



LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virtual (GoToMeeting)

Tuesday, September 16, 2021 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Charge: Advise the Law Librarian and Board of County Commissioners regarding the operations, policies, and financial requirements necessary to maintain adequate law library facilities and services. Make recommendations for project priorities and long-range planning goals.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jenny on the road and participating by phone, so Vice-Chair Shane called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. (quorum met)

2. Welcome/Introductions

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

Members present: Shane Davis, Jenny Jonak, Kristynn Johnson, Marc Friedman, Christina Wolf, Rebeca Lopez-Figueroa

Staff/Ex-Officio: Sue Ludington, Kelly Reynolds

Members absent (excused): Erika Hente

3. Public Comment (none)

4. Review and Approval of Minutes (July meeting)

Minutes from the July 23rd meeting were not ready for review, so approval is tabled for now and may be conducted by email.

5. Updates to Agenda (none)

6. Announcements/Reports

Introduction: Rebeca Lopez-Figueroa, UofO Law School student serving on LLAC for FY21-22.

Rebeca responded enthusiastically to Sue's earlier invitation to apply, and joined LCBA in order to qualify. Rebeca is from Salem, and a first-generation law school student. She's interested in facilitating more access to legal resources, is bilingual (English/Spanish), and hopes to eventually practice in Oregon.

7. Old Business

a. LLAC roster and terms; applications.

Sue once again reviewed the current LLAC member roster and the staggered terms as discussed over prior meetings. She identified yet another problem 3 of the 4 at-large members would need to be replaced at the same time. She asked if Kristynn would agree to stay on through 2022, at which time she could possibly re-apply or perhaps another non-profit representative should be considered (to encourage diversity and employing an equity lens to civic participation). Kristynn kindly accepted the proposal, and her term will now conclude at the end of this FY.

Sue described how, per the bylaws, at-large members are to serve 3-year terms, whereas LCBA-appointed members serve 2-year terms. Shane explained the 2-year duration was to diversify the appointments more regularly. Sue proposed the two LCBA-appointed attorney positions should be staggered as well so that LCBA only had to appoint one LCBA member every 2 years. To that end, Sue asked if Shane would be permitted to stay on an extra year, in order to create the staggered set-up (meaning, Jenny's term would end June 2022, and Shane's term would end June 2023). Shane will consider, pending approval by LCBA.

Sue mentioned Michael Quillin, with the non-profit firm Law for the People, might be one to consider as a potential member. Reps from other agencies like White Bird or St. Vincent De Paul could be welcome as well.

Sue acknowledged again that returning LLAC members should have submitted an application. She accepts responsibility for failing to make sure that happened, but doesn't anticipate it will be a priority to do at this point..

- b. LLAC Bylaws. Despite best intentions, the LLAC bylaws remain unfinished, primarily due to the specific details surrounding membership and term length. Assuming those issues are nearly resolved, Sue remains hopeful that the bylaws will finally be formally approved by the BCC sometime in the next few months!
- c. Law Library space changes. While no further action will be taken on the proposed changes to the law library physical layout and space, Sue had been told she'd receive a scope of the plan as provided by the engineer(s) and architect who examined the space earlier this year. To date, though, she hadn't received anything. However, she has recently been informed that the Law Library is in a good position to apply for ARPA funding, which will be arriving in the County in a few months. She is prepared to fill out the application for that, aspiring for funding for new doors and the library space revision plan.

8. New Business

- a. Recruitment/new law librarian; Sue's departure. Sue reports that the official job posting for the Law Librarian position went out early September and was scheduled to close on the 13th. Only 3 qualified applicants received, so deadline was extended to 9/20. Kelly asked Sue to make sure job gets posted to WestPac listserv. Alex and Sue will be on interview panel, with third person possibly Emily David, Springfield Public Library director. Sue will be leaving Oregon on October 13.
- b. Michael Quillin – Law for the People
Sue extended an invitation to Michael Quillin to join today's meeting; although he couldn't attend, he was interested in learning more about LLAC and would be happy to participate in the future. Both Marc and Kelly know him. He used to work with domestic violence help providers. Sue was curious how a non-profit law firm is created, and Marc offered his perspective. Sue reminded that the Law Library can only refer patrons to non-profit law firms, not specific lawyers or private law firms. The group discussed a few

opportunities for lawyers to engage in pro bono work and why they'd be motivated to do so (can get CLE credit, or know it's a limited duration commitment). Sue mentioned that Erika has said they could train lawyers on landlord/tenant law if an eviction mediation program in Lane County could be established, and attorneys could be persuaded to take part. Conversation evolved to discuss various successful Lawyer in the Library programs around the state, free clinics for veterans, incorporating law students in legal clinics, a new experiential requirement from the ABA, collaboration with UO's pro bono engagements (led by Jennifer Geller), and developing a technology workstation in the library to facilitate lawyer consultations or advice clinics.

9. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 18, 3:30-5:00pm

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.