

OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, October 20, 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, Tiffany Johnson, Kirk Maag, Caylin Barter, Dave Becker, Lawson Fite

By telephone: Sarah Liljefelt, Laysan Unger, Diane Lloyd, Caroline Lobdell, Maura Fahey, Dominic Carollo, Stacy Owen (Bar liaison)

Excused: Mike Freese, Karen Moynahan

Guest: Ashley Carter (City of Portland)

Quorum achieved (requires 9 of 17 members)

Approval of Minutes:

September minutes approved.

Chair's report (Dustin):

No update.

Lawson inquired about the deadline to submit the ENR Section's annual report, and Stacy reported that it will be due at the beginning of 2018.

Bar Liaison Report (Stacy):

The annual meeting notice must be provided to the ENR Section at least 14 days ahead of the meeting. Laysan and Kirk will work together to send out the save the date notice for the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Kate):

We have \$7,180 in the ENR Section account as of the last report.

We have 506 paid members to date.

The expenses from the annual CLE went through and are reflected in the Section's account balance, as well as registration payments from the CLE.

The Section will need to submit its 2018 budget to the OSB no later than December 1st. Lawson, Kate and Sarah will meet to finalize the budget and submit it to the executive committee for approval at the November meeting.

Publications:

ENR Deskbook (Kirk/Karen)

No update.

Casenotes (Diane)

Devin sent out an email to Section members for the next publication of Casenotes.

E-Outlooks (Tiffany)

Tiffany is getting out an article about *City of Spokane v. Monsanto Co.*, which deals with CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, and torts. She is working on another article to distribute in November regarding changes to climate change actions that have traditionally been statutory claims, but are now focusing on the Constitution and torts. Both articles will be drafted by Marten Law attorneys.

Education/CLE:

Brownbags (David R./Maura)

Maura is planning a brownbag on November 16 at Tonkon Torp discussing fire and forest issues discussed at previous meeting. The speakers will be Lawson Fite and Ralph Bloemers. The announcement will go out next week. Maura is looking into electronic RSVP options, and will contact David Rabbino if she needs assistance with organization.

Lawson reported that Hong Huynh (past chair) has been working on interesting issues related to lead and air toxics, and she might be willing to present at a brownbag.

Dave Becker reported that he attended the Diversity Section CLE last week and discussed doing a cross-section brownbag on environmental and racial justice issues. They discussed the 1-5 expansion proposal. Kirk mentioned Unite Oregon and NAACP Portland's reactions to the lack of engagement between the public interest community and the Cow Creek Band

of the Umpqua Tribe over the sale of the Elliott State Forest. Dave will work with Maura to develop a diversity/environmental justice brownbag in 2018. Dominic offered to help organize a brownbag about the Elliott State Forest.

Field Trips (Rose/Mike/Caylin)

Tiffany and Caylin exchanged emails about getting the Portland Harbor tour going for 2018.

A tour of the Bull Run watershed is also a possibility, as Karen discussed previously.

Caylin is considering indoor ideas due to the winter weather that is approaching. Lawson mentioned there are nearby saw mills that might work for a field trip. Caylin is taking suggestions.

Annual CLE (Lawson)

Lawson reported that we had approximately 70 registrants at the annual CLE, and attendees were positive about the event. We got some feedback that it was hard to hear in the back of the room, and we should address that issue next year. We only received one inquiry about whether the CLE is available on video.

Sarah will circulate the CLE evaluation forms to the executive committee for review.

Legislation (Mike/David R.)

No report.

Committees:

Pro Bono (Caroline/Tiffany)

Caroline and Tiffany provided a recap of what we talked about previously and the need for the committee to decide the scope of their tasks. The Sustainable Futures Section is also developing a pro bono list, and Tiffany will attend their next subcommittee meeting to learn about their efforts. The OSB pro bono fair is next week and Tiffany will attend.

Technology (Kate/Sarah)

We still need to get photo credit on the website and a few more photos as well. We will also need to decide soon if the ENR Section will maintain the website or hire the OSB to do so.

Diversity (Dave B./Kate/Maura)

Dave attended the Appellate Law Section CLE recently, and there were some good presentations and materials related to diversity, and how lawyers can identify and respond to structural racism. Dave will forward the materials to the executive committee, and will

use the materials for the work he is doing with the diversity committee. Caroline agreed to join the diversity committee.

Executive Committee Membership (Dustin/Sarah/Mark)

Karen, Laysan, and Diane will be leaving the executive committee at the end of 2017. The membership committee is working to prepare nominations.

Ashley Carter from City of Portland attended the meeting because Karen recommended Ashley as an attorney in the public sector to take Karen's seat. Ashley introduced herself and expressed her interest in joining the executive committee.

Annual Award/Meeting (Kirk/Laysan)

Kirk received two nominations for the annual award. He is seeking additional persons to serve on the award committee. Lawson, Kate, and Dave B. all volunteered to help. There were also suggestions to include non-executive committee members, including Mary Ann Nash and/or Janet Neuman.

Other/New Business:

No new business.