

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, January 20, 2017

LOCATION

In person: Dunn Carney
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In person: David Rabbino, Dustin Till, Caylin Barter, Kirk Maag, Maura Fahey, Sarah Liljefelt

By telephone: Lawson Fite, Tiffany Johnson, Dominic Carollo, Caroline Lobdell, Dave Becker, Karen Moynahan, Diane Lloyd, Stacy Owen (Bar liaison)

Excused: Laysan Unger, Kate Moore, Rose Francis, Mike Freese

Guest: Elisabeth Zinser from BOG

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Approval of Minutes: Approval of November and December minutes tabled until next meeting. Sarah will follow up with Kate about 2016 meeting minutes.

Chair's report (Dustin):

Meeting notices: We will send to entire membership for future meetings. Agenda will be pasted into the body of an email from the OSB. Sarah (or future secretary) will send Agenda to Executive Committee 2 weeks to 10 days before the meeting, and Stacy (or future Bar liaison) will coordinate to send out the notice to the membership.

Meeting minutes: Minutes will continue to be made available on ENR website. Discussion about whether minutes are up to date on website currently. Sarah and Dustin to follow up with Kate about posting minutes to ENR website after minutes approved at each meeting, and status of past minutes availability.

CLEs: The OSB will defer implementation of its CLE co-sponsorship plan, so it will not be in effect during 2017. A special committee has been tasked to review options going forward.

Committees: Dustin facilitated going through each of the committees below given new Executive Committee members this year. Discussion provided under each committee heading below.

Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):

Skipped, as Executive Committee moved directly to committee reports.

Treasurer's Report (Lawson):

Skipped, as Executive Committee moved directly to committee reports.

Publications:

ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)

Kirk is currently working on coordinating Vol. 3 of the Deskbook series. The work involves putting editors together with authors on various topics. Kirk is looking for someone to take over this project this year, or at least help. Karen volunteered to help with the Deskbook.

Casenotes (Diane, absent)

Diane is the liaison for the Casenotes Editor, and she will continue in this position unless she informs the committee otherwise. Devon Franklin is the Casenotes editor. Dustin will send an email to Diane and Devon to make sure they are acquainted.

E-Outlooks (Sarah)

ENR sends out 4-6 articles each year on legal hot topics. E-Outlook editor finds topics and authors, lightly edits articles, formats articles and sends to the OSB for membership distribution, and posts the articles to the ENR website. Sarah is looking for someone from the Executive Committee to take over as editor this year, but will continue on if there are no volunteers. No members volunteered during the meeting.

Education/CLE:

Brownbags (David)

This committee organizes lunchtime CLEs a couple times each year. CLEs are usually hosted by downtown firms, and finding a venue is never an issue. David is also looking to see if anyone on the Executive Committee would like to volunteer to take over this committee this year. No members volunteered during the meeting.

Field Trips (Rose/Mike, both absent)

This committee organizes field trips a couple times each year. A field trip is being organized currently for Mt. Hood National Forest in the spring, but the Executive Committee discussed possibly waiting until summer due to weather concerns. Caylin volunteered to help on this committee if either Rose or Mike want to step down.

Annual CLE (Lawson)

The Chair Elect heads a CLE committee to organize the annual ENR CLE. Sarah volunteered to be on the committee to do OSB registration services and organize volunteers again this year. Caylin, Karen, Tiffany, and Caroline volunteered to be on the committee. Kirk volunteered new Stoel associate, Hayley Siltanin. Lawson will send an email to those who expressed interest in being on the committee to schedule the first CLE planning meeting.

Legislation (Mike/David)

Mike sent an email update that he is working on putting together a report of bills that may be of interest to ENR membership for publishing in the E-Outlook.

Committees:

Pro Bono (vacant)

Committee maintains directory of environmental/natural resources attorneys who are willing to take on pro bono cases. Stacy will coordinate with the OSB so that the OSB uses the pro bono directory as part of its lawyer referral service. She can also forward updates to the OSB. Sarah recommended that, at a minimum, the Executive Committee should send an annual email to the membership inquiring about attorney interest to be added to the directory, and an annual email to attorneys currently on the directory to ensure they wish to remain on the directory. Caroline will consider directing cases that WRLC cannot take to the directory. The new ENR website should advertise the directory.

Technology (Kate/Sarah)

Kate has been in communication with OSB about new website development. No update about timeline for completion. We received photo submissions from some ENR members, and we are hoping to incorporate those photos on the new website. We will need to figure out who will do posting/editing/maintenance on website once it is up and running (whether we can handle, or if we need to hire OSB assistance).

Diversity (Dave/Kate)

The committee creates diversity in all aspects within ENR membership and the Executive Committee. Dave will continue in this committee.

Section Nominations/Membership (Kirk)

The committee organizes the annual holiday party and award. Kirk will continue to help in this committee, but would like someone else to take the lead. No members volunteered at the meeting.

Other/New Business:

No new business discussed.