

ENR Section Executive Committee Minutes

Friday, June 17, 2016

In person: Karen Moynahan, Stacy Owen (OSB), Caroline Lobdell, Caylin Barter, David Rabbino, Diane Lloyd, Chris Winter, Kate Moore

By telephone: Lawson Fite, Laysan Unger, Sarah Liljefelt, Dustin Till

Excused: Kirk Maag, Patrick Rowe, Rose Francis, David Becker, Mike Freese

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Minutes to be approved at next meeting

1. Chair's report (Karen):

Karen attended OSB section leadership summit. Primary discussion was regarding how bar is running CLEs. Until now, our section's CLE had fees come from our budget, we found speakers, bar's role was registration (and paid bar \$8-10 per registrant), if any balance it would come back to our budget. CLE usually run in the red, keeping costs down, offer free attendance for volunteers. Other sections have used their CLEs as major fundraisers, which they use to host bootcamps and other events. Bar's new requirements:

- have to co-sponsor CLE with bar IF 4 hours or longer (they do legwork after we set agenda and find speakers)

Some questions have come up regarding how the bar reached this decision. Karen and maybe others didn't realize the opportunity to comment on this was available. In some ways this could help our section, in other ways it may create additional expenses to section.

Mary Anne Nash resigned from section due to inability to attend meetings as result of ongoing conflict.

2. Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):

Stacy Owen explained OSB new CLE policy: BOG discussion for budget for bar, and services to its members, and figuring out how to improve. Bar felt important to provide CLE services, but had limited funds for this (and greater CLE competition). At meeting, uniform comment seemed to be concern over cost of CLEs for attendees. Bar communications director plans to post to bar's website some additional information on this, and section leaders should receive notice. If you have concerns, can send to Helen Hierschbiel in writing. BOG will meet on Sept. 9 with briefing on comments. BOG has already voted on these changes, but that doesn't mean no changes will occur.

These changes won't affect our CLE this fall, changes won't go into effect until 2017. Bar is also undergoing changes to its software for managing CLEs, IOLTA, etc. that won't be in place until this fall and want time to familiarize with it.

Website changes: effort to make websites consistent by moving over to Wordpress platform. Anna sent email to Sarah L. last night with details of the process. Migration of existing materials would be done by bar at no charge, and can post own materials in future without cost, or pay \$40 per hour for bar to handle.

3. Treasurer's Report (Lawson):

Total member count at 529 (added 5 in May, 2 paid, 3 complimentary), which puts ahead of last year member count by 13. Total fund balance is just over \$12,000.

Balance was low for a little while do to delay of getting membership dues in but now back up.

Total expenses YTD within \$100 of budget. Biggest expense was McMenimans deposit for CLE.

Reminder to submit invoices for reimbursement, and should receive check within 7-10 days from bar.

4. Publications:

a. ENR Deskbook (Kirk Maag, absent)

Karen reported the bar waiting on review of current volume.

b. Casenotes (Diane Lloyd)

Meredith doing good job on handling Casenotes. Pizza party with students did not occur this spring, so plan to do in fall.

c. E-Outlooks (Sarah L.)

No updates this month.

Discussion related to Brownbag proposed topic of Proposed Plan summary. Sarah's approach has been on finalized rules or cases, rather than updates along the way.

Question whether there is a new forum for posting ongoing issues. Someone would have to screen the notices. Worth revisiting when we move over to word press.

5. Education/CLE:

a. Brownbags (Anzie)

Brownbag on June 22 at Tonkon Torp with Dr. Richard Shepherd talking about water quality testing and his views on pros/cons, etc.

Hoping to schedule another event before end of year, but no proposed topics at this point. Possible Portland Harbor topic, likely to be challenge to remedy. Could be appropriate after comments in, likely in September. Multnomah County Bar just did divisibility of harm CLE, so not a great topic. Another idea would be injunctions under the ESA - Tania Saner could be good speaker for this and Chris Winter will check in with her. We will brainstorm further.

b. Field Trips (Rose)

No update.

c. Annual CLE (Kirk Maag reported in Dustin's absence)

Scheduling next coordination call, and should have more to update next month.

d. Legislation (Mike Freese/David Rabbino)

No reports this month.

6. Other Committees:

a. Pro Bono (Chris Winter)

Roster has been pulled together, and will be provided to Stacy at bar to be made available.

b. Technology (Kate Moore/Anzie/Sarah L.)

Will be looking into updating website further.

c. Diversity (David Becker/Kate Moore)

No report this month.

7. Other

Karen discussed possibility of summer social and/or law school outreach.

Social was informal and required little more than sending out a notice that people would be gathering at Lucky Lab in past (at the small room at the back). Took place at end of August, and law students were invited. Karen will ask David Becker to help organize as he has been looking for opportunities.

Law school outreach is intended to inform students of the ability to participate in section and that membership free, and to let them know more about what we do. Karen can focus on Willamette and U of O, Caroline will focus on Lewis & Clark.

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