

**OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday, March 17, 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: Kate Moore, Lawson Fite, Dave Becker, Tiffany Johnson, Caylin Barter, Mike Freese

By telephone: Dustin Till, Kirk Maag, Laysan Unger, Stacy Owen (Bar liaison)

Excused: Sarah Liljefelt, Maura Fahey, Karen Moynahan

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from February, 2017 were approved.

**Chair's report (Dustin):**

We received current membership data from the OSB. ENR executive committee members should talk to persons within their firms or others they know about joining the Section. Membership subcommittee will review how to better retain members in the future.

An email was received from the OSB for the new OSB member swearing-in ceremony to be held May 18 at Willamette University. Dustin will forward the OSB's email to the executive committee with examples of ENR materials submitted in the past. Unless someone from the ENR section is interested in attending the ceremony, we will send a flyer for distribution at the ceremony. Kate will find a copy of the flyer from last year and determine if we can reuse the flyer or update. Mike volunteered to drop the flyers off, but the OSB also offered to print materials for 4.8 cents per page.

### **Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):**

The OSB can send an email/survey to non-renewing members to determine why they did not renew. The OSB had approximately 80 non-renewals this year, but the current membership is still within the normal range. The executive committee will review membership numbers again next month when the final numbers are in. Lawson suggested sending out email blast to non-renewing members with information about services the ENR Section provides, and Stacy will work with Sarah Hackbart to distribute the email. Dave will draft language for email for executive committee approval.

BOG meeting is March 17th, including a committee looking at the issue of OSB CLE co-sponsorship. The committee may or may not make a decision on that issue.

### **Treasurer's Report (Kate):**

Statement through January 31, 2017 was received. \$9,800 received in membership fees (\$9,460 received by this time last year).

A question was raised about the line item for OSB Support Services for \$3,920. Stacy will look into that item and report back.

Ending fund balance was \$15,017.

Kate figured out how to invoice for the Casenotes Editor, and she sent the first invoice. If any executive committee members have receipts for reimbursement, please submit to Kate.

Dustin requested that the financial statements be circulated with the monthly minutes.

Lawson reported that he will need a check for the Annual CLE down payment to Edgefield soon.

### **Publications:**

#### **ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)**

No update.

#### **Casenotes (Diane)**

No update from Diane.

#### **E-Outlooks (Tiffany)**

Sarah send Tiffany an email outlining the tasks involved with the E-Outlook Editor position, and Tiffany will take over the Editor responsibilities. Please send Tiffany your ideas for articles. Dustin also offered to help.

## **Education/CLE:**

### **Brownbags (David R./Maura)**

Kate suggested holding a brownbag in Bend. We should look at our membership list to see how many members are located in Bend. Eugene and Salem are other good locations.

Suggestion to hold brownbag on Marbled Murrelet case in 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (Dominic and Kirk have both worked on that case). This would be a possibility for Eugene.

Mike suggested a brownbag on the ODEQ 1200 Z draft industrial storm water permit. Perhaps the Columbia Riverkeeper would present, and the brownbag could be held in Hood River where the Columbia Riverkeeper offices are located.

Mike also suggested ODEQ draft air toxics rule being released in May for review. Mark Riskedahl (NEDC) sits on Rules Advisory Committee, as well as Tom Wood (Stoel Rives).

Mike also suggested holding a brownbag in Salem at the end of the legislative session to recap the session.

### **Field Trips (Rose/Mike/Caylin)**

Lawson is considering summer for the field trip to Mt. Hood's Goat Mountain timber sale implementation. It would be good to have Lisa Northrup (Forest Supervisor) come on the field trip.

Dave suggested visiting Jazz timber sale implementation. It may be an opportunity for Forest Service to show success if they consider it successful, and have discussion of past litigation (nothing with current conflict).

### **Annual CLE (Lawson)**

Framework for CLE completed at last meeting and another planning meeting will be held next week. The date is October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Edgefield. The contract was signed with McMenamins.

Dustin followed up with Indian Law Section (Steven Kelly, in house counsel at NW Natural), and provided Lawson's name for follow up. Caylin suggested doing joint CLE with Indian Law Section in 2018 due to expiration of BPA's accords with Tribes expiring in 2018.

### **Legislation (Mike/David R.)**

Mike suggested that the legislative update emails go to the ENR Section members. Lawson suggested that Mike provide updates about which bills are likely to be seriously considered

(generally known by mid-April), and such explanations could be sent in conjunction with the OSB's emails to the members.

**Committees:**

**Pro Bono (vacant)**

Dustin is trying to fill this position.

**Technology (Kate/Sarah)**

Kate provided history of website platform project. Kate and Sarah are working on implementing. The new website should be live soon. We can pay a small fee in the future to update the content, or we can update ourselves.

**Diversity (Dave B./Kate/Maura)**

No update beyond membership and brownbag information above.

**Executive Committee Membership (Kirk)**

No update. Activity starts around May or June annually.

**Annual Award/Meeting (Kirk)**

No update. Activity starts around May or June annually.

**Other/New Business:**

No new business.