**October 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**OSB Sustainable Future Section**

October 2, 2014, 9:00 AM, at Landye Bennett Blumstein

Present: Jennifer Gates, Dick Roy, Maggie Vining, Diane Henkels, Ann McQuesten, Jim Kennedy, Robin Seifried

Absent (With Notice): Monique Hawthorne, Max Miller, Michelle Slater, Janna Aginsky

Guests: None

Approval of September 2014 Meeting Minutes

Jim Kennedy moved to approve the September minutes; Jennifer Gates seconded the motion; the September minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Membership Committee Report

Robin Seifried reported that the Section had 283 members as of August, and that last year at this time the Section had 291 members. Robin noted that the Section’s annual goal was 300 members with 20 complementary first-year memberships.

Dick Roy reported on the effort to recruit Section membership advocates at large firms, with a goal of getting 30 new members through the process. Dick has asked each advocate to recruit at least one new member, and Jim Kennedy suggested requesting more than one new member. Maggie Vining has recruited three so far from Davis Wright Tremaine. Robin suggested individuals at Stoel Rives for Dick to contact.

Budget Report:

Jim Kennedy reported that the Section has a positive account balance of $10,586 plus roughly $200 from the GMO program. The Committee then discussed whether the Section should increase dues for 2015 and decided not to make any change in the Section’s annual dues.

Awards Committee Report

Ann McQuesten provided a report on the Partners in Sustainability Program and the Law Office Leadership Award. The Committee discussed options for a recognition event for the Leadership Award, possibly in late November. Various speakers were suggested for the event, including Jackie Dingfelder, Susan Anderson, and Tobias Read. Jim Kennedy suggested coordinating the recognition event with the upcoming CLE on the IPCC report. The Committee agreed that some of the Section’s budget can be used for the event.

Dick Roy reported that the Bar’s President’s Award for Sustainability will be given to Steve Schell. Dick then provided a summary of Steve Schell’s accomplishments and service.

Jennifer Gates noted that she contacted the Bar to see if the Section can have input on the President’s award and the Bar declined. The Bar will not disclose the nominees unless we file a public records request, but the Bar did confirm that there were three nominees in 2014 and that the non-winners are carried forward for up to 3 years.

Programs Committee Report

Maggie Vining reported on upcoming programs:

* Phil Mote will summarize the IPCC climate assessment report following the synthesis report that comes out at the end of October, tentatively targeted to occur the second week of November
* Mary Wood will speak on December 11 at the White Stag building in a program co-promoted by University of Oregon titled “Is Environmental Law Broken?”

The Programs Committee is currently discussing 7-10 programs for 2015, with 4 under active development.

Diane Henkels suggested a program on ecovillages/eco-districts and will email a summary to Maggie.

Editorial Committee Report

Jennifer Gates reported that the September newsletter was released last week and that the December issue is in the pipeline. Jennifer noted that Michelle Slater is stepping down as editor of the newsletter effective immediately and that Ann McQuesten will take over as editor.

Nominating Committee Report

Diane Henkels, Jim Kennedy, and Stacey Mark met and identified 3 candidates for 2 positions. The Nominating Committee is also lining up the proposed officers for 2015. Janna Aginsky and Monique Hawthorne will not continue on the Committee in 2015 but both want to continue subcommittee work, and Mo would like to rejoin the Committee in 2016.

The Committee then discussed the nomination process and scheduling the annual meeting. The Committee agreed to tentatively move the annual meeting to 11/13/14 so that the Section can post the slate of nominees 30 days in advance.

Report on Hiring Website Administrator

Jennifer Gates reported that she received expressions of interest from 5-6 different providers. The Committee granted Jennifer authority to move forward with the hiring process and make a recommendation at the next Committee meeting.

Climate Task Force Proposal

Dick Roy proposed forming a climate change task force and using some of the Section’s budget to hire someone work on it. The Committee discussed whether this creates an issue under *Keller*. Diane Henkels suggested slating this as a topic for the Committee’s annual retreat with issues regarding *Keller* limitations answered by that time. Diane also noted that she has reviewed the draft ABA Task Force report, which could have some overlap with a Section task force. The Committee determined that it should continue discussing this issue and that Dick and any other interested members should refine the specifics of the idea.

Public Comment

Diane Henkels announced opportunities for visiting an ecovillage on November 11 and at a solstice celebration on December 21 at Kailash Ecovillage.

Maggie Vining suggested asking the PLF to divest funds from fossil fuel investments as a topic for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 9:00am at Landye Bennett Blumstein.