

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, February 19, 2016, at 9:15 a.m.

Tonkon Torp LLP, 888 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204

Attendees:

In person: Karen Moynahan, Diane Lloyd, Stacy Owen (OSB Liaison), David Rabbino, Dustin Till, Laysan Unger, Caylin Barter, Lawson Fite, Kate Moore

By telephone: Meredith Price (non-member, Casenotes editor), Kirk Maag, Anzie St. Clair, Mike Freese

Excused: Sarah Liljefelt, David Becker, Caroline Lobdell, Patrick Rowe, Rose Francis

Quorum achieved.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes (Kate Moore/ Karen Moynahan)

3. Chair's Report (Karen Moynahan)

Karen had no new news to report.

4. Bar Liaison Report (Stacy Owen)

Discussion regarding the current Pro Bono list. The list has not yet been utilized but the Section is encouraged to continue updating it.

Linda Krusche (director of Bar Books) provided a chapter by chapter summary of Volume 2. A number of people have said they would provide content and the bar is waiting for updates to come in. Suggestion that some peer pressure may be helpful. Chapters 1 and 2 of Vol. 2 are in and others are close, but have not heard on several others. Kirk Maag noted he is working on Volume 3. Karen suggested she could do outreach on Vol. 2 authors.

Stacy discussed that the Section Chair is also an ex officio member of the House of Delegates. If anyone interested in joining, currently have over 40 vacant seats. There is a March 14 deadline for candidacy. Someone commented there are also openings for BOG and ABA House of Delegates. OSB House of Delegates have big meeting once a year.

Most recent Section membership report indicates there are currently 507 members.

5. Treasurer's Report (Lawson Fite)

Lawson attended a treasurer training on January 27.

Lawson discussed process for reimbursement requests. The Bar generally runs checks every Thursday, so it is best to submit reimbursement requests by Tuesday before. Lawson will submit request within 24 hours of receiving them; checks will be sent to business address unless notified otherwise.

All contracts on behalf of the Section need to be signed by OSB.

The February 8 financial report can be accessed through Bar's section financials. As of end of December 2015, account balance at \$7,822. Annual meeting appears to be fully paid off as of December 9. Membership dues deposited December 31, but not renewals (which will appear over next couple of months). Total revenue well below budget in 2015. Lawson will look into discrepancy.

6. Publications

a. ENR Deskbook (Kirk Maag)

Kirk to check with Laura Maffei regarding status. Matt Rayburn also requested to assist as editor of Vol. 3. Also see notes above.

b. Casenotes (Diane Lloyd)

Meredith appears to be handling the task now.

c. E-Outlooks (Sarah Liljefelt, report via email in advance)

Questions regarding legislative updates. Dustin and Mike received list of bills relevant to our section, but given time of process questioned whether to wait until end of session. Mike will pull together a list that can be distributed.

7. Education/CLE

a. Brownbags (Anzie St. Clair)

Clean Power Plan in mid-March/early April. Working with Sustainable Future Section as co-sponsor. Likely to be hosted at Tonkon Torp (waiting for confirmation from speaker on date that works, the easier it will be to reserve space). Notice will go out once details confirmed.

b. Field Trips (Mike Freese)

Rose contacted DEQ lab and waiting for response. March 30 or April 13 are possible dates. May consider doing second tour in spring given size limits (20) if interest level warrants. Likely to start at 3 p.m. tour followed by happy hour nearby.

c. Annual CLE (Dustin Till)

Subcommittee volunteers included Laysan, Mike, Kirk, David R., and Kate. Dustin will send email to group to begin the process. Date and venue are key items to confirm over next month. When looked at other venues about a year ago, for the price nothing quite compared. ABA SEER conference in early October to consider for conflicts.

d. Legislation (Mike Freese/David Rabbino)

Email with list of bills that are environmentally related (approx. 25) was sent out. HB 4048 related to property tax abatement for brownfields is out of House, and headed to Senate. Otherwise, it has been a fairly quiet short session with a focus on the Clean Energy Plan. Other bills have died or been significantly reduced. Will provide a reduced list in future.

8. Committee Assignments

a. Pro Bono (Chris Winter, not present)

b. Technology (Kate Moore/Anzie St. Clair/Sarah Liljefelt)

New EC members identified on Section website.

c. Diversity (Mary Anne Nash/David Becker/Kate Moore)

9. Other

Freshwater Trust gala next Friday. Tickets for event \$250, after-event party \$25.

Next meeting: March 18

Adjourned