

**OSB ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.

Members: Ty Bair, Maureen Bayer, Jessica Bernardini, Derek Gauthier, Rebeka Dawit, Lynne Dzubow, Sage Ertman, Sara Ghafouri, David Hori, Olivier Jamin, Laura Kerr, Mary Stites, Maureen McGee, Cassie Roberts, Chris Thomas, and Victor Xu.

Advisory Members: Hannah Goldblatt, Melissa Powers, and Lindsay Thane.

Present Members: Ty Bair, Maureen Bayer, Rebeka Dawit, Lynne Dzubow, Sara Ghafouri, David Hori, Olivier Jamin, Laura Kerr, Mary Stites, Maureen McGee, Cassie Roberts, and Victor Xu.

Present Advisory Members: Lindsay Thane.

Quorum (minimum of 9 of 16) – Quorum reached.

Excused: Jessica Bernardini, Sage Ertman, Derek Gauthier, Chris Thomas.

Unexcused: None.

Section Members & General Public (non-EC): Angel McCracken (OSB); Casey Kulla (Willamette Law 1L).

Meeting commenced at 12:03pm.

LOCATION

By Zoom Video Conferencing:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84895331705>

Meeting ID: 848 9533 1705

By Phone: +1 309 205 3325

AGENDA¹

1. Approval of Minutes (David Hori)

Olivier Jamin moved to approve February minutes; Sara Ghafouri seconded. Maureen Bayer and Cassie Roberts abstained, otherwise unanimously approved.

2. Chair's Report (Sara Ghafouri)

Nothing to report.

3. Bar Liaison Report (Angel McCracken)

Angel McCracken reported. Two current EC members have not yet joined the section and Angel has reached out to them. EC members are asked to test access to the Google Drive.

4. Treasurer's Report (Cassie Roberts)

¹ A quorum of the ENR EC requires the attendance of at least 9 of the 16 members.

Cassie Roberts reported. Total operating revenue is down, perhaps because previous members have forgotten to renew their section membership. Approximately 70 members down. Outreach should be helpful. Angel, Sara, and Olivier offered to assist in outreach. Also, January expenditures for the annual award and the food associated with that event. Total operating revenue for the month ending Jan. 31, 2026 is \$10,575. Total expenditures for the same period are \$8,195. Net assets are \$13,325.

5. Publications

a. ENR Deskbook (Sage Ertman, Derek Gauthier, Victor Xu, and Mary Stites)

Sage Ertman provided an update via email: no substantive update since last month. The chapter updates on Oregon APA and for Wastes and Hazardous Substances are still in process, next step is to identify 2-3 additional chapters to solicit authors and initiate the update process.

Mary Stites added that membership feedback would be helpful. Victor noted that the group is due for a check-in meeting.

b. Case Notes (Hannah Goldblatt, Mary Stites, and Jessica Bernardini)

Jessica Bernardini provided email reporting no big updates.

Mary Stites added that Q1 is out and Q2 is underway.

c. E-Outlooks (Chris Thomas, Jessica Bernardini, and David Hori)

David Hori reported. no major update, no check-in meeting yet for this year. Next article will likely feature an article by Victor Xu.

6. Education

a. Brownbags (Lynne Dzubow, Derek Gauthier, and Melissa Powers)

Lynne Dzubow reported. no recent subcommittee meeting; no updates.

b. Field Trips (Maureen Bayer and Lynne Dzubow)

Maureen Bayer reported. Received an email asking about a restoration field trip. No major updates, but there will be more closer to the summer.

7. Annual CLE (Olivier Jamin, Sara Ghafouri, Hannah Goldblatt, Mauren Bayer, Cassie Roberts, Jessica Bernardini, Melissa Powers, Lynne Dzubow, Victor Xu, Rebeka Dawit, Maureen McGee, and Mary Stites)

Olivier Jamin reported. First committee meeting scheduled for the end of this month. Encouraged members to share thoughts in advance of the meeting. The date for the event will be Thursday 10/15 at the McMenamins Edgefield

Sara Ghafouri asked for topic ideas and whether we want a keynote speaker, since there wasn't a keynote last year.

Olivier proposed Representative Ken Helm as a potential keynote speaker.

Lindsay Thane agreed with this suggestion.

8. Committees

a. Diversity (Sara Ghafouri, Rebeka Dawit, Laura Kerr, and David Hori)

Rebeka Dawit reported. Committee is working on update to the website language. Might reach out to Casey Kulla about Willamette Law Schools lack of DEI statement. Rebeka has reached out to

Wayfinder for June 25, 2026 re ENR, Law Student, Intern mixer. Rebeka is waiting to hear back from Wayfinder for confirmation.

Sara Ghafouri reported on stipend. ENR stipend was distributed to Nicole Smith at Lewis & Clark Law School. Still waiting to hear if she has secured a position. Will invite her to our next ENR meeting in March.

b. Executive Committee Membership (Sara Ghafouri, Chris Thomas, and non-EC member)

Sara Ghafouri reported. No updates.

c. Annual Award/Meeting (Lindsay Thane, Chris Thomas, and non-EC member)

Lindsay Thane reported. Event composition was mainly friends and family of the recipient. Attendance be greater if we could draw more of the entire section, which may mean less focus on the recipient the event advertisement.

Sara Ghafouri concurred that focus on the recipient does make event feel limited. Broader could increase turnout. Proposed future event inviting all previous award recipients.

Lindsay stated that post-Covid the event date moved from early December to post-Christmas, and we could return to the early December if its better for attendance.

Maureen Bayer: January is probably better. Maybe the event could add an activity of some sort.

d. Legislative Committee (Maureen McGee)

Maureen McGee reported. We are in the middle of short session. The OSB sent a list of the bills that may be of interest. Highlights: HB 3039, HB 4100, HB 4102, HB 4046, HB 4134, SB 1541. Maureen Bayer asked about EPR. Maureen McGee stated one class of manufacturers made a revived effort to encourage legislators to pass a bill that would push out the enforcement date. Discussions are ongoing.

9. Technology (Hannah Goldblatt, Maureen Bayer, and Rebeka Dawit)

Hannah Bayer reported. No updates.

10. Other/New Business (Sara Ghafouri)

Sara Ghafouri reported. No updates.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Oregon State Bar Statement of Activities - Actual vs Budget

	Month Ending January 31, 2026 <small>Actual</small>	Year To Date January 31, 2026 <small>Actual</small>	Year Ending December 31, 2026 <small>Budget</small>	December 31, 2026 <small>% of Budget</small>	Month Ending January 31, 2025 <small>Current Month-PY</small>	Year To Date January 31, 2025 <small>Prior Year</small>
Operating Revenue						
Registrations	0	0	13,000	0.0 %	0	0
Membership Fees	10,575	10,575	13,500	78.3 %	8,150	8,150
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 10,575	\$ 10,575	\$ 26,500	39.9 %	\$ 8,150	\$ 8,150
Expenditures						
Annual Event	0	0	2,000	0.0 %	0	0
Conferences / Seminars	0	0	11,000	0.0 %	0	0
Contributions	0	0	200	0.0 %	0	0
Education	0	0	3,500	0.0 %	0	0
Gifts & Awards	490	490	750	65.3 %	0	0
Luncheon CLE_Meetings	0	0	40	0.0 %	0	0
OSB Support Service Assessment	5,868	5,868	7,560	77.6 %	6,684	6,684
MCLE Sponsorship Applications Fee	0	0	200	0.0 %	0	0
Credit Card Fee	0	0	400	0.0 %	0	0
Telephone - Conference Calls	20	20	150	13.3 %	20	20
Miscellaneous Expense	1,817	1,817	750	242.3 %	1,669	1,669
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,195	\$ 8,195	\$ 26,550	30.9 %	\$ 8,373	\$ 8,373
Change In Net Assets	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,380	\$ (50)	(4,759.8) %	\$ (223)	\$ (223)
+ Net Assets - Beginning	\$ 10,945	\$ 10,945	\$ 0	0.0 %	\$ 10,990	\$ 10,990
Net Assets - Ending	\$ 13,325	\$ 13,325	\$ (50)	(26,650.7) %	\$ 10,766	\$ 10,766
Paid Headcount	423	423	0	0.0 %	326	326
Comp Headcount	66	66	0	0.0 %	231	231
Section Member Count	489	489	0	0.0 %	557	557

Oregon State Bar
Section Detail Report
 For Current Month (01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026)

Posted dt.	Doc dt.	Doc	Memo/Description	Department	Project	Project name	Location	JNL	Debit	Credit	Balance
4405 - Membership Fees (Balance forward As of 01/01/2026)											0.00
01/07/2026	01/07/2026		2114 Aptify Orders Batch - 20260107		813	Section	Section	100 APTJ		1,700.00	(1,700.00)
01/14/2026	01/14/2026		2115 Aptify Orders Batch - 20260114		813	Section	Section	100 APTJ		1,350.00	(3,050.00)
01/21/2026	01/21/2026		2116 Aptify Orders Batch - 20260121		813	Section	Section	100 APTJ		1,400.00	(4,450.00)
01/31/2026	01/31/2026		2117 Aptify Orders Batch - 20260131		813	Section	Section	100 APTJ		2,325.00	(6,775.00)
01/31/2026	01/31/2026		Unearned2026 Section Revenue to earned Section Revenue		813	Section	Section	100 GJ		3,800.00	(10,575.00)
Totals for 4405 - Membership Fees									0.00	10,575.00	(10,575.00)
Net change for - Membership Fees											(10,575.00)
7395 - Gifts & Awards (Balance forward As of 01/01/2026)											0.00
01/15/2026	01/15/2026		ENR Awards Bill - Thomas, Christopher B: ENR Awards		813	100000	No Project	100 APJ	490.01		490.01
Totals for 7395 - Gifts & Awards									490.01	0.00	490.01
Net change for - Gifts & Awards											490.01
7745 - OSB Support Service Assessment (Balance forward As of 01/01/2026)											0.00
01/31/2026	01/31/2026		Sec Admn Fee Sec Admn Fee		813	100000	No Project	100 GJ	5,868.00		5,868.00
Totals for 7745 - OSB Support Service Assessment									5,868.00	0.00	5,868.00
Net change for - OSB Support Service Assessment											5,868.00
7885 - Telephone - Conference Calls (Balance forward As of 01/01/2026)											0.00
01/31/2026	01/31/2026		Zoom SvcsZoom Svcs Jan26 Jan26		813	100000	No Project	100 GJ	20.00		20.00
Totals for 7885 - Telephone - Conference Calls									20.00	0.00	20.00
Net change for - Telephone - Conference Calls											20.00
7999 - Miscellaneous Expense (Balance forward As of 01/01/2026)											0.00
01/31/2026	01/31/2026		Jan26 EventBill - Thomas, Christopher B: Jan26 catering Event catering		813	100000	No Project	100 APJ	1,817.08		1,817.08
Totals for 7999 - Miscellaneous Expense									1,817.08	0.00	1,817.08
Net change for - Miscellaneous Expense											1,817.08
Grand total									8,195.09	10,575.00	(2,379.91)