

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007, 8:15 Am Meeting

The Meeting was held at Port of Portland, 121 NW Everett Street, Portland, OR 97209

Present:

Laura Maffei; Renee Moulun; David Ashton; Don Pyle; Scott Morrill; Jas Adams; Mike Campbell.

Also in attendance was Morgan Wyenn, our new Student Liason with Lewis & Clark

Excused absence: Maggie Langlas

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 2007 meeting were tabled
2. Chair's Report (Renee)
 - a) Renee reported on the House of Delegates Mtg. on 9/29/07. She recommended that next year the Executive Committee should work up and agree on positions going in to the meeting.
 - b) The ad hoc Committee to Develop Recommendations on Spending the Section Surplus has not yet met due to scheduling difficulties. David will continue to try to move this forward.
 - c) The Nominating Committee for 2008 officers and executive committee members was discussed. David volunteered. Renee agreed to send out an email seeking Nominating Committee volunteers and identifying the slots to be filled and any applicable OSB rules. The continuing need for geographical and practice diversity on the Executive Committee was emphasized.
 - d) Holiday Party and Annual Meeting will take place at the Lucky Lab on Hawthorne in Portland on December 11, 2007 from 6 to 8.

Action: Renee will reserve the location.
3. Diane's Treasurer's Report was tabled. Scott Morrill shared the Section's latest Expenses and Revenue sheet. The Secretary has a copy if anyone would like to see it.
4. Scott provided his Bar Liaison Report: Bar Funds can not be used to purchase alcohol. Any contracts must be approved by Karen Garst. The Annual meeting usually should take place by November 15. Scott also identified the people at the Bar who could educate us more on what the CLE facilities will be in the new OSB building.

5. Newsletters (David, Hong)
 - A. Supplemental Environmental Projects (Les)
 - B. Cultural Sites (Stephen)
 - C. Environmental Crimes (Susan)
 - D. E-alert topics: (Hong, David)

Hong is on-leave from her job at Miller Nash. David agreed to circulate email summaries of the status of the Outlook editions on SEPs and Cultural Sites after contacting the issue editors and the case notes editor.

Possible hot topics for future E-alerts were discussed, including these matters in litigation: the NEA case on Oregon's Water Quality Standards; Columbia Riverkeeper v. EPA; the forest roads case in the 9th Circuit; and the Oregon circuit court challenge to DEQ's general stormwater permit.

The committee also discussed the value of tracking Oregon administrative agency administrative determinations and regulatory actions in Oregon. Don Pyle shared a copy of the publication of the Washington Environmental and Land Use Section as an example of a strong publication.

6. Brownbags and CLEs (David)
 - A. Upcoming brownbag CLE's
 1. *Rapanos*
 2. Air Emissions
 3. Renewable Energy

David updated the group on forthcoming Brownbags. Marianne Fitzgerald will give a presentation November 8 at Ater Wynn's offices on DEQ's Proposed Rulemaking on Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Steve Hill (Miller Nash) and Jim Gouzdewaard of the Corps will give presentations November 30 on Clean Water Act Jurisdiction post *Rapanos* and the Corps EPA Guidance at Miller Nash's Portland offices.

David also discussed his idea to have a whole series of Brownbags and CLEs relating to the subject of Global Warming.

7. Website
Kristen will resign her position and the Section needs to find someone to take over this responsibility.
8. Desk Book Supplement - tabled
9. Student Liaison Efforts

The new liaison with Lewis & Clark Morgan Wyenn introduced herself and discussed some of the things that she had been discussing with David. Morgan is Editor of the Environmental Law Review at L&C and is in her third year. She will put our case notes editor in contact with volunteers at L&C who can assist with case summaries. L&C post case analyses online at elawreview.org. She can also assist with facilitating L&C speakers or joint Section/L&C events. The Section welcomes Morgan to the Section and looks forward to working with her.

10. Marketing Section Membership Status

- A. Willamette: Jas.
- B. Lewis & Clark: David
- C. U of Oregon: Liam

Beyond enlisting the assistance of Morgan, the next activity in this area is for Susan Smith to find liaisons with the students at Willamette.

10. New Business

There was discussion of making sure Exec information gets distributed to interested Section members not on Exec. David will work on this.

Future Meeting Dates: November 13, 2007; December 11, 2007; January 9, 2008

Cc: Interested persons