

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 11, 2011, 9:15 a.m.

The meeting was held at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt's offices in Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

In person: Jas Adams, Laura Maffei, John Marsh, Erin Madden, Patrick Rowe, Kimberlee Stafford

Via Telephone: Hong Huynh, Pam Hardy, Nathan Karman, Regina Cutler, Susan O'Toole, Sarah Winter Whelan, Scott Morrill

Excused: Rachel Barton-Russell, Karen Moynahan, Dustin Till,

1. Approval of Minutes from January 2011 Meeting (John)

January minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

2. Chair's Report (Jas)

- a. It was noted that Kim Stafford was highlighted for her pro bono work (Head Start) in Multnomah Lawyer.
- b. Jas submitted the Section Report to the OSB Offices. He will email a copy to the EC.
- c. The Oregon League of Conservation Voters annual banquet is April 15. Jas noted that the Section filled a table at the banquet last year. He will send information to the Section.
- d. Legislative Report – Hong reported that she receives updates from the OSB that tracks bills relevant to the Section. The legislative subcommittee will work with Patrick on an E-alert at some point during the session addressing bills relevant to the Section. They will also work with Patrick on an E-alert after the session addressing relevant bills passed during the legislative session.
- e. ENR Section fieldtrips – Adam Orford of the Marten Law firm suggested that there may be some interesting sites related to environmental and natural resource issues to which the EC could sponsor free field trips that section members could attend. Adam agreed to chair a subcommittee to address this topic. Jas will be an ex-officio member of the subcommittee.

3. Treasurer's Report (Laura)

Laura Maffei provided the treasurer's report. We had \$3,076 in expenses in December 2010, no revenues in December, and an ending balance on December 31st of \$13,704. As of the end of December, we have 550 paid members and 11 complimentary members for a total Section membership of 561.

4. Bar Liaison Report (Scott)

Scott reported that there was nothing new to report.

5. Casenotes (Micah)

Micah was not on the phone call so we did not have a report at this meeting.

6. Newsletters (David)

The consensus was that, given the passage of time, the October 2010 CLE would not be the topic of a newsletter. Karen and John will put together a summary of the CLE that can be used for advertising the 2011 CLE.

The need for newsletters on the following topics will be discussed at the March EC meeting. (It was noted that other forums might be covering these topics sufficiently).

- Portland Harbor (David [Issue Editor], Kim, Erin, Hong)
- Climate Change (Dustin [Issue Editor], David, Laura)
- Oil Spills (David and Patrick)

7. Deskbook (Laura)

Laura reported that the **Deskbook Subcommittee** met a couple of weeks earlier. She emphasized that the Deskbook is not being rewritten; similar chapters are being combined and new information is being added. She noted they have a soft target date of the end of the year to have an updated 1st Volume.

8. Brownbags (Nathan)

Following is the status of pending Brownbags:

- Citizen suit law update (point/counterpoint) – scheduled for April 6th at Perkins Coie
- Safe Harbors and spotted owls – Brett putting together speakers for this Brownbag. Erin will assist Brett.
- Power transmission and associated environmental issues on siting – John agreed to be the lead for this Brownbag.
- Coal exports from PNW- Volunteer needed for this topic.
- Ethics – Scott is the lead and is tentatively planning for May.

- NEPA caselaw – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag.
- Kitzhaber’s Natural Resource Advisor – This Brownbag is tabled until the new NRA is appointed.
- Stormwater Management and Enforcement in Portland – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag. Karen agreed to assist Nathan.

The EC approved a budget of up to \$400 for sending Brownbag notices to other OSB Sections.

9. Annual CLE Update (John)

Edgefield has been reserved for the CLE for October 13 and 14.

10. E-alert Topics (Patrick)

Patrick asked that the EC let him know of any ideas for E-alerts as they become ripe. He reported that nothing is in the “pipeline.”

11. Law School Liaisons

- Willamette Law School [Karen Moynahan] – No report.
- Lewis and Clark Law School [Kim Stafford] – No report.
- University of Oregon Law School [Rachel Barton-Russell] – No report.

All liaisons are in the process of identifying student EC members to participate in the Executive Committee meetings.

12. New Business

Erin agreed to be the lead for the annual meeting this year. She is going to identify potential sites for the annual meeting. She is going to try to schedule it for the 1st or 2nd Thursday or Friday in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 11, 2011, at 9:15 p.m., at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt’s offices in Portland.