

OSB SFS Executive Committee
2/19/15 Meeting Minutes 9-10:30 at Miller Nash law firm

Attendance:

Present in person: Robin Siefried, Diane Henkels, Dick Roy, Max Miller, Jennifer Gates, Lindsay Byrne, Ann McQuesten, June Wirick Flores, Maggie Vining

Present by phone: Michelle Slater

Not present: Jim Kennedy

There were no mtg minutes to approve.

Committees:

Awards and Partners in Sustainability:

Award: Filled in Calendar dates, though need to add Bar's individual Sustainability Award dates.

2015 SFS Law Office Sustainability Award: work in progress, stay tuned.

Partners: Program seems self-explanatory, would like to include outreach—possible visits like the lunch had last year with a firm, and general outreach; still planning every other year updates.

Editorial Committee:

Still planning 4 issues: mid-April, mid-June, Sept, Dec. Topics and authors are lined up for 4/15, including a new Partner to announce.

Discussion re articles—desirability for “backlog” but keep articles fresh; note Editorial collaboration with Program committee. Preferred article length: 600-1200 word count. Possible case note: NY Ct of Appeals case that chimps are not human, Atmospheric Trust Litigation. Book review: e.g. Max will review Conscience Economy. Family Businesses that have adopted sustainability in their models. Austin Family Business Program out of OSU.

Programs Committee:

Discuss technology for programs—perhaps bypass Bar on this and use Goto meeting. Discuss blockbuster program—this requires more discussion in Committee; request for ideas.

Clarification re payment: For firms hosting CLE, each must be an SFS member or pay.

Climate Change Task Force:

Discuss proposal by Dick to announce this and create this if there enough interest. Dick will create announcement, interview those interested/possible members, and head this subcommittee. EC members requested to submit by April 1 suggested persons to receive the announcement. Purpose is to collectively show interests of the Oregon legal profession in climate change.

Motion passed authorizing Dick to form a Climate Change Task Force w/charge of producing brief report w/modules a lawyer could accomplish, and producing this to make it useful for the Paris mtg.

Outreach and activities report: Lindsay will lead efforts toward participating in a tree-planting. Suggested Bar contacts re related previous efforts: Rod Wegener and SFS BOG liaison Matthew Kehoe. Dick to put Lindsay in touch w/Boston Bar Association which has a committee putting “lawyers on the ground”. Diane will ask re update on ABA and the million tree planting effort.

Calendar Review:

Dick is calendar keeper; to include newsletter deadlines, and OSB publicity due dates.

Legislative report: Diane to send EC members list of bills received from Bar; EC members to suggest additions to the list, Diane to send additions on to Bar.

Membership Development: Most member development coming from Programs. Discuss when to solicit w/New OSB admittees—Robin to check w/Sarah Hackbart to see when the new admittees sign up for the Bar. Definitely reach out through event Learning the Ropes CLE. Include Membership development activity on the calendar

Discussion on divestment topic, generally, and Bar’s divestment from fossil fuel industry. Proposal to have a speaker, Lenny Dee come into speak to the EC at a future meeting, and having the BOG Liaison come.

Next mtg: March 19 Davis Write Tremaine or Miller Nash?