

**OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES¹**

Friday, June 14, 2013, at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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

Attendance (11 members attended, quorum achieved)

In person: Karen Moynahan, Laura Maffei, Duncan Delano, Kirk Maag , Larry Burke, Lawson Fite, Dustin Till, Jared Ogden

Via Telephone: Scott Morrill, Aurora Paulsen, Sarah W., Dan Mensher, Hong Huynh

Others in Attendance:

Excused: Patrick Rowe, Kate Moore, Anzie Nelson, John Marsh

1. Approval of Minutes from May 2013 Meeting (Karen)

Minutes approved.

2. Chair's Report (Laura)

The section needs to find replacement for Jared. Jared has a suggestion for replacement (Matt Pruesch). Laura would like to consider other applicants as well. The section is hoping to hire someone in July.

3. Treasurer's Report (Patrick)

Patrick is excused today. The section's end of March balance was \$12,933, with 507 paid members and 511 total members. We are close to our membership target.

4. Bar Liaison Report (Scott)

Scott reported that effective January 1, 2014, OSB's per member assessment fee will increase from \$6.50 to \$8. If our section is proposing a dues increase, we have to have our section's annual meeting by Oct 15th. If not, we should have our meeting by November 15th. Laura would like to discuss a potential increase at our July meeting after looking at our budget and discussing it with John and Patrick.

Scott reported that there are numerous OSB end-of-year awards, and the Bar is looking for nominations from the membership. Contact Kate Pulju at OSB for more information.

¹ A quorum of the ENR EC is composed of at least 9 of the 17 members.

Scott also reported that there is a CLE clearinghouse calendar on OSB website. Scott reminds the section to call the CLE seminars department to check conflicts when scheduling events.

OSB member services advised Scott that the section had numerous complimentary members in 2012, not all of whom have continued on as paying members. Most were law students. If the section intends to offer complimentary memberships again, we need to call Danny Edwards or other members services staff. They want to know who is complimentary. Scott will give us list so we can follow up with those who haven't rejoined.

Scott won't be here for the July meeting. Amber Hollister will participate in his stead.

5. Publications

- a. **Updating ENR deskbook (Laura)** - Volume I should be out electronically in the immediate future. It was supposed to be out a couple of weeks ago, but there are a few straggling issues. Volume II is progressing.
- b. **Casenotes (Jared)**- The next issue of Casenotes is coming out in July. Jared is working on getting a replacement. He would like to stay active with the section and work on the annual CLE. Hong inquired as to how far back we store our Casenotes and suggested that we discuss organizing and storing Casenotes going forward. Scott informed us that older newsletters are archived with OSB via a link in the Section Newsletter Library.
- c. **E-Outlooks (Sarah L.)**- Sarah is excused today. No report.

6. Education/CLE

a. **Brownbags (Anzie)**-

Anzie is on maternity leave. Sarah L. reported to Laura that Laura Schroeder would like to talk about water law in Afghanistan, where she recently traveled. September would be a likely month for that presentation. Duncan Delano will assist with organizing brownbags during Anzie's maternity leave.

The *Decker* brownbag is tentatively scheduled for July with Allison LaPlante.

Kirk suggested that we have a Klamath Basin brownbag.

- b. **Field Trips (Lawson)**- Lawson has arranged a tour of the Gresham Treatment Plant and Columbia River Wetland Facility on Thursday, June 20 at 9 am. He has received 10-15 RSVPS so far. Lawson is working on a Portland Harbor tour, tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2103. The section would charter with Portland Spirit for roughly \$3500 for 50 people. It includes food provided on the boat, so we could have the tour over lunch hour. Lawson suggested \$25 per participant, with the balance paid by our section. He would like some speaker suggestions. To collect the fees, OSB can help but there is a fee. Lawson is going to schedule a Grabhorn Landfill tour. Karen is scheduling a WPCL tour for November.

- c. **Annual CLE (John)**- CLE Committee will meet later this month.
- d. **Legislative Update (Dustin)**- The environmental insurance bill has passed. There's been no recent update from the bar liaison. The wildfire bill passed. Dustin will distribute a summary in August.

7. Committees

- a. **Pro Bono Report (Sarah W., Dan)**- A second email regarding the pro bono directory went out and the committee received numerous responses. Sarah reports that the committee is very close to distributing the list. They hope to send the list to target organizations next month.
 - b. **Exec Committee Cultivation (Dustin)**- Dustin is working on leads for new members. The section is looking for geographic diversity and practice diversity. It's important to have someone who will attend the meetings and help the committee.
 - c. **Technology**-Kate Moore is on maternity leave. Sarah L. is helping with the section website in Kate's absence.
 - d. **Fastcase (Sarah L.)**- Sarah is excused and reported that she has no update. Fastcase was signed into law.
8. **New Business (Laura)**- Kirk inquired as to when the Awards Committee convenes. Laura stated that the committee should form in September. She will contact David Ashton, who runs the committee.

Next Meeting Date: The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. on July 12, 2013, at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, 1211 SW 5th Ave., Suite 1900. If you will not be able to attend, please notify Karen Moynahan before the meeting via email to be excused.