

**Oregon State Bar
Sustainable Future Section**

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The Long View

Sustainable Future Section Annual Business

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The Section held its 2010 Annual Business Meeting on November 2, 2010. At the Annual Meeting, Executive Committee Chair Jim Kennedy summarized the Section's activities and accomplishments this first year. The Section's accomplishments in 2010 include adoption of a mission statement, development of a website, creation and publication of four issues of its newsletter, *The Long View*, presentation of five programs, and creation and award of three sustainable leadership awards.

In addition to these accomplishments, the Section formed several study groups to examine specific issues relating to sustainability. In 2010, the Section's study groups examined the adoption of sustainable court practices and began reviewing the scope of client inquiries regarding the sustainable office practices of potential service providers. The Section is also forming a study group to examine the possibilities for protecting the rights of future generations based in part on interest stemming from the Section's program on whether the Oregon Constitution should be amended to protect those rights.

As of November 19, 2010, the Section's projected 2010 expenses were \$7,139 with a projected year-end balance of \$1,057. Most of the Section's 2010 revenue came from membership fees (65%) with substantial contributions from program fees (26%). The Section's major expenditures in 2010 were for the newsletter (22%), primarily printing and design costs associated with the first publication (the only edition issued in print), and for programs (21%).

At the recommendation of the Section's Nominating Committee, the Section elected the following slate of officers and executive committee members: Chair, James Kennedy; Chair-Elect, Michelle Slater; Treasurer, Robin Seifried; Secretary, Dallas DeLuca; and Members-at-Large (terms ending December 31, 2012), Ellen Grover, Amie Jamieson and Dick Roy. Members-at-Large Jennifer Gates, Diane Henkels and Pat Neill will continue to serve until December 21, 2011.

The week after the Annual Business Meeting, the Section held its Awards and First-Year Celebration at which it recognized one law office and two individuals for exceptional contributions in advancing sustainability. In addition to the Section's awards, the OSB Board of Governors created its own sustainability award based on the Section's recommendation, and the first recipient of this award was Executive Committee member Dick Roy.