and the event takes place by December 30th. Cancellation was not a force

majeure event because the event did not hit the 250-person threshold for required cancelled events as ordered by the Governor.

78 people registered for the event, so we expected a good turnout. The Chair hopes to reschedule the event in the May/June timeframe and wants to have audio options available for registrants. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Chair for his quick work on this very difficult issue.

6. Old Business

a. Legislative Session Proposals-Eric DeFreest

The 2020 legislative session ended without much being completed. The Chair reminded the Committee that April 1st is the deadline for submitting proposed 2021 legislation to the Bar for review and approval. He suggested that we provide a notice to the Section on the Section's webpage under the legislation tab.

Web editor – OSB IT department-Eric DeFreest

Eric suggested that we can use the Webpage or email alerts to provide information of the COVID-19 situation. Brad suggested links to other websites such as OHA and CDC. There was agreement that links are the best because of the rapidly changing situation and guidance.

b. Government Section Listserv-Doug McGeary

Doug was not available due to a mix-up with the Bar on the time of the meeting so this item was deferred to next month.

7. Next meeting-Eric DeFreest

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 1:30.

8. Adjourn at 12:25 p.m.