

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, June 16, 2017

LOCATION

In person: Dunn Carney
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MINUTES

In person: Dustin Till, Sarah Liljefelt, Lawson Fite, Kate Moore, Maura Fahey, Tiffany Johnson, Dave Becker, Matt Shields (Bar liaison substitute for Stacy Owen)

By telephone: Caylin Barter, Kirk Maag, Caroline Lobdell, Mike Freese

Excused: Diane Lloyd, Rose Francis, Karen Moynahan, Dominic Carollo

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from May, 2017 were approved as edited.

Chair's report (Dustin):

Dustin had not yet drafted comments to the OSB's joint CLE proposal, but will do so soon and circulate to the executive committee for comments.

Bar Liaison Report (Matt):

None.

Treasurer's Report (Kate):

The ENR account is at \$15,134. 504 paid members (517 total), 10 less than same time last year.

Publications:

ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)

Discussion among members of how to reenergize updates to the Deskbook. Kirk provided update that updates to Vol. 1 have been published and that updates to Vol. 2 are almost done, but not published. There was consensus among members that we should move forward to publish as many chapters of Vol. 2 that are ready and work toward finishing Vol. 2. Kirk has not contacted authors in Vol. 3 yet for updates. Kirk will work with ENR Deskbook committee to make a recommendation to the executive committee about how to proceed. Caroline may be able to have students help with updates. Dustin volunteered to help the Deskbook committee as well. Dustin suggested that we focus updating a few chapters each year on a rotational basis to lighten the load on the Deskbook committee. Kirk is unable to take on new/additional tasks currently, so Sarah suggested that the ENR committee ask new members joining next year to spearhead the Deskbook project.

Casenotes (Diane)

No update.

E-Outlooks (Tiffany)

WOTUS E-Outlook was published in May. Tiffany will publish legislative E-Outlook in July, and will send a copy to Matt Shields at the OSB for use in the Bar's legislative summary.

Education/CLE:

Brownbags (David R./Maura)

An FCRPS brownbag will be held June 27th at Stoel Rives.

Field Trips (Rose/Mike/Caylin)

The following email update from Rose was read at the meeting.

Regarding a potential field trip to the Portland Harbor Superfund site:

Who: DEQ staff (Kevin Parrett, likely with the support of Matt McClincy and Sarah Greenfield) are willing to present on a boat tour of the Portland Harbor superfund site this fall.

What: boat tour, with presentation on in-water contamination, areas with dredging, early action sites with some clean-up completed, possibly some clean-up work in action if tour timed early enough in fall

Timing: Best time would be early September, after Labor Day, when weather is still pretty reliable, most folks back from any summer vacations, and there may still be some restoration projects underway to see a restoration project in action. If that general window works for exec committee members, then I would suggest the early

afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 7 or Thursday, Sept. 14. According to DEQ, a 2-hour tour would be tight but doable, a 3-hour tour would be most relaxed and allow members to see sites from Milwaukie to Sauvie Island (the latter has a Natural Resource Damage Assessment site).

Costs: DEQ does not charge for presenting on a tour, but there would be a cost for renting a boat for the tour (DEQ suggests either a jet boat or the Portland Spirit). I have not yet researched boat costs but have seen some information online suggesting it may be a per-person fee rather than a flat fee for a boat rental, possibly in the range of \$30-\$45 per person, unless there's a cheaper option out there. So my question for exec committee meeting is whether this is something that the section would be willing to cover or at least help subsidize, or whether we would need to ask individual members to cover their per-person fee in full. And does the fact that this tour would cost money make it less attractive as a tour option for the section?

Consensus from the executive committee was that the ENR Section will subsidize the cost of the rental, the Portland Spirit would be the best option, three hours will likely be needed for the tour in the afternoon with a cash bar, and attendees will want to see remediation in action. Kate will check the ENR budget that could be transferred for the field trip. Sarah will email Rose with decisions made by the executive committee. Tiffany volunteered to help coordinate with DEQ.

Annual CLE (Lawson)

Amber Hollister agreed to do the 1-hour ethics presentation at the CLE. Lawson needs ideas for themes for the ethics presentation. Suggested topics included conflicts, whistle blowing, and, more specifically, the Flint crisis.

Registration is set up for the CLE and the Save the Date went out to 6 Bar sections.

Legislation (Mike/David R.)

No update. Mike will prepare a bill summary when the session ends in July.

Committees:

Pro Bono (Caroline/Tiffany)

Tiffany reported that she got a current list of who is on the pro bono directory.

Technology (Kate/Sarah)

Kate reported that the Technology Committee reviewed the Bar's draft website and provided comments and photos. We are still accepting photos and that may take a little more time to figure out with the Bar. Members offered to submit additional photos.

Diversity (Dave B./Kate/Maura)

Dave reported that the diversity section is meeting next week. They are going to coordinate with the Diversity Coordinator at the OSB. The committee is considering Fall recruitment, and there was discussion about whether emails can be sent to sections solely for the purpose of recruitment. Sarah suggested reaching out to law school diversity clubs to let them know about free student membership that may transfer to paid members when the law students are admitted to the OSB.

Executive Committee Membership (Dustin/Kate/Sarah)

Sarah will send out an email to the executive committee members to ask that members email the committee if they do not plan to continue next year.

Annual Award/Meeting (Kirk/Laysan)

Kirk will send out the nomination form to the ENR members. The new deadline for nominations will be September 1.

Other/New Business:

No new business.