

**Oregon State Bar**  
**Meeting of the Board of Governors**  
April 4, 2008  
**Special Session Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Yugler at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008 and adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Members present from the Board of Governors were Kathleen Evans, Ann Fisher, Gerry Gaydos, Tim Gerking, Ward Greene, Kellie Johnson, Christopher Kent, Robert Lehner, Audrey Matsumonji, Stephen Piucci, Carol Skerjanec, Robert Vieira, Bette Worcester, Terry Wright, and Rick Yugler. Members of OSB staff present were Karen Garst, Susan Grabe, David Johnson, Sylvia Stevens, and Teresa Wenzel. Others present were Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz and Tim Martinez, PLF.

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**1. Special Appearance**

A. Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz

Chief Justice De Muniz addressed the board about the e-Court™ Program. The judiciary wants to work closely with the bar to inform and educate bar members about the e-Court™ Program. The ultimate goals are for individuals to have access to court information 24/7, to provide a paperless court system, to standardize court business practices, to provide electronic case management, and to provide a common interface to all agencies. The program is set up so that if the final phases remain unfunded, the first phase can stand alone and still be of functional value. The Chief Justice assured the board that access to justice is a priority. Individuals without computers will be able to file paper documents with the courts and hard copies of court documents will be available to those who still prefer that option. Additional public access is anticipated through public computers at government agencies and in libraries. The e-Court™ will roll out July 14, 2008, with Supreme Court filings, and will be available in all courts in late August 2008. Those desiring to use the e-Court™ Program will be required to meet minimal standards and to take an online tutorial before file documents electronically. Additional information will appear on the Supreme Court's website as it becomes available. President Rick Yugler will work with bar staff to appoint a task force to work with the Supreme Court to provide feedback and to educate bar members. The task force will include individuals from the Board of Governors, Oregon Department of Justice, various bar groups, and bar staff. There are still procedural and educational issues to be worked out, but the system is well on its way to fruition.

**Motion:** Ms. Fisher moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and the board unanimously passed the motion to implement an e-Court™ Task Force per the Chief Justice's request. Bar staff will present a proposal at the board's May meeting.

2. **Executive Director Search Special Committee** [Ms. Skerjanec]

A. **Approval of Executive Director Job Description**

**Motion:** Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Johnson seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion to add the following to the Executive Director Job Description:

“Participate in efforts to expand access to justice for all Oregonians.”

**Motion:** The board unanimously passed the committee motion to approve the Executive Director Job Description with the addition of the previous motion and the following grammar and punctuation changes:

Change “Responsible for development of the board agenda... “ to “Develops board agenda...” and remove the second period on the second bullet point on the final page of the exhibit.

The board met in Executive Session pursuant to notice given by Ms. Stevens' memo of April 2, 2008, to consider a former bar member's request that the OSB subordinate its judgment liens to a new lender.

**Motion:** Mr. Greene moved, Ms. Evans seconded and the board passed the motion to decline politely to subordinate its judgments, with Ms. Fisher and Mr. Piucci opposing.

**Motion:** Mr. Kent moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and the board unanimously passed the motion to authorize Ms. Stevens to enter into further negotiations with the former bar member.