

**OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**June 10, 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, Patrick Rowe, Kim Stafford, Dustin Till

*Via Telephone:* Regina Cutler, Hong Huynh, Nathan Karman, Brett Kenney, Scott Morrill, Rachel Barton-Russell

*Others in Attendance:* Micah Steinhilb, Sarah Liljefelt

*Excused:* David Ashton, Erin Madden, Karen Moynahan, Susan O'Toole, Sarah Winter Whelan

**1. Approval of Minutes from May 2011 Meeting (John)**

May minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

**2. Chair's Report (Jas)**

No report.

**3. Treasurer's Report (Laura)**

No report, as the May financial report has not been issued by the OSB offices at this time.

**4. Bar Liaison Report (Scott)**

- a. Scott noted that the Supreme Court has authorized a mentoring program for the OSB. It is expected to be up and running this fall.
- b. Ethics School is a new program at OSB for minor infractions. It is analogous to "traffic school." Scott will check if non-offenders can attend Ethics School and receive CLE credits.

## **5. Legislative Report (Hong)**

The **Legislative Subcommittee** continues to track bills in the Oregon Legislative session.

## **6. Casenotes (Jas)**

As noted last month, Micah has decided to resign from his position as Casenotes lead. The EC discussed the following at the meeting:

- a. Micah has 2 issues left in his contract. He will complete his contract obligation. The next issue will come out at the end of June or early July.
- b. The EC voted to raise the hourly pay rate for the Casenotes editor from \$15 per hour to \$20 per hour, effective immediately (as of June 10, 2011).
- c. An ad hoc Casenotes Hiring Subcommittee was formed to hire the replacement for Micah. Members include Jas (Chair), Brett, Regina, and Micah. The subcommittee will present a recommended hiring process at the July EC meeting. At the least, the EC discussed sending an email notifying of the need to all the people Micah has worked with during his term as Casenotes editor, as well as to others the EC knows might be interested.

## **7. Deskbook (Laura)**

The Deskbook Subcommittee met in May. Laura will be working with Linda Kruschke at the OSB on editing and formatting. Publication of the ENR Deskbook is expected in early 2013 along with several other Deskbooks at that time.

## **8. Brownbags (Nathan)**

Following is the status of pending Brownbags:

- NEPA caselaw – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag. He has tentatively arranged for Owen Schmidt to present in October.
- 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 will follow up regarding his availability in the early fall, or the availability of his deputy Brett Brownscombe.
- Stormwater Management and Enforcement in Portland – Nathan is the lead for this Brownbag. Karen is helping find speakers. It will be scheduled for July.
- Ali Seals, the President of the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association, and Dustin are putting together a brownbag on Environmental Justice Issues for July.

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

As reported before, McMenamins Edgefield has been secured for the CLE for October 13 and 14. Potential speakers are being contacted for sessions on ESA, Global Warming/Alternative Energy, CWA/CAA, and CERCLA/RCRA. It was suggested that a bill going through the Oregon legislative session addressing solid waste might be a good topic for the CLE. Also, speakers are being asked to address any national or Oregon legislative issues/actions, if applicable.

## **10. E-Outlook (Patrick)**

The following E-Outlooks are planned:

- Oil Pollution Act/CERCLA Cost Recoveries (David, Kim, Hong, Patrick) [September]
- Climate Change (Dustin, David, Laura) [September]
- Invasive Species (Jas) [July]
- Legislative Roundup (Hong) – This E-Outlook will be issued after the Legislative Session is over.

## **11. Law School Liaisons (Rachel, Karen, Kim)**

The EC discussed goals and expectations of having law school liaisons. The following was discussed:

- Law students could participate in producing Casenotes. The EC could use this as a mentoring opportunity/program for law students. Karen is going to check to see if the EC can republish Willamette Law School casenotes with credit to the law student authors.
- Instead of attending EC meetings, we could have law students assist on projects that the EC is working on that would be of interest to law students. We could use the environmental groups and leads at law schools to notify students of opportunities to assist on specific projects as they arise.
- The EC should issue periodic notices to law students inviting them to join the Section.
- A Law School Liaison Subcommittee was formed as follows: Rachel [Chair], Karen, and Kim.

## **12. Annual Meeting (Erin)**

No report.

**13. Field Trips (Adam Orford)**

Adam was not able to attend the meeting. He emailed a report that he was putting together an email to send to the entire Section to solicit ideas and promote the idea of field trips to allow lawyers to actually visit the things they work on.

**14. Pro Bono Project Update**

The Pro Bono subcommittee did not meet in the last month. It was noted that any ENR pro bono program should get certified by the PLF to address potential liability insurance issues. The pro bono project will be addressed at the July EC meeting.

**15. New Business**

- It was noted that all EC members are required to notify John Marsh, Secretary, prior to the meeting if you will not be attending the monthly EC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

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6. Casenotes (Jas)
7. Updating ENR Deskbook (Laura)
8. Brownbags (Nathan)
9. Annual CLE update (John)
10. E-Outlooks (Patrick)
  - 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)
11. Law School Liaison Reports (Karen, Kim, Rachel)
  - a. How do we want to focus our Law School efforts? (Jas)
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