

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, May 19, 2017

LOCATION

In person: Dunn Carney
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Portland, OR 97204

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MINUTES

In person: Dustin Till, Caylin Barter, Maura Fahey, Stacy Owen (Bar liaison)

By telephone: Sarah Liljefelt, Tiffany Johnson, Kate Moore, David Rabbino, Dave Becker, Dominic Carollo, Laysan Unger, Kirk Maag, Lawson Fite

Excused: Karen Moynahan, Mike Freese, Rose Francis

Visitors: Christine Constantino (BOG), Danielle Edwards (OSB Director of Member Services)

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from April, 2017 were approved.

CLE Co-Sponsorship Presentation (Christine Constantino/Danielle Edwards):

Discussions about CLE co-sponsorship started in 2014 as a way to build a comprehensive CLE library for Oregon-licensed attorneys who are not located in metro areas. BOG voted in 2016 to allow OSB to have a right of first refusal to co-sponsor section CLEs 4 hours or longer. November 2016 HOD meeting set up special committee to review the proposal and comments. BOG will vote at June meeting following comment submission, and comments should be submitted by mid-June. All-day OSB sponsored CLEs usually cost attendees \$200, so the proposal would likely double the ENR Section's annual CLE attendance cost. The OSB will bear the financial burden for any loss on a co-sponsored CLE. The current proposal is a right of first refusal to co-sponsor every third year.

Dustin commented that OSB needs to articulate clear standards and timelines if the program will go forward. Sections need to know how far in advance to inform the OSB of a CLE, and the OSB needs a deadline for response to sections about co-sponsorship.

Several members commented that it makes more sense for the OSB to simply require sections to record their CLEs, and the ENR section could easily budget recording into the CLE for less increase in cost than the OSB will require. We will lose attendance every third year when the cost of attendance will be double the normal cost.

Dustin will draft comments in opposition to the CLE co-sponsorship proposal and will circulate to the ENR executive committee for comments prior to submission.

Chair's report (Dustin):

Dustin received communications from several organizations asking for donations. The ENR Section decided several years ago not to make charitable contributions on behalf of the Section because interests vary widely across the section. The executive committee can revisit charitable contributions if anyone believes that is warranted.

Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):

2017 OSB award nominations due June 14.

Treasurer's Report (Kate):

See attached financial statement through April.

There are 503 paid members as of April 30 (down 9 from the same time of year 2016).

Publications:

ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)

No update.

Casenotes (Diane)

No update from Diane.

E-Outlooks (Tiffany)

May article is ready for posting and will go out soon. An article regarding a Coos Bay case is scheduled for June/July, and Tiffany will coordinate with the legislative committee for an article after the legislative season concludes.

Education/CLE:

Brownbags (David R./Maura)

Maura provided an update on the Federal Columbia River Power system litigation brownbag. Panelists currently include Dan Rolfe for plaintiffs and Julie Weis for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho. She is trying to get a third panelist to represent the federal defendants, but has not had success so far. Consensus was to move forward without the government if Maura cannot get someone to participate.

The previously discussed air toxics brownbag will be delayed.

Field Trips (Rose/Mike/Caylin)

Rose provided an email update that she has inquired with DEQ about the Portland Harbor field trip.

Lawson stated that he will follow up on the Goat Mountain field trip.

Annual CLE (Lawson)

The CLE committee will meet next Friday at 9 AM.

Lawson will send the CLE budget out to the executive committee.

Lawson contacted Amber Hollister to get an ethics speaker lined up, but has not heard back.

Legislation (Mike/David R.)

No update.

Committees:

Pro Bono (Caroline/Tiffany)

No update.

Technology (Kate/Sarah)

Kate, Sarah and Dustin have been working on the website. Dustin edited the ENR mission statement, and he will circulate the edited version to the executive committee members for review. Kate is sending comments to draft website pages to the OSB with photos collected from ENR Section members.

Diversity (Dave B./Kate/Maura)

The committee needs to set up their first meeting.

Executive Committee Membership (Dustin/Kate/Sarah)

Executive committee members should let the committee know as soon as possible if they do not plan to serve on the committee next year.

Annual Award/Meeting (Kirk/Laysan)

No update.

Other/New Business:

Caylin provided her new email address.