

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

**Friday, April 17, 2015, at 9:15 a.m.**

Sussman Shank LLP, 1000 SW Broadway, Suite 1400, Portland, OR 97204

**ATTENDEES:**

**In person:** Patrick Rowe, Kirk Maag, Karen Moynahan, Stacy Owen, Lawson Fite, Jared Ogdon  
**Via telephone:** Chris Winter, Mary Anne Nash, Karin Power, Anzie St. Clair, Kate Moore, John Marsh, Mike Freese  
**Excused:** Rose Francis, Larry Burke, Dustin Till

Quorum achieved.

**1. Approval of Minutes (Lawson)**

Action: March minutes approved with corrections to attendance list.

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

**a. Status of Dick Roy proposal/Request**

Patrick distributed a document entitled "A Call to the Bar" which attorney Dick Roy requested the EC distribute to section members. The document is a petition relating to action on global climate change. Patrick stated that Mr. Roy's request is that the petition be distributed to membership, not that it be endorsed or signed.

Several EC members expressed concern about distribution of the petition to membership. Patrick stated he had a concern about the precedent of distributing petitions to membership. Stacy noted there is a process through the Bar for taking positions on legislative actions. Kirk suggested that Mr. Roy could send the petition to the section listserv. Lawson and Jared both expressed concern about the endorsement implied by an EC distribution, even if members of the EC might agree with the intent of the petition.

The general consensus was that the EC is uncomfortable distributing the petition. John will contact Mr. Roy and let him know about the option to send the petition to the section himself.

### **3. Bar Liaison Report (Stacy)**

#### **a. Introduction of new Bar liaison, Stacy Owen**

Patrick introduced Stacy Owen as the new Bar liaison in place of Scott Morrill. Stacy noted that Michelle Lane at the Bar is gathering materials for the May swearing in, which are due May 1. Stacy also noted that Sarah Hackbart distributed an email regarding award nominations, which are due July 14. Stacy also passed along the Bar's reminder to make any check requests for charitable donations to the Bar. EC members noted the section's policy of ceasing donations after 2014.

### **4. Treasurer's Report (Dustin)**

Dustin was not present but provided Patrick with the budget, which was distributed. March balance is \$12,284. Spending in March was \$98. We are at 502 paid members and 510 total members.

### **5. Publications**

#### **a. Updating ENR deskbook (Laura)**

No update. Kirk will follow up with Laura.

#### **b. Casenotes (Jared)**

Jared reported this is going well. The section hosted a pizza party for Willamette Law Online on April 16, which Patrick, Karen, Mike, and Larry attended.

Karen asked whether we should give WLO students section membership. Jared will contact the WLO editor to follow up.

Kate will put the student membership form on the website.

#### **c. E-Outlooks (Sarah L.)**

Sarah reported the legislative outlook went out last month. She is looking for ideas for the next E-Outlook.

### **6. Education/CLE**

**a. Brownbags (Anzie/ David R.)**

Anzie reported an environmental insurance brownbag is scheduled for next week, which has received more than 40 RSVPs. A couple additional brownbags are in the works, one relating to Indian law (joint with Indian law section) and another on sage grouse. There was some discussion whether the Indian law brown bag would include cultural resources. Karen suggested that Anzie contact Pat Flanagan (DOJ). Anzie will be on maternity leave starting in July.

**b. Field trips (Rose/Mike)**

Mike stated he will have more time to work on this after next Tuesday. Karin suggested a tour of Willamette Falls, which was warmly received.

**c. Annual CLE (Karen)**

Karen reported that the annual CLE is scheduled for October 23. Karen has received the contract from Edgefield. The committee met next week and Karen has circulated an email re potential topics. Panels include the drought, RCRA 101, the clean power plan/policy proposals for clean energy, a statutory update with a focus on new cases, and an ethics panel. Karen will invite Kate Brown for the keynote, recognizing an alternate will probably be necessary.

**d. Legislation (Mike/Dustin/David)**

E-Outlook has been sent out. The “crossover” deadline recently occurred, which reduces the number of active bills. Legislation regarding cap & trade and biomass is still alive. The session is likely to conclude between June 23 and July 4.

**7. Committees**

**a. Pro Bono (Chris)**

Chris has all the information. He sent an email asking if people want to remain on the list. No one has been contacted by potential pro bono clients. Chris needs to get a directory of NGOs. There was some discussion about whether the Bar gets calls and whether to put the directory on the section website.

**b. Technology (Kate)**

Nothing new. Regarding posting of minutes, final minutes can be emailed to Kate to be put on the website.

**c. Diversity (Larry)**

Larry was not present. See last month's report.

**d. Law Student Recruitment (Karen M./Karin P.)**

For swearing-in: we can use the same flyer as last year. Jared has the flyer. Sarah noted there is a small copy charge- Stacy will check on those.

Karen asked about how we will handle/recruit law students at the CLE. There was a general discussion about increasing student involvement, including a suggestion to send a notice to Lewis & Clark's clinics. Karin suggested an activity in August to coordinate with orientation. Lawson suggested a summer event and offered space for it. Mike suggested holding a CLE at one of the law schools. Lawson will reach out to a contact at UO about law student involvement.

**e. 2016 Budget (Dustin/Karen M.)**

No discussion yet.

**8. New Business (Patrick)**

**a. Request from membership to include agenda in meeting notice**

**b. Posting of minutes on website**

Both items were endorsed. As noted above, final minutes can be emailed to Kate for posting.

Karin stated that WIE is putting together mentoring circles, and suggested the section do something similar. Preliminary discussion followed.

Adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Next meeting: May 15, 2015.