**Annual Meeting & October 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**Oregon State Bar Sustainable Future Section
October 15, 2013, 9:30 AM

White Summers, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 2440, Portland

**Attendance**

Present: Janna Aginsky, Dick Roy, Michelle Slater, Jim Kennedy, Ann McQuesten, Robin Seifried, Diane Henkels

Guest: Perry Salzhauer and Monique Hawthorne, Section members

Absent: Bobby Mauger, Dallas DeLuca

**2013 Annual Meeting**

Chair’s Report:

Michelle Slater reviewed the year’s activities and achievements. The annual report is attached hereto.

Treasurer’s Report:

Robin Seifried reported on the budget. The 2014 budget was approved in a previous meeting. The most expensive portion of the budget is the cost paid to the bar for member services (currently 6.50, increasing to $8.00 for 2014).

Nominating Committee Report:

Michelle reviewed the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for reconstituting the membership of the Executive Committee in 2014. The committee’s report is attached hereto. Dick Roy moved to approve the report; it received unanimous approval of the members present.

Public comment was sought; none was offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

**October 2013 EC Meeting**

Approval of the September 2013 EC Meeting Minutes:

This agenda item was postponed to the November EC meeting.

Partners in Sustainability:

Dick recommended a new committee be constituted to address the Partners program, rather than have it be part of the Awards committee. Diane volunteered

Proposal to Allow Law Students Free Membership:

Members voiced support for this idea, which currently is being implemented by the Animal Law Section, but also voiced concerns that doing so would require the Section to pay the member services fee ($8.00) for every law student, something our section’s finances could not sustain. The committee decided to offer memberships to law students at $8.00 to cover the member services fee. Perry Salzhauer offered to notify L&C students about this opportunity. Janna and Michelle will coordinate notifications to the other law schools. The committee also discussed past efforts to establish a relationship with law students, which have met with mixed success.

Report on Effect of Keller Opinion on Section Activities:

This report was postponed to the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

Update on OSB Carbon Footprint:

OSB may be getting a solar assessment, but currently is getting an ownership assessment of the building, so this will be done first.

Diane would like a subcommittee on the OSB efforts for 2014.

Report on Activity of OSB Land Trust Program:

Organizers Paul Majkut and Nancy Duncrack are preparing to submit to the Bar the pro bono land trust program they and others have been organizing. Diane Henkels and Janna Aginsky have been assisting the organizers. The Bar inquired about training for the volunteer attorneys. Diane suggested that the Section could offer a program that would meet the training requirements. Janna indicated it remained unclear what type and how much training would be required.

Report on Activities of ALA Sustainability Committee:

Janna’s report on the activities of the ALA Sustainability Committee was postponed.

Report and Discussion of 2013 Law Firm Leadership Award Presentation:

Jennifer Gates described the Markowitz firm’s request to have the award presented at the firm’s annual Sustainability Fair, which is a firm event for attorneys and staff to learn about and promote the firm’s ongoing and upcoming efforts to operate more sustainably. The Executive Committee discussed this format. There was general support for the format. Janna inquired whether arranging a speaker might be worthwhile as well. Jennifer and Michelle will work with Markowitz to plan the event.

Discussion of Potential Year-End Event:

Michelle, Dick and Jim discussed a potential dinner or other event to welcome new EC members and thank outgoing EC members. Diane noted that the ENR section routinely has a similar event. Michelle will send out an email to EC members to schedule the event. All section members will be invited by email invitation once the event is planned.

Next EC Meeting, November 19; 9:30 @ White Summers (805 SW Broadway, Suite 2440)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.