

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, July 21, 2017

LOCATION

In person: Dunn Carney
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1500
Portland, OR 97204

By phone: Dial 1-888-891-0496 and enter 150048

MINUTES

In person: Lawson Fite, Diane Lloyd, Caylin Barter, Kate Moore

By telephone: Sarah Liljefelt, Tiffany Johnson, Dominic Carollo, Karen Moynahan, Kirk Maag, Stacy Owen (Bar liaison)

Excused: Dustin Till, David Becker, Maura Fahey, Laysan Unger

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Approval of Minutes:

June minutes approved as edited.

Chair's report (Dustin):

Lawson Fite provided a report from Dustin Till in his absence:

- Dustin received an email from the OSB mentoring program stating they are short of mentors in the environmental/natural resources field. The OSB mentoring program wants to send an email to section to promote participation in the program. Consensus was in agreement to allow the OSB to send the email to members. Stacy will respond to the OSB with the "go ahead."
- Dustin received an inquiry from the OSB about the ENR Section's annual meeting. We hold our annual meeting with holiday party in December. We must hold an annual meeting by mid-October if we want to raise our dues. There has been no discussion about raising dues this year. Stacy confirmed it is not an issue to hold our annual meeting in December if we are not raising dues.

Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):

BOG met June 23, 2017 and discussed the CLE co-sponsorship issue. BOG unanimously approved the requirement to have Sections with programs 4 hours or more in length to give the OSB the right of first refusal every 3rd year to co-sponsor. An email was sent on July 10th reporting the decision, and a more detailed email should follow next week to all of the Bar sections to provide more information about the requirement. The OSB will need to do a bylaw update, and it will make the changes at same time as it switches to new management software (there no hard date for the requirement to go into effect yet).

Treasurer's Report (Kate):

Revenue this month: \$612 (\$40 membership fees, and the rest in CLE registration)

Expenses in June: \$38

Ending fund balance: \$15,708

519 members, 13 unpaid (531 total members same time last year)

Kate will check with Edgefield to see if annual CLE deposit check has been deposited.

Publications:

ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)

Kirk will defer update until next meeting.

Casenotes (Diane)

Devin sent out emails to the Section members about working on next edition of Casenotes.

E-Outlooks (Tiffany)

Tiffany is currently working with Mike Freese and David Rabbino on the legislative update issue. She hopes to publish the issue at end of July/beginning of August. Matt Shields from the OSB will use the summary for the OSB website as well.

Lawson suggested writing an article about Secretary Zinke's anticipated monuments report. Lawson will review the report when it comes out to decide whether it is an appropriate topic for an E-Outlook article, which should provide an update on the law.

Education/CLE:

Brownbags (David R./Maura)

Maura was unable to attend the meeting, but she sent the following email report:

The FCRPS CLE was a success. There were about 25 people in attendance and several others who called in. I submitted all of the needed paperwork and the program was approved for MCLE credit.

Maura would like help from the executive committee to brainstorm the next brownbag, and for either David Rabbino or other executive committee members to help organize the next one. We will discuss brownbag coordination and assistance at the next meeting when she is back.

Field Trips (Rose/Mike/Caylin)

No update.

Tiffany said she will check in with Rose because Tiffany is helping coordinate with DEQ. Discussion was had about the need to lock down the date, reserve the boat, and get registration open. The trip is being planned for early September for 3 hours in the afternoon/evening, with cash bar. There was general discussion about groups that should be included for participation.

Lawson provided an update on the planned forestry field trip. He is not sure if it will work out this year, and perhaps next spring would be best.

Annual CLE (Lawson)

Lawson reported that the planning meetings are ongoing, and panels are coming together. Lawson had considered a forest scientist to talk about fires, but the expense with travel would be too costly, so he is contacting an alternative speaker, Senator Lew Frederick, to discuss recent environmental legislation.

Legislation (Mike/David R.)

No update.

Committees:

Pro Bono (Caroline/Tiffany)

An email went out to Section members about joining the pro bono list. Tiffany received a few emails back. The OSB says there are not a lot of requests for information about pro bono ENR attorneys. She wants to revisit our goals about whether the list is worthwhile, or how to publicize the list. We can follow up at next meeting about strategy considerations.

Technology (Kate/Sarah)

No update. Everything was sent to the Bar for the Bar to finish the new website.

Diversity (Dave B./Kate/Maura)

The committee had a meeting and came up with ideas:

- Reach out to OSB Director of Diversity
- Join OSB Diversity Section to see what that Section does and build relationships
- Discussed what is meant by “diversity”: racial/ethnic, geographic, etc.
 - o Will look at members outside metro area to engage with activities outside of Portland
- Check with law schools to see what diversity groups exist on campus
- CLEs/brownbag partnership with other sections (e.g., Environmental Justice Section)

Executive Committee Membership (Dustin/Kate/Sarah)

Sarah sent out a revised ENR executive committee membership list. If you are on that list and your term expires, please let Sarah know if you plan to continue. Also, let Sarah know if you do not plan to continue on the ENR executive committee next year.

Annual Award/Meeting (Kirk/Laysan)

Kate will post award nomination form to website and Kirk will send out the link. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2017. It only takes 10 minutes to make a nomination. Kirk would really like to receive more nominations this year.

Other/New Business:

Sarah will update the ENR executive committee roster and send out the new version due to new contact information received from committee members.