OSB Disability Law Section EC Meeting 1.14.2022 Minutes

**Members Present:** Emily Cooper, Jan Atwill; Rebeca Babarsky; KC Lewis; Terisa Page; Stephanie Engelsman; Tiffany Blackmon; Emily Winsor Fox.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of December 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** No formal minutes submitted. Tiffany Blackmon took informal minutes, will send to Emily Cooper who will circulate.

**Treasurer’s Report: (**Jan Atwill) The bar just posted the October 2021 statement. $3734 projected year end assets. The 2022 budget amount reflects expenditures budgeted for 2022. We discussed these expenditures in October and November 2021. Per Tiffany Blackmon, need to keep balance low at end of year to avoid assessment of a penalty. The biggest ticket item is OSB Support Service Assessment. The actual budget is actually about $1000 due to what we need to pay bar. Conferences/Seminars line is really for paying for lunches if and when we have CLE. The scholarship line has traditionally been used to fund law student CLE’s, text books for law students. The scholarship application is available on our website. We look for requests that further study of disability-related law. Per Tiffany Blackmon, the bar changed the rules last year on how scholarships are allowed to be awarded by sections. It’s fine to award a scholarship to attend our CLE’s, but the Bar has said we would need to get approval from them before awarding funds for outside events. Emily Cooper will inquire with the bar about the preapproval process to get approval before awarding scholarships. Stephanie Engelsman will inquire to see whether approval is necessary for Oregon Bar approved CLE’s. Discussed annual event, we have budgeted $150. We are hopeful that we may be able to meet in person sometime this summer.

**Liaison Reports**: This is the BOG report. Stephanie Engelsman is going to figure out what this is and we will address it at our next meeting. Per Tiffany Blackmon, usually this is a report provided by someone from the Bar, but we do not have anyone from the bar on the call today.

**Committee Updates:** We have two committees currently, the scholarship committee and the outreach committee.

**a. Outreach/Website Committee**: Tiffany has been working on keeping up with the website as a member of the outreach committee. Someone else can get trained through the bar to update the website. As of now it is just Tiffany updating the website, she has been posting articles and job openings. Emily Winsor Fox expressed interest in working on the website.

**b. Scholarship Committee:** This will effectively be the CLE committee if we are only allowed to award scholarships for our CLE event. We discussed need for focus on developing new CLE content. Jan, Rebecca, Tiffany, and Terisa have previously planned CLE events. Committee recognizes that planning the CLE event is very time consuming. KC Lewis, not officially a member yet, but is very interested in trying to come up with some ideas for CLE programming and is happy to help.

**Character & Fitness General Discussion:** There is a question of whether the bar still requires applicants to provide treatment records. About three years ago they changed a previous question regarding mental health treatment. Maybe if we still see some gaps, the committee can advocate to close them. We would ideally like to remove any reference to treatment or disability status in bar application in Oregon. Committee agrees that this is a worthwhile issue for us to address. Will first assess the current status of the bar’s character and fitness application.

**Next Agenda Items:** Emily Cooper suggests having folks from the community come in and teach at meetings; for example, possibly Trauma Informed Oregon. Terisa Page suggests brown bag lunch and learn CLE’s.

Emily Cooper suggests participating in or contributing to ADA events this summer if possible. Committee is enthusiastic about this possibility.