

OSB Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee
Meeting minutes for 4/7/16 at Miller Nash
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Present: Ann McQuesten, June Wyrick-Flores, Max Miller, Michelle Slater, Courtney Johnson, Robin Seifried, Diane Henkels, Alex Tkacz, Jen Gates

Excused: Maggie Vining

Motion passed approving March 3'16 meeting minutes as revised.

Committee Reports:

Awards/Partners Committee: Re 2015 Award: We will award the Stahancyk Firm the 2015 by delivering it to them (by bike). Re 2016 Award: Ready for rollout, Award announcement is sent to newsletter. Changes included adding Managing Partners/equivalent to the signature lines. Re Partners Program: We have updated Partners Criteria and Policy, requiring 50% renewable energy when feasible and customizing it for in-house counsel too. Re publicity for each and both: Let's send out a separate announcement for the Transportation Challenge and Partners Program Tues next week; schedule transport tracking reminder to go out on April 26 morning. Good news where the Oregon Public Defender Services in Salem expressed interest in the Partners Program.

Editorial Committee: Articles for this upcoming issue just sent to Michelle for publishing. Ann just received an e-mail re expiration of domain name prompting a discussion of whether we should renew our domain name; Ann will discuss w/Bar re website. Robin is paying Wordpress. Bar is selling their website services. Ann will talk with Bar to learn more about the Bar and our website, and getting inquiries through website to go to gmail. Jen reports we are further in the process of the contract, but recommends we just go w/the Bar option to expedite. Robin to contact Dallas re e-mails coming through the website and transferring those e-mails to someone else. Preference to have all e-mail going to Section to go to the Chair who can then delegate it out. Anara Scott, lawyer/professor at OSU is interested in program re Anti-trust and Climate Change. Jen is working on getting an article re Sixth Extinction. There is also newly passed coal legislation.

Programs Committee: Third program was 3/28 with about 18 attendees, plus 3 by phone. Another one is scheduled for April 21 but EPA announced today that the plan is postponed to May, so Max is checking with speakers AECOM (including former URS), and includes Exxon Mobile perspective (industry committee). Study is on the environmental social economic aspects of the environmental cleanup—concentrating on the environmental part. Possible collaboration with Indian Law Section, drought and flood impact on Native. Also the training—see pasted information. Diane to check in w/Maggie re possible tour of Kailash Ecovillage through Lindsay's outreach.

Discussion Items:

Climate Change Task Force: Task Force proceeds and a final draft from outside writer, Chris Fryefield tomorrow and Michelle and Steve Higgs will meet w/Chris on that. Next/(last?) Task Force mtg is 4/28/16. Likely outcome of the Task Force is another SFS standing committee.

Succession Planning Committee: The Committee met and brainstormed ideas on people they thought would be good on this and other committees. Discussion re diversity of nominees. Cross the membership list with the one of CLE attendees, other section activities, someone active in Bar activities and in their area. Sam Robert discussed. Diane or anyone to suggest someone bringing more diverse perspective to be on the Succession Planning Committee.

New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Global Climate Change Committee Conference: They just met; they are thinking of running the event June 17th at Columbia Law School. Many questions unanswered including who is the audience, seems like short time frame. Would like a breakdown from SFS how we would participate. Their outreach was to bars throughout the US. Discuss

sending them Climate Change Task Force information. Task force recommendation will include carbon pricing, but there are many other aspects SFS has involved re state bars and sustainability. Discuss possible different panels: how to organize a bar group on sustainability, interconnection of sustainability, law, and climate change, giving context to the Task Force Report, practicing law and clients' decision. There will be more discussion and soon on this conference.

ABA Annual Meeting: Not much happening there this year.

Be Bold: June brought up Susan Gary's idea from the CLE of revising the state prudent investor law to allow the trustee/fiduciary to take into consideration environmental and social factors for this. She proposed a joint effort of the Estate Planning and SFS to Amend ORS 130.755 subparagraph 3, adding one more subparagraph to allow trustee/fiduciary to take into consideration environmental and social factors. Gary is willing to be on the committee to do that. Opposing this may be banks. But banks also are in a grey area. June and Sarah Butcher on the committee.

EC Vote: Motion to authorize a legislative committee to explore and draft a revision to ORS 130.755 enabling trustee/fiduciary to make allowances for environmental and social consideration in the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative affairs: For OSB Updates, we could use help getting that out; Diane to send Michelle summary and example for her to connect w/another possible volunteer. Perhaps Alex Wall to assist.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2016, 9:00 AM at Miller Nash

Meeting adjourned 10:21