



LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Straub Conference Room, Public Service Building, 125 East 8th Avenue,
Eugene, OR 97401

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

NOTE: Meeting originally scheduled for February 26 was rescheduled for March 19.

1. Call to Order

Chair Sebastian Tapia called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. (quorum met)

2. Welcome/Introductions

Sebastian welcomed everyone, and introductions were made for the record.

Members present: Sebastian Tapia, Michael Hajarizadeh, Marc Friedman, Erika Hente, Kari Malone, Emily Cross

Staff: Sue Ludington

Absent: Kristynn Johnson (excused)

3. Public Comment (*none*)

4. Review and Approval of Minutes (January 15, 2019)

No minutes ready to review; Sue will send via email and approval will take place at the next meeting.

5. Updates to Agenda (*none*)

6. Announcements/Reports (*none*)

7. Old Business

a. Lane County Probate & development of Small Estate Affidavit packet

- i. Kari spoke with an OJD Analyst in Salem, and confirmed there is no current effort to create a statewide small estate affidavit packet. In fact, there are two bills in the current legislative session (HB 3007 and SB 843) that may have significant effect on statutory law affecting small estate eligibility.
- ii. Kari affirmed the need in Lane County does exist, and that there isn't opposition to having a SEA packet here – it just needs a committed group to see it executed.
- iii. It was agreed LLAC members could review the packets from the 5 counties that already have them, and determine what's important to include. Kari distributed copies.

- iv. Observations included: (1) Linn’s instructions are a little different and perhaps better, though Marion/Jackson/Clackamas instructions were also singled out; (2) according to packets with dates, Marion’s is most current (2018) and Jackson and Clackamas are close seconds (2017) [no dates on the others].
- v. Kari clarified that the Probate Commissioner reviews all small estates. LLAC members wonder what are typical mistakes and what causes rejections. Lane County’s Probate Commissioner Angela Jones is new but her input would be nevertheless be relevant.
- vi. All agree this process should be a coordinated effort with the LCBA Probate Section, as they would likely be the “author” of an eventual form.
- vii. LLAC could possibly help facilitate the creation of a work group, which might be a sub-committee of the LCBA Probate Section (John Hudson, Chair).
- viii. First step is for Kari to talk to Judge Holland and get her recommendations/guidelines on how the LLAC can launch this project.

8. New Business

a. Senate Bill 858

- i. Sue provided information about SB 858, a bill currently before the Senate Judiciary committee (permitting a county to form an IGA with OJD, who could then use law library appropriation monies for ‘court facilitation programs’). Jackson County, through AOC, requested the bill. The first public hearing occurred this morning, with representatives from the Oregon Library Association (as well as one local attorney) speaking in opposition to the bill. Due to sufficient objection, Chair Prozanski agreed to hold a subsequent work session to allow for further discussion.
 - ii. Because “law library services” are not defined in law library statute (ORS 9.815), determining which services justify law library appropriation spending (and which ones do not) is increasingly debated.
 - iii. Marc reminded LLAC members about legal clinics held at Access the Law as well as those offered at University of Oregon (eg, wills clinic). Sue acknowledged she’d like a better awareness of these opportunities in order to share with the public.
- b. Emily graduates from law school on May 18th! Her 1-year commitment on the LLAC, then, will conclude. She has already accepted a job in Salt Lake City She is aspiring to find a law student entering their 3rd year who is interested in filling the law student position on the committee; she will contact Sebastian with more information.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 3:30-5:00pm

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.