Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of February 4, 2011

Sustainable Futures Section

Oregon State Bar

Attending: James Kennedy (Chair), Dick Roy, Michelle Slater, Diane Henkels (legislative contact), Robin Bellanca Seifried, K. Pat Niell, Ellen Grover, and Amie Jamieson.

Excused absence: Dallas DeLuca, Jennifer Gates and Rod Wegener (OSB liaison)

Guests: J. Charles Griggs, Melissa Thaist

1. **Approve Minutes** - Tabled.

2. **Committee meeting in Bend** –

Proposal:

* Fri. afternoon: CLE
* Fri. later afternoon/ early evening: social (considering inviting Deschutes Co. bar association)
* Fri. evening Executive Committee members dinner
* Sat. morning: Committee Meeting
* Sat. lunch (consider inviting Deschutes Co. bar association)
* Sat. afternoon: nature walk field trip
* Diane will survey executive committee members to determine best date.

3. **Partners in Sustainability** – Deferred

4. **Awards Program** – Barry Woods

We discussed having the sustainability award for an individual be the Board of Governors award and having the Section issue only "law-firm" awards. Awards committee charged with providing recommendations at the next meeting on:

A) Defining various tiers for awards (for example, based on size of firm)

B) Steps for refining the award criteria, and

C) Process improvements or additions (such as office visit, interviews)

Discussion about awards process:

* Discussion of whether the OSB award should come from same nominating pool as OSB SFS
* the OSB prefers giving an individual award, not a law firm award
* Whether Section should have awards for individuals or law firms or both.
* Whether there should be multiple law firm awards based on size of firm.
* Discussion of involvement of Section in Board of Governors award selection process.
* Discussion of whether Section award should be made based on paper-only application or if on-side or telephone interviews should be used.

5. **State Court double sided filing** – Amie

* investigation of common practices at the various circuit courts is now complete
* Proposal to include update on issue in the newsletter
* Discussion concerning upcoming e-filing rules impact on adoption of double-sided filing practices

6. **Law School Representatives**

• Lewis & Clark representative attended meeting.  SFS Executive Committee charged with identifying ways for students expressing interest in the Section to get involved.

7. **Coordination with OLSF, national umbrella organization**

• Dick discussed Lawyers for a Sustainable Future (“LSF”), umbrella organization Web site, for development of criteria to evaluate potential affiliate members of LSF.

• SFS will be able to post information on LSF web site. LSF web site will contain basic resources and information about how to form a metropolitan-wide coalition, but not updates on legal developments (those will need to be put on SFS web site).

• \* We need to identify best way to begin collecting information for SFS web site for Dallas (or someone) to post

8. **Legislation** – Diane

• We reviewed various ways for legislation of interests to be identified. Diane will report back when all the bills for the session are available and will be scanning bills for relevance.

9. **Programs**

• Pat discussed planning a program in Eugene.

Next meeting on Friday March 4 at Miller Nash, 9-11AM.