

## OSB SFS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4/16/15 Minutes

(Prepared by Max Miller)

Present: Ann McQuesten, Dick Roy, Maggie Vining, Jim Kennedy, Michelle Slater, June Wiyrick Flores, Lindsay Byrne, Max Miller, Rod Wegener

Excused Absence: Robin Seifried, Jen Gates, Diane Henkels

Ann called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM at the offices of Tonkon Torp LLP.

On motion of Lindsay and second by June, the Minutes from March 19, 2015 were approved.

### Committee Reports

Editorial – Ann said the spring issue of *The Long View* will be distributed prior to Earth Day, April 22. One article is being finalized. Other articles, a book review and a case note are complete. Two new partners will also be announced. The second issue is proposed for early summer.

Programs – A program is planned for late May or early June on sustainability in land use planning focusing on contrasting suburban and vertical sprawl. A joint program with SAGE is being planned on generational equity and a legal guardian for future generations. Other programs are in various stages of planning. Lindsay agreed to target a bicycle law program for summer.

### Climate Change Task Force

Dick reported that 27 people attended one of three lunch meetings. Discussion themes included:

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| 1st Session | Mitigation and adaptation, are they the same or different?<br><br>Lawyers should "stop talking and just individually volunteer."   |
| 2nd Session | Resilience   |
| 3rd Session | Do lawyers have any business making recommendations to anyone other than ourselves?<br><br>We need to educate lawyers; anything more might be controversial and chill participation. |

As a result of these meetings, Dick plans to charge the Task Force with looking primarily at mitigation, because adaptation is too site specific. The Task Force will do three things: (1) summarize the background condition; (2) summarize what the current state of the response of the legal profession has been to date; and (3) make recommendations for future action. There was a general discussion of whether the recommendations would be only lawyers. The outcome of this discussion was a proposal to make two types of recommendations: (1) What the profession should do; and (2) what the profession might do (perhaps external). Dick will circulate a draft charge for executive committee review and comment. Dick and Michelle will be members of the Task Force and will be seeking around ten other members from the discussion group participants. They will look to avoid people with an obvious agenda and will seek regional diversity and a mix of public interest, private practice, and government agency lawyers.

### Bar Initiatives

Rod said that OSB is looking at proposals for putting LED lights in the parking lot and solar panels on the roof of the Bar's building. He is seeking assistance in evaluating the options. He received several suggestions of lawyers and contractors to talk to.

Rod asked about the divestment topic. There was a general discussion about 350PDX and the Stanford University decision to divest in coal companies, based upon social injury. Rod said the Bar is interested in the divestment issue, but struggling with it. Other topics besides carbon have been discussed including tobacco and animal rights.

The executive committee decided that SFS should make a recommendation to the Bar. A study group or task force will be formed with Michelle, Ann, and June participating. Other knowledgeable members will be added.

### Awards and Partners

June reported that we are close to a formal announcement on the composting theme for this year.

### Community Outreach

Lindsay reached out to a contact at the Boston Bar. His recommendations included family-friendly events and events that encouraged community building as opposed to individuals acting independently. Lindsay is working toward a fall planting event with Friends of Trees and a beach cleanup event with the Shores Coalition. She is looking for a third event opportunity. Maggie suggested a 9/11 event. Ann suggested BARK educational hikes. Rod offered to help promote the Friends of Trees event with Bar staff.

### President's Sustainability Award

Dick said nominations are due in July. He would like three nominations to be made and views SFS executive committee members as the most likely to make nominations.

### Next Meeting

Lindsay will host the next meeting at One SW Columbia, 4th Floor Conference Room B, May 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Dick asked whether we wanted an outside speaker on any particular topic at a future meeting. Michelle suggested someone on the intersection of ethics, jurisprudence, and divestment. Tom Lininger at U of O will be asked by Dick and Lindsay.

### Adjourn

Ann adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.