Summary of 2012 House of Delegates Actions
November 2, 2012

Passed

Increase in Inactive Membership Fee for 2013. (BOG Resolution No. 1)

Amend Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct 1.8(e). (BOG Resolution No. 3)

Amendment of Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct 5.4(a). (BOG Resolution No. 4)

Veterans Day Remembrance extending gratitude to those serving in the military service and offering condolences to the families of those who have died in service to their country (BOG Resolution No. 5)

Online Computer Knowledge Base (Delegate Resolution No. 1) as amended [Exhibit A]

Stable Funding for the Court System Board of Governors Resolution No. 6)

Support for Adequate Funding for Legal Services to Low-Income Oregonians (Delegate Resolution No. 5)

Fairness in PIP Arbitration Proceedings (Delegate Resolution No. 6)

Establish Centralized Legal Notice System (Delegate Resolution No. 9) as amended [Exhibit B]

Failed

Metropolitan Court District (Delegate Resolution No. 2)

Lawyer Referral Service Policy and Procedure Changes (Delegate Resolution No. 3)

Amendment of Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Delegate Resolution No. 4)

Amend Oregon Rule of Civil Procedure 54E (Delegate Resolution No. 7)

Legal Rate of Interest Upon Non-Contract Obligations (Delegate Resolution No. 8)

Not Considered

Due to Lack of Quorum

Amendment of Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct 3.4 (Delegate Resolution No. 10)

Amendment of Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct 7.3 (Delegate Resolution No. 11)
Whereas, section 1.2 “Purposes” of the Oregon State Bar Association (“OSB”) states in subsection A that “We are a professional organization, promoting high standards of honor, integrity, professional conduct, professional competence, learning and public service among members of the legal profession.”

Whereas, members and staff of the OSB produce written materials that are useful in the practice of law in Oregon (the “OSB Works”), many of which are not available from any other sources.

Whereas, large portions of the OSB Works are not readily accessible to the members of the OSB.

Whereas, the cost of dissemination of written materials over the internet is low.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

Resolved, that the OSB Board of Governors establish a goal of establishing a comprehensive online computer knowledge base (the “OSB Knowledge Base”) for the use of its members incorporating the OSB Materials [works] that are not restricted by their authors, or privileged or otherwise confidential.

Further Resolved, that the OSB Board of Governors establish a task force composed of volunteer members of the OSB as well as invited technical advisors to study the benefits and costs of the development and implementation the OSB Knowledge Base.

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Financial Impact: approx. 10 hours of OSB staff time per month to support the task force
Resolved, The House of Delegates of the Oregon State Bar instructs the Board of Governors to support and to seek [reconsider seeking] legislative approval for a centralized legal notice system to be operated for the benefit of all Oregonians under the auspices of either the state judicial department or a private nonprofit such as the Oregon Law Foundation.”