



LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 | 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Michael Hajarizadeh called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. (quorum met)

2. Welcome/Introductions

Michael welcomed everyone, and introductions were made.

Members present: Michael Hajarizadeh, Marc Friedman, Erika Hente, Kei Murakami, Kristyn Johnson, Sebastian Tapia (arrived around 3:40pm)

Staff: Sue Ludington

Absent: Kari Malone (excused)

Guests: Alex Huntley-Romanov, UofO law student, summer law clerk at Access the Law; Judith Moman, estate planning and litigation attorney from Massachusetts, recently admitted to OSB

3. Public Comment

No planned public comments, but drop-in public member Robert Patterson stepped into meeting room to inquire about LLAC's perspective on homeless camps and protestors in the vicinity of the courthouse. LLAC members thanked him for his comments and interest, but stated the committee wasn't in a position to respond to his concerns or opine on the matter; he was encouraged to seek out the Poverty and Homelessness Board for more information. He understood and departed fairly quickly.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes (June 4, 2019)

Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Michael seconded. Motion passed; no objections.

5. Updates to Agenda

- a. Two updates were added by Sue: (1) Old Business: bylaws update, as pertaining to member roster and term limits; (2) New Business: collection development purchases.

6. Announcements/Reports

- a. New LLAC member Kei Murakami, University of Oregon Law School law student
 - i. After not receiving a response from U of O law student Claire Cylkowski (following several weeks of attempted contact) regarding the open LLAC student position, we worked to recruit another student for the 2019-2020 year.
 - ii. Kei Murakami was encouraged to apply, and she submitted her resume in mid-July. Sebastian and Sue reviewed her background and agreed she'd be a fine addition to the LLAC.
 - iii. Today, at her first meeting, she shared some background information, including that she's a 3L student, originally from Japan, interested in estate planning law, and has a desire to serve the underserved.

7. Old Business

- a. Lane County probate & development of Small Estate Affidavit packet
 - i. Nothing more on the development of SEA packet for Lane County, due to enrollment of HB 3007, dramatically affecting the SEA statutes.
 - ii. Kari had an opportunity to speak with an OJD Analyst in Salem and reported the following via email:
"The word is HB3007 was a massive overhaul and the expectation is that it will take much work to revise the forms courts are using. An (OJD) workgroup has been created to work through these changes but I don't anticipate I will have any input for the next few (LLAC) meetings. Once we get information from Salem, we will work on putting together the SEA which will include input from the (Lane County Bar Association) Probate (Committee) and Judge Holland."
 - iii. Judith asked if Lane County lawyers could be involved with the OJD workgroup. Sebastian elaborated on how he thought the formation process could go, and it was agreed that Kari would be the best person to connect with OJD to find out about potential participation. However, Erika will also try to find out if Oregon Law Center will have a role to play on the work group.
 - iv. Access the Law has an informational handout on Small Estate Affidavits and Marc will send to Sue.
- b. Video equipment loan
 - i. Current rules of use for the library's video equipment (flat-screen TV/monitor & DVD/VHS player on rolling media cart) call for a \$10.00 per day use fee, in addition to a \$100.00 refundable security deposit.
 - ii. Sue suggested the fee was not necessary (and others thought possibly not ethical, since the equipment was purchased via a grant from the Lane County Bar Association). LLAC members agreed and recommended that specific requisite be removed from the rules of use.

- iii. Sue noted the fees outlined in Lane Manual 60.865 “Law Library Fees” specify a \$20.00/day “video equipment” fee (in addition to other fees that are no longer applicable); this section will need to be amended in the near future.
- c. LLAC bylaws update
 - i. Sue asked the committee to revisit LLAC Bylaws, Article III “Membership,” Section 2 (LCBA appointments) and Section 5 (at-large appointments).
 - ii. LLAC collectively decided board terms as currently specified are the exception and that, going forward, at-large members (those 4-6 positions not appointed by LCBA) will be 2 years and staggered, so every year the committee must re-fill only half of its members rather than all.
 - iii. Agreed to keep the expirations as most recently edited and shared by Sue; she will post the amended roster to the website.

8. New Business

a. Directory project

Sue expressed frustration and concerns about not having a current and robust directory of the approximately 1,100 Lane County attorneys that could be shared with the public. She and Alex Huntley-Romanov had been in correspondence regarding the development of a potential directory, but time got away from them and nothing materialized. Sue remains committed to creating a comprehensive directory, ideally by attorney practice area, and hopes to take further action.

Guest Judith Moman is interested in having a directory of lawyers who specifically provide pro bono/low bono services. She provides unbundled services, talks to attorneys who aren’t familiar with limited representation, and would like to help facilitate more participation. Sebastian mentioned the LCBA Pro Bono committee has been dormant for some time, so perhaps Judith would be interested in reviving it and broadening her work beyond creation of a directory.

Group discussion on why getting lawyers to do pro bono work so challenging, and what might incentivize more attorneys to participate. Sebastian said some incentives might include offering CLE credit, showcasing awards and publicly acknowledging pro bono work, and waiving PLF fees if pro-bono work is for non-profit or legal aid.

Suggestion to put out survey to Lane County attorneys: “Do you provide unbundled legal services?” Marc suggested this could be an opportunity to use 3L students, who are often underutilized. Marc is willing to sit down with law school folks to discuss.

b. Classroom Law Project expansion to Lane County

Sue shared news that Classroom Law Project, a non-profit, civics-engagement-for-students organization in Portland, is hiring a Willamette Valley regional director in

hopes of expanding outside of the metro area. Their various programs for middle and high school students include courthouse tours, Mock Trial competitions, Constitution Team debates, and Law Day events. As CLP takes hold in Lane County, Sue explained there would be opportunities for lawyers and others in the legal profession to volunteer their time and expertise with students, and she hopes LLAC members will consider taking part.

c. Collection development items

Sue let the committee know that she will be renewing the Westlaw subscription contract at the end of the year, and expressed a desire for potential feedback from LLAC members. She also asked about Peck's Title Book, a publication that LCLL has purchased for some time but receives no use; the general consensus was that this is an item that may be safely discontinued.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 8, 3:30-5:00pm

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.