



LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Sebastian Tapia called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. (quorum met)

2. Welcome/Introductions

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

Members present: Sebastian Tapia, Erika Hente, Marc Friedman, Kristynn Johnson, Kari Malone, Michael Hajarizadeh

Staff/Ex-Officio: Sue Ludington, Law Librarian; Megan Austin, University of Oregon Law Library

Absent: Kei Murakami (excused)

3. Public Comment (*none*)

4. Review and Approval of Minutes (August 6, 2019 and October 8, 2019 meetings)

Marc moved to approve the August and October meeting minutes as submitted; Sebastian seconded. (Kari was not present in August, so abstained; Michael was not present in October, so abstained.)

5. Updates to Agenda

- a. Add to New Business: Information about Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association (SETA)

6. Announcements/Reports

- a. LSC's Innovations in Technology Conference in Portland, January 15-17, 2020

Sue shared information about this upcoming conference, affiliated with Legal Services Corporation and their Access to Justice endeavors; this conference focused on technology solutions primarily found in courts, legal aid providers, etc. aimed at helping non-attorneys navigating the legal system.

Sebastian mentioned he's aware of ABA's ATJ component, but personally has not been involved for a while.

Marc shared that he's done pro bono work with a medical-legal partnership in Oregon, as there can be significant civil legal issues with medical patients.

Kari has spoken with Trial Court Administrator Liz Rambo about the possibility of Lane County emulating the teaching videos that Deschutes County Court has already created; these would be another terrific avenue for supporting ATJ efforts.

Erika wondered if there would be an Oregon contingent meeting right before; it remained an unknown, as it seems no LLAC members plan to attend the conference.

7. Old Business

a. Westlaw subscription renewal

- i. Sue reminded the committee that the 3-year Westlaw subscription contract is up for renewal at the end of December. With the looming deadline, she's open to receiving any last guidance on content selection. She suggested she'll discontinue the Practical Law collection, but replace it with something else. Members talked about the "people finder" database, agreeing it would be terrific to add this if given a choice (and not prohibitively expensive).

b. Classroom Law Project's (CLP) and LCBA Education Committee's Law Day event

- i. Sue let everyone know about the Law Day event that's in the works for Lane County students: Dennis Gerl, Lane County attorney, is now working with CLP and has re-joined LCBA's Education Committee to ensure the project remains affiliated with LCBA. Dennis continues to seek out volunteer assistance from local attorneys for the event, which is to be held Friday, April 17 at the University of Oregon.

c. Directory project

- i. Sue purchased a list of all Lane County attorneys from the Oregon State Bar, with the intention of using the list to share library news with area attorneys. She's unsure how to send emails to such a large group of recipients; Sebastian explained the email provider used will determine how many addresses may be used in one email. He suggested Sue contact LCBA Newsletter editor Laura Gibson to inquire how she's able to email the newsletter to the membership.

8. New Business

a. Technology (or other) solutions for providing remote legal reference service to patrons visiting public libraries in Lane County

- i. Sue explained how she is exploring ideas about how to best provide long-distance legal information service to Lane County residents, specifically through public library partnerships. She is in contact with public library directors and currently discussing what products/services/delivery tools could be implemented.
- ii. Ideas from LLAC for incorporating valuable tech solutions were proposed and discussed:
 1. Chat box on the library website (Sue)

2. Link to law library off the circuit court website (perhaps Kari can help to arrange)
3. Creating videos for instructional purposes or using existing videos; (Megan could possibly assist)
4. Dedicated telephone for public library staff
5. Kari informed that residents in Oakridge and Florence are permitted by the court to call in to Lane County Court (in Oakridge, via Senior & Disabled Services; in Florence, via Siuslaw Outreach Services). Additionally, in the latter, parties can telephonically appear for restraining orders. This isn't officially true or necessarily available for residents outside these communities.
6. Screen-sharing service, where Sue can project her screen to patron (web-casting/webinars)
7. County law library's phone number on website: Make a hyperlink so user can press on number to call.

b. Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association (SETA) information

- i. Sue informed members about SETA, the new-ish non-profit organization aimed at providing legal information to tenants facing legal problems. Erika stated that Legal Aid attorney Laurie Hauber has been significantly involved with it.

Erika raised the point that there are almost no tenant attorneys in Lane County (aside from Legal Aid and Access the Law), and Legal Aid receives 30-40 intakes each week dealing with housing questions (about 10-20 each day). She believes this is an area ripe for training lawyers, that a 1-2 hour training would provide them with enough information that they could help with this topic in a potential legal clinic setting.

Legal Aid does produce a handout for tenants on representing themselves in FED court, which Erika will share with Sue.

Erika noted that Legal Aid's Tuesday family law clinics (staffed with pro bono attorneys) are no longer happening. She believes the focus on family law caused many lawyers to have conflicts or, alternatively, the complexity of family law intimidated some lawyers.

Sue requested business cards from both Legal Aid and Access the Law, to help promote their services.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-5:00pm

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.