Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of March 4, 2011

Sustainable Futures Section

Oregon State Bar

Attending: James Kennedy (Chair), Dick Roy, Michelle Slater, Dallas DeLuca (Secretary), Diane Henkels (legislative contact), Ellen Grover, Jennifer Gates, Amie Jamieson and Rod Wegener (OSB liaison).

Excused absence: Robin Seifried and Pat Neill.

Guests: J. Charles Griggs, Melissa Thaist and John Ainger

1. **Executive Committee Meeting in Bend and Related Activities** – Ellen

• Best date for most Executive Committee members to attend committee meeting in Bend is Friday, June 17

• Ellen described facilities for executive committee meeting and options for restoration sites or LEED building to tour

• Discussion of possible CLE on Friday and holding Executive Committee meeting on Saturday

• Discussed having section social with Deschutes County Bar at 4:00 pm, June 17.

2. **Awards Program** - Ellen

 • Discussed both content and process questions for Awards program

 Content: Discussion of what awards for the section to offer and the criteria for awards.

 • MOVED – Section will not give awards to individuals, only to firms and, for 2011, only one award.

 Process: Discussed coordinating with Oregon State Bar process and timeline for OSB’s Board of Governor award.

 • Also discussed Section’s review process, timelines, and evaluators.

 • Discussed process of accepting applications for law firm awards in parallel with OSB BOG award applications for individuals.

 • Discussed law firm award criteria.

 • Discussion of composition of Awards committee to develop firm award applications.

3. **2011 Section Goals** – Jim (see handout)

 • Need to measure progress towards goals

 • Discussion of each of the goals.

 • Discussion of additional goals – to continue at next meeting.

4. **Approve Minutes of 12/3/10, 1/17/11 and 2/4/11 Executive Committee Meetings**

 • Deferred until next meeting

5. **Partners in Sustainability** – Dick, Ellen and Amie

 • Amie not leading Partners in Sustainability committee.

 • Dylan Cernitz has joined the Partners committee.

 • Dylan is surveying similar recognition programs in other states

 • Dick, Amie, Ellen, Dylan and Jeanne Ray as committee members

6. **Interface with Other OSB Sections** – Michelle and Jim

 • Michelle and Jim met with Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section on Green Guides CLE program and other collaboration, and will meet with other sections later this year.

7. **Programs**

 • Reviewed list of upcoming programs.

 • Jennifer and Diane are working with Jon Ostar from Organizing People-Activating Leaders (OPAL) on CLE on Environmental Justice Program, but it is delayed due to pending cases before various courts.

 • No one registered for Eugene video replay of Oregon Constitution program.

8. **Newsletter**

 • Michelle discussed new editorial standards (e.g., formatting)

 • Discussed division of articles between reporting and opinion pieces.

 • Michelle listed articles being developed for June issue.

 • Need additional member for editorial committee next year as Michelle moves onto chair of Section and relinquishes Editor in Chief role.

9. **Update on Lawyers for a Sustainable Future (LSF)** – Dick

 • J. Griggs and Dick updated on developments to website for LSF.

10. **Appointment of Committee Regarding Inclusion of Additional Resources on SFS Web Site**

 • Dallas will lead further website development

 • Dallas to lead volunteers for 3 areas of content

 • sustainability in the law (e.g. list from mentoring guidelines section gave to OSB)

 • office practices

 • links for both areas

 • Other committee members

 • Diane will forward name of volunteer she met that may want to work on this.

 • Jim will solicit a volunteer from Ater Wynne.

 • Dallas to send email outlining project and soliciting committee volunteers.

11. **Involvement of Law Students in Section** – J Griggs and Melissa

 • Discussion of Section-student social

 • Reviewed details of sustainability law course at Lewis and Clark and discussed possibility of providing guest speakers

 • Discussed advertising on campus for Section’s CLEs.

 • Jim, Michelle and Dick met with Kimberly Pray of the University of Oregon (Portland Campus) law school on collaboration with Section on programs, especially hosting events at White Stag building.

 • Discussion of endorsing, or listing on the Section’s website, calendar events that the Section is not co-hosting.

12. **Legislative Report** – Diane

 • Diane discussed two bills introduced in early March labeled “sustainability” with more details to follow by email.

 • The Oregon State Bar has not sent any list to Diane yet of bills impacting sustainability.

 • Diane noted that the two proposed bills exempt the legislative and judicial departments.

 • The Danny Lang proposal is not progressing in the House of Delegates task force, but there is a bill proposed in the legislature that is similar to Danny Lang proposal.

13. **Status of Task Force on Office of Legal Guardian** – Jim

 • Jim reported on his work on task force pertaining to the creation of an Office of Legal Guardian and Jennifer’s valuable input on the decision to not have it overlap with Judicial Department’s use of Special Masters.

 • Instead, Office of Legal Guardian would review and comment on proposals in the legislative and executive branch.

 • Goal is to have the Task Force study for Office of Legal Guardian completed by end of year.

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APPENDIX

Sustainable Future Section 2011 Goals

 By Jim Kennedy

It is important for the Executive Committee of the Sustainable Future Section to establish goals during each year and measure progress in meeting the goals. If progress is unsatisfactory, alternative ways of achieving the goals need to be identified.

Set forth below is an initial list of Section goals for 2011 for discussion at the Executive Committee meeting on March 4, 2011:

1. Membership. Achieve Section membership of 325 during 2011.

2. Partners in Sustainability Program. Establish criteria for Partners in Sustainability program and implement web site recognition by September 30, 2011.

3. CLE Programs. Sponsor or co-sponsor seven or more CLE programs during 2011.

4. Inclusion of Additional Resources on SFS Web Site. Include resources on sustainability on the SFS web site by October 31, 2011.

5. Interface with Other Sections. Meet with officers or Executive Committee members of other active OSB sections with areas of substantive law that interface with sustainability to identify areas of potential collaboration.

6. Task Force on Office of Legal Guardian. Complete Task Force report by November 30, 2011.

7. Task Force on RFPs for Legal Services. Complete Task Force report by November 30, 2011.

8. Interface with Law Schools. On a trial basis, work with Lewis & Clark law student representative and possibly other student groups to coordinate Section activities and potentially identify areas of collaboration. If successful, appoint law student representatives at other Oregon law schools.

9. Volunteers. Identify ways in which to use Section members who have volunteered or otherwise indicated an interest in participating in Section activities.

The foregoing list does not include projects for which criteria already have been identified, such as publishing four newsletters per year and awards for individuals and firms for leadership in sustainability.