

FINAL
OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 8, 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, Karen Moynahan, Kimberlee Stafford, Dustin Till, Patrick Rowe

Via Telephone: Rachel Barton-Russell, Regina Cutler, Hong Huynh, Nathan Karman, Brett Kenney, Erin Madden, Scott Morrill, Susan O'Toole

Others in Attendance: none

Excused: Sarah Winter Whelan

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

March minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

2. Chair's Report (Jas)

- a. Pro Bono Services Project – It was noted that we need to coordinate with the Sustainable Futures Section on what it is doing on this topic. The **Pro Bono Subcommittee** is - Erin [Chair], Jas, John, Rachel, Sarah Winter Whelan.
- b. Oregon League of Conservation Voters annual dinner – There is one seat left at the table reserved for our section by Jas.

3. Treasurer's Report (Laura)

Laura Maffei provided the treasurer's report. We had \$128 in expenses in February, \$195 in revenue in February, and an ending balance on February 28th of \$17,632. As of the end of February, we have 532 paid members and 1 complimentary member for a total Section membership of 533. Our budget projects 550 members.

4. Bar Liaison Report (Scott)

- a. Scott reminded the EC that the OSB is now offering a free audio recording service for CLEs and Brownbags. Copies of the recordings will be available for purchase from the

OSB. The **CLE Subcommittee** is planning on using this service and it will be investigated for our Section Brownbags.

5. **Legislative Report (Hong)**

The **Legislative Subcommittee** continues to track bills in the Oregon Legislation session. Hong recently sent out an email with information on bills being tracked. It was noted that some additional bills need to be added to the tracking list. Hong will coordinate with Amanda at the OSB to add bills that need to be added.

6. **Casenotes (Micah)**

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

7. **Deskbook (Laura)**

Laura reported that the **Deskbook Subcommittee** is making progress. She noted that Regulation and Permitting is moving along and Kim is the lead for this topic. She noted that other chapters are also making progress and she will email a progress report to the EC.

8. **Brownbags (Nathan)**

Following is the status of pending Brownbags:

- Citizen suit law update (point/counterpoint) – It was noted that this Brownbag went well and was held April 6th at Perkins Coie
- Ethics – Scott is the lead and it is scheduled for May 5th.
- NEPA caselaw – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag. He has tentatively arranged for Owen Schmidt to present in June.
- 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.
- Kitzhaber's Natural Resource Advisor (GNRA) – The GNRA has been appointed (Richard Whitman). Jas. Adams will follow up regarding his availability during the legislative session, or the availability of his soon-to-be appointed deputy.
- Stormwater Management and Enforcement in Portland – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag. Karen is helping find speakers. It will be scheduled for end of June or in July.

9. **Annual CLE Update (John)**

The deposit has been provided to McMenamins Edgefield and the facility secured for the CLE for October 13 and 14. The **CLE Subcommittee** (John [Chair], Pam, Erin, Patrick, Susan, Dustin, and Karen) met March 25 and agreed to assignments for all the tasks needed to put on the CLE. Potential speakers are being contacted for sessions on ESA, Global

Warming/Alternative Energy, CWA/CAA, and CERCLA/RCRA. Scott has agreed to give an environmental-oriented ethics talk and Patrick Flanagan, DOJ, has agreed to be our lunch speaker on the topic of environmental crimes. Jas, Hong, and Brett asked to be added to the subcommittee.

10. E-Outlook (Patrick)

As agreed at the last EC meeting, the Section newsletter (Outlook) has been melded into and supersedes what was previously called E-Alerts. E-Outlooks will contain up to 3 articles. These articles can be on different topics or can be point-counterpoint oriented on the same topic.

Patrick, the managing editor of E-Alerts, has agreed to assume this role for E Outlooks. We are shooting to have at least 3 issues in the hopper at all times and we agreed to be diligent in soliciting ideas for topics. The following E-Outlooks are planned:

- Portland Harbor – Cleanup Cost Update (David, Kim, Erin, Hong)
- Climate Change (Dustin, David, Laura)
- Oil Spills (David and Patrick)
- Invasive Species (Jas)
- Legislative Roundup (Hong) – This E-Outlook will be issued after the Legislative Session is over.

11. Law School Liaisons

The EC decided that we need to define the goals and expectations of having law school liaisons. We will discuss this topic at our next EC meeting. The **Law School Liaison Subcommittee** (Karen, Kim, Rachel) reported as follows:

- Willamette Law School [Karen Moynahan] – Karen is giving notice to law students that the liaison position is open and available.
- Lewis and Clark Law School [Kim Stafford] – Kim is moving forward to identify a liaison.
- University of Oregon Law School [Rachel Barton-Russell] – Rachel is giving notice to law students that the liaison position is open and available.

12. Annual Meeting (Erin)

Erin reported that the annual meeting is scheduled for December 9th at Pazzo Restaurant in the Burgundy Room. The EC will need to discuss and decide on food and budget at a future meeting.

13. Field Trips (Adam Orford)

No report. Members of the EC are encouraged to pass on ideas for field trips to Adam.

14. New Business

- A **Social Events Subcommittee** [Jas (Chair), Karen, Brett] was established at the meeting. They are charged with looking for opportunities to have social events for the Section. Bend, Eugene, and Salem were identified as potential places for events so that members of the Section outside of Portland have an opportunity to meet socially and get to know each other. Karen is going to request a list of ENR Section members sorted geographically. It was suggested that all social events should request RSVPs so that we can gauge interest and plan on appropriate quantity of refreshments. Brett suggested that social events be combined with field trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM. [A new record for promptly completing our business!]

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AGENDA

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2. Chair's Report (Jas)
3. Treasurer's Report (Laura)
4. Bar Liaison Report (Scott)
5. Legislative Report (Hong)
6. Casenotes (Micah)
7. Newsletters (David)
8. Updating E&NR Deskbook (Laura)
9. Brownbags (Nathan)
10. Annual CLE update (John)
11. E-Outlook (aka E-alerts) (Patrick)
12. Law School Liaison Reports (Karen, Kim, Rachel)
13. Annual Meeting (Erin)
14. Field Trips (Adam Orford)
15. New Business (Jas)

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