

OSB SFS Executive Committee
DRAFT May 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Time: 9:30 – 11 AM +

Location: Umpqua Bank Bldg (host: Lindsay Byrne's office), 1 SW Columbia St, 4th Floor, Conference Room B

Present: Robin Seifried (Chair), June Wyrick-Flores, Jennifer Gates, Max Miller, Maggie Vining, Dick Roy, Diane Henkels, Lindsay Byrne, Rod Wegener

Guest: Matt Raeburn

Motion passed to approve the 4/16/15 meeting minutes prepared by Max Miller.

Committee Updates:

Awards/Partners Committee (Jen)—For Awards, notice sent to Bar Bulletin, finalized the 2015 award, and announced it: Compost for 2015 w/transportation improvement for 2016, getting baseline in 2015.

Editorial Committee (Ann)—Recent Long View came out in April and had Earth Day focus. Also reporting two new partners, and will be announcing applicants? for President's Sustainability Award; committee meeting to follow in next two weeks.

Programs Committee (Maggie)—4th program of the year, announcement going out today (Up, Up and Away: A Discussion About Sustainable Land Use, Sprawl, Affordable Housing & Environmental Justice Ellen Johnson & Jennifer Bragar (re land use vertical vs. suburban sprawl) June 8 brown bag at Tonkon Torp; with two more CLEs in planning.

Discussion Items

Webmaster Update (Jen)—A seven month process of soliciting and sorting through options indicated Renee Merritt from Corvallis based on work quality and price. SFS EC to give Renee a scope of work & a budget; involve Michelle in scope of work to arrange for transferring information. Need to decide exactly what content management do we want webmaster to perform, and whether we want the look of the site updated.

Discuss also LinkedIn, Matt Raeburn to help w/LinkedIn, updating website, & budget.

Climate Change Petition (Robin)—Discuss request received from Philadelphia-based attorney seeking signatures by Bars to a petition requesting governments to take climate change action. See newsletter link. Robin to reply to the attorney.

Climate Change Task Force (Dick)—Task force has had three informational mtgs, selected a working group of 12 including Michelle Slater as Editor & Dick as Chair and nine

other section members. Draft charge: 1) how has legal profession responded; 2) how should legal profession respond. Recommendations directed mostly to Oregon. Focus on mitigation (CO2 emissions) rather than on adaptation (site specific), or resilience. End up w/report w/background piece, response of the legal profession. EC members to get comments back to Dick by June 2: are there any categories not listed? Re recommendations, where are areas where recommendations might be made? An area is constitutional amendments w/one member setting up a grid of statutes, Report might not recommend legislation, noting bounds of Keller. Rich Speer, president of the Bar seems supportive and did mention Keller. Looking at Rules of Professional conduct, including expansion or perhaps a new Code. List of members: ?

Membership update (Robin)—

OSB Divestment Group (Ann)—June and Michelle and Ann talked re divestment proposal. They want to provide to OSB information they could use on considering a decision regarding divestment. A review of the OSB investment policy (very specific, maximizing investment is key purpose), and also the sustainability policy. The questions they will look at are 1) fiduciary duty of members of the finance committee, 2) set the scope of what they will be able to do, 3) look at the current Sustainability Bylaw which is broad, refers to “bar operations” which is broad. Question is that broad enough to translate to another bylaw that would talk about the investment policy, and is it broad enough to apply to the current investment policy, and if not then would they want to propose changes to the investment policy and what the policy might contain. What other actions or considerations are options short of divestment (e.g. interactions w/stakeholders, other companies, how to take the divestment policy and incorporate the goal of mitigating climate change, reducing coal consumption w/o divesting. Q: What would be helpful to the Bar on this?

Rod updates group on OSB Finance Committee mtg last week, the investment advisors were there. At the meeting other issues also surfaced. Bylaws allow for an Investment Committee, and the Finance Committee is going to form an Investment Subcommittee which would have 3-4 mtgs. Michelle indicated that Climate Task force is going to work on this. Trustee on a trust has a different standard than a director on a nonprofit organization.

Not covered from the Agenda:

ABA Task Force Recommendation (Diane)
Legislative Update (Diane)
Calendar Review (Dick)
Additions