Oregon State Bar Sections

OSB Sections provide specialized information and opportunities for members. Each section is designed to:

- Enhance lawyers’ specialized skill and knowledge.
- Influence changes in the legislature and community.
- Keep members abreast of developments in their field.
- Provide an avenue for educational and pro bono opportunities.
- Provide a forum to network, build relationships, and express views.

Each section accomplishes these goals through a combination of section meetings, Continuing Legal Education programs, legislative activities, and publications. In addition to these activities common to most section, sections have programs and goals that address important issues in their specific field.

Guidelines

For Bar Committee and Section Executive Committee Meetings

These guidelines are intended to make participation on Committees less difficult for members living outside the Portland area. Committees are urged to take these guidelines into account when meeting schedules are established.

1. Committee meetings should be limited to every six, or even eight, weeks, unless a particular committee’s work load justifies more frequent meetings. Over the course of a year, a few long meetings will be less demanding on member’s time than several short ones. Moreover, longer meetings may be more productive, since there is less time spent reviewing and reinventing.

2. Committees should schedule a minimum number of meetings away from the Portland area. For example, an eight meeting schedule should include five meetings in Portland, two at a moderate distance (e.g., Eugene, Bend, Newport) and one in southern or eastern Oregon (Ashland, Pendleton, John Day, etc.). Portland area members should be strongly encouraged to attend as part of their duties as committee members.

3. At least a third of the meetings should be held on Saturday. Portland meetings often require the commitment of an entire day for members living outside the Portland-Salem area. Impact on office time should be reduced by scheduling Saturday meetings.

4. Committees should explore alternatives to regular meetings, such as phone conferences, and means of participation other than attending regular meetings.

5. To schedule a meeting at the bar center, call, write, or e-mail your bar liaison with the desired date and time. Meeting space is available at the bar center at no charge and the bar will provide coffee and tea for committee and section meetings. Please note that meeting space is assigned on a first come, first served basis.