

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

**FINAL MINUTES**

**July 8, 2011, 9:15 a.m.**

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

Attendance (A quorum of 13 members attended):

*In person:* David Ashton, Laura Maffei, John Marsh, Karen Moynahan, Dustin Till

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

*Others in Attendance:* None

*Excused:* Jas Adams, Hong Huynh, Patrick Rowe, Sarah Winter Whelan

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

June minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

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

It was reported that the August meeting of the ENR EC is cancelled.

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

We had \$139 in expenses in May, \$30 in revenue in May, and an ending balance on May 31st of \$17,283. As of the end of May, we had 543 paid members and 1 complimentary member for a total Section membership of 544.

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

Scott noted that the quorum for OSB Section Executive Committees is a "majority." For the ENR EC, that is 9 of the 17 voting members.

**5. Legislative Report (Hong)**

No report.

**6. Casenotes (Jas)**

The ad hoc Casenotes subcommittee has identified 4 candidates for Casenotes lead. The

subcommittee will meet next week to select a candidate for recommendation to the EC. By approval of a motion the EC delegated authority to the subcommittee to hire the Casenotes lead.

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

Last week Laura and Michael Campbell met with Linda Kruschke at the OSB about editing and formatting. The schedule is as follows:

- We are still recruiting authors. Some authors are already working on chapters.
- Our authors submit chapters to our internal editors in late-January to early-February.
- Our edited chapters to OSB editors in mid-Spring.
- The Deskbook will be published online in early 2013. Hard copies will be available for order from the OSB.

## **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.
- Dustin and Ali Seals, the President of the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association, are organizing a brownbag for September.
- Sarah Liljefelt (Armenian Water Code) and Laura Schroder (Oregon Water Law) might do a Brownbag on a comparison of Armenian and Oregon water law in August.
- Brett is organizing a Brownbag on the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan.

## **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. Speakers are being asked to address any national or Oregon legislative issues/actions, if applicable. The EC approved

a budget for the event including tuition as follows:

- Non-Members - \$100
- Members - \$75
- NGO & Government - \$50
- Students - Free
- Speakers/Organizers/Volunteers- Free

#### **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) [October or November]
- 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)**

No report.

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

The Annual Meeting is all set up. We will discuss whether to have a speaker at the event and, if so, who.

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

No report.

#### **14. Pro Bono Project Update**

Sarah reported that they had emailed non-profits and asked whether they would use Pro Bono services. They sent out requests to 13 organizations and received 8 replies; all positive. They noted that needs included subject matter experts in Environmental Law and also help with contracts and other basic legal topics. Sarah has drafted an email to send to ENR Section membership searching for volunteers to do Pro Bono work. The email will be sent to the EC for review before it goes to the membership.

#### **15. Ad Hoc Awards Subcommittee**

David reported that the subcommittee met in June and their next meeting is scheduled for July 15. They are considering the following:

- What is the objective of the award? They are considering only one award at this time.

- Award will be item, not cash.
- Putting together selection criteria that are consistent with OSB guidelines.

The subcommittee will have a better definition of the award at the September EC meeting.

**16. New Business**

- There will be no August meeting of the EC.
- 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 10:32 AM.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, September 9, 2011, at 9:15 p.m., at Schwabe  
Williamson & Wyatt's offices in Portland.**