

Minutes for SFS Meeting
February 4, 2016, 9AM
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Present: Ann McQuesten, Robin Seifried, Michelle Slater, Courtney Johnson, Alex Tkacz, Margaret Vining and June Wiyrick Flores by phone.
Excused: Max Miller, Diane Henkels, Jennifer Gates

Motion approved and seconded to approve the Annual and Regular minutes with those revisions. No minutes from December meeting or January retreat.

Committee Reports.

Awards: Diane absent, but sent summary. She is in contact with Brad Miller at Stahancyk, waiting for programs committee to identify program that we can use to present the award. We are reprinting their submission for the newsletter. We need to follow-up with Jen and Diane to see if award has been ordered. The committee is implementing a transportation challenge for 2016 - a baseline month in comparison to a challenge month and will use May and September. They are researching the cost to use the BTA platform. The committee is reviewing the partners criteria and anyone is welcome to suggest changes. Café Yumm has sent in their renewal application. This may be a program topic - how in-house counsel can have sustainability practices. We want to put the notices in the March newsletter for the Annual award and partners award criteria, we will also do an e-mail blast. The committee is also considering the NW Earth Institutes Eco-Challenge later in the year to inspire firms to have a challenge within their firms and use to increase sustainability awareness within firms. This would be an October event.

Editorial Committee. Ann reported that met since January meeting. They have an issue that will go out as soon as receive Dr. Mote approval of his article and this will contain the Stahancyk announcement. They are working on the March issue, they have commitments from Articles from Steve Higgs on his program he facilitated last week on guardian for future generations; Max is working with Mayor's office on article for Paris conference, Rod will be providing a report on Bar's sustainability initiatives, working on article that is follow-up on B corp CLE; also plan on that issue to have announcement of Leadership award and hopefully partners criteria, June in touch with Susan Gary for program and article; Courtney in contact with Our Children's Trust (they keep pushing back on that). Diane has put Ann in touch with ABA contacts. International Society for Sustainability Professionals has book reports; Ann has asked if we can re-print their reports. Ann will reach out to Sam Roberts re serving on Editorial committee. June will send the contact info to Ann.

Programs Committee: Had first program last week, had 14 RSVPs and only 7 attended. Sara Butcher attended and said it was a good program. Susan Gary has agreed to do a program in March or April on fiduciary duty and environmental considerations. They have good pipeline of

programs that are in development. We will likely use the March or April program for the award presentation. They are planning a summer social and would like the section to reimburse for the food. Tonkon would host. Maggie will get a budget for costs and then present to EC.

Committee is thinking about a blockbuster program - professor at Yale working on tort claims re climate change. If could do a larger program with university, then may be able to bring it out. Also discussed the Linn County class action and would be interested in having a program on that. Discussion about how to get people to attend when have a limited number of attendance available - include lunch in the program.

Discussion Items:

Climate Change Task Force: Michelle update - had meeting and discussed narrowing focus, topics that don't have a lot of info are being deleted. It is on one drive and they are reviewing and giving comments. Steve has a potential volunteer who is a writer who will review and edit to clear up the transitions between the sections. Have a meeting scheduled for end of February.

Succession Planning Committee: Discussed establishing this committee at the retreat. The 3 members (Robin, Michelle and Jennifer) who are terming off the EC will be on this committee.

NY State Bar Assoc. Environmental Law Section's Global Climate Change Committee Conference: June 17 at Columbia Law School in NY, participate or submit info re activities the section is planning re climate change. Ann is happy to reach out to them. We want to tell them about our section and our task force report. Robin would like to attend, she is going to check her schedule. Michelle is happy to go as well because she's gone to ABA. We have paid from EC members to attend. Michelle could stay with family and Robin may be able to stay with friends. Maggie also has family in NY. Michelle will look to see if she has any other issues.

ABA Annual Meeting. At retreat discussed someone from our EC to attend. We don't know if there is an agenda and try to get sustainability on the agenda. This meeting is in San Francisco. We may want to reconsider the ABA because of budget. NY is more directed to our focus and may be the priority, but ABA has a broader reach.

Other. We need to have our website updated if we're going to submit info to NY because it would damage our credibility.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2016, 9 am.