

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

1. The meeting was called to order. In attendance were: Brad Anderson, Eric Blaine, Tommy Brooks, Adrian Brown (BOG representative), Eric DeFreest, Chad Jacobs, Katie Kammer, Lauren King, Doug McGeary, Patty Mulvihill, Haley Percell and Kelly Sherbo.
2. Agenda Review- The Chair added one item-5(b) (BOG report from Adrian Brown).
3. Approval of minutes- Brad Anderson

The March minutes were approved after clarifications on dates for rescheduling the CLE at Hotel Monaco. (Doug moved and Eric DeFreest seconded). Katie Kammer abstained.

4. Treasurer's Report – Tommy Brooks

Tommy presented the March 2020 report for approval. The report was approved. (Eric Blaine moved, and Doug seconded).

Tommy noted the following highlights: We have added 20 members (about half are paying members) which has added to the revenues. On the expenditure side we had to pay the \$2300 cancelation fee to the Hotel Monaco, of which \$1150 may be credited for a future CLE at the hotel. Otherwise it has been a quiet month.

5. New Business

- a. OLAF Charitable Contribution Request. The Section received a letter requesting a contribution to the Oregon Lawyers Assistance Foundation (OLAF). Chair DeFreest is on the OLAF Board so he recused himself from the discussion. Doug McGeary agreed to take up the request. Doug stated that it is a good program, was consistent with the Section's mission and is supported by the Board of Governors. Eric Blaine pointed out that there is \$500 built into the budget for discretionary spending and additionally that the Section has budgeted for a contribution of \$1500 to the Campaign for Equal Justice and a contribution of \$1000 to IMLA. Tommy concurred with Eric's assessment of the budget. Eric Blaine moved, and Doug seconded a motion to contribute \$500 to OLAF. The Executive Committee voted to approve the motion. Eric DeFreest abstained.
- b. Board of Governor's (BOG) Update. Adrian Brown (Region 5 BOG representative) provided an update on the latest happenings at the BOG. She was elected to the BOG in January and was assigned as BOG contact/liaison to the Government Law Section. Adrian is willing to attend future Section meetings and can be contacted by Executive Committee members. She was previously involved in the Civil Rights Section. Adrian notified the Committee that even though the elections for BOG are in October, the deadline for candidate statements is May 12<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged those that are interested in the BOG to become candidates and asked the Section to spread the word

to interested persons. Positions are coming up in Regions 1, 3, 4 and 5. She recognized that it may be difficult for public service employees to volunteer during work hours but said that it is valuable service and personally fulfilling. She will email a link to the information and forms for the Executive Committee to share with the Section membership.

The Chair asked if the Section needs to be aware of any BOG issues. Adrian informed the Committee that OSB President Liani Reeves is focused on: 1) access to justice, 2) how attorneys can lead and embrace diversity, equity and inclusion, and 3) how we can assist paraprofessionals to expand their duties to fill the gap on access to justice. Adrian also mentioned a focus on expanding the mentoring program to a more apprenticeship type of experience so that new attorneys can gain the skills they need to be good attorneys. Finally, the BOG is adjusting to a post COVID-19 world and it is unknown how that will impact BOG business.

Eric DeFreest asked that Adrian provide a brief written report of the April 17<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting back to the Government Law Executive Committee before the May meeting. Adrian agreed to do so.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Rescheduling of the Spring CLE-The Latest in Local Government Lore-Eric DeFreest

The Chair discussed the difficulty in rescheduling the Spring CLE when we don't know the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. The timing will be difficult with the Fall CLE coming up which has been traditionally been combined with the city attorney meeting. Eric asked if we should let the hotel credit lapse or ask for an extension from the hotel. Tommy suggested that we do some fact finding before the next Executive Committee meeting. Eric stated that if the Governor's Executive Orders are lifted then the CLE subcommittee could explore moving the Spring CLE forward with the current speakers if they are available. Doug stated that there is just so much we don't currently know, and it is difficult to make a decision with all the unknown facts. It was agreed that the Chair will reach out to the hotel to see if we can get an extension on the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to reschedule. The Chair stated that given the high level of registrants for the CLE that the scheduled topics are popular with the Section. We will revisit the issue at the May meeting.

### b. Government Section Listserv-Doug McGeary

Doug stated that the website is continuing to be used, but he was questioning whether the Executive Committee wanted to move forward with another listserv. The topic has received a lukewarm response on whether it is wanted or needed. Doug has been in contact with the Bar about hosting responsibilities but has not received a response and has unanswered questions on what the Section's responsibilities are for a listserv. The Chair suggested that we should table the issue. There was no disagreement.

7. Next meeting-Eric DeFreest

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 at 1:30.

8. Adjourn around 2:00 p.m.