

**OSB Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2016 mtg at**  
White Summers Caffee & James 805 SW Broadway Suite 2440, Portland, OR 97205

**Attendees:** Ann McQuesten (Chair), Rod Wegener (OSB liaison), Michelle Slater, Robin Seifried, Alex Tkacz

**Phone:** June Wyrick Flores, Diane Henkels (late arrival of Secretary)

**Guest:** John Bachofner from BOG

**Not present:** Max Miller, Maggie Vining

**Approve Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2016**

**Committee Reports**

Editorial Committee (Ann)

Programs Committee: covered by Robin, Legal Observer training, air toxic rules, Portland Harbor Superfund cost analysis, John B: CLE on different approaches to paperless litigation.

Awards/Partners: We received several more Partners renewals by June 30, will prepare publicity. For award, are looking out for those sending baseline data for Transportation Challenge. Possible low participation in this so will seek to review how to do an alternative not requiring the baseline measurement from the month.

Looking at a Transportation education program in August though work needed to develop it. Also, looking at an ecochallenge in October.

Met by phone with the Office of Public Defender Services.

**Climate Change Task Force Report (All + BOG Liaison):**

We have single-sided DRAFT Climate Change Task Force Report. Michelle took lead after Dick left, became SFS Liaison. The Report is about what lawyers can do to combat climate change; report came out w/five key recommendations:

The SFS commissioned the Task Force and several attorneys did the study. We wanted to include BOG Rep and OSB Liaison in the conversation,

Two key recommendations that the BOG might be involved with that are :

1) Amending the Oregon Constitution—sponsoring a referendum related to amending constitution to include holding natural resources in trust for future generations as a joint effort of SFS and the OSB. SFS would review whether this would be in the Bar's appetite, there would be push back. Rod says there are still those unhappy that SFS was established such as lumber and fossil fuels.

2) ESG and divestment. Ron brought this up to Finance Committee re divestment. They discussed briefly, Chair last year was strong advocate last year, Committee seems this year not to be ready to do this, but this was a heads up that this

3) Sustainable Future Section would issue a policy statement supporting carbon pricing—(probably or definitely not).

4) SFS form subcommittee of pro bono attorneys to draft up legislation re carbon pricing. Possibly if we run into problems that as section we cannot do anything then we can delegate this to the Task Force and Report.

5) SFS create an individual attorney statement similar to Partners to minimize carbon emissions in personal in addition to professional life.

**Legislative matters:**

John B reviews for us how the Bar process works regarding legislation.

John says Susan Grabe's Public Affairs, they have a meeting in Feb/Mar/April about this, so mtg for 2017 legislative session is passed. 2018 is a short session.

Discussion of how to pursue if BOG not in favor of co-sponsoring legislation, then section seeks independently a legislator or other group to introduce legislation.

**Report on New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Global Climate Change Committee Summit:**

Diane reported that it was about a 5 hour meeting with attendees from New York Bar, Wash DC, Maryland, Montana, Kentucky, Maryland, Oregon, so somewhat diverse. Oregon's information was discussed and appreciated. See attached slides. There will be follow up including notes from the meeting which Diane will provide to the group.

**Report on OSB Section Summit re: CLE Registration Services and Co-Sponsorship:**

Discuss CLEs and Bar:

Registration services based on per head cost or 4 times a year for one hour can do a flat fee of \$100 except for over over 4 hrs total, then Bar must co-sponsor and there is a revenue share.

POLICY: Avoid having all of the Bar subsidizing the lunch CLEs—make CLEs revenue neutral.

Keller issues that some people don't want people supporting certain CLEs.

The CLE changes are a work in progress, like with the Barbooks which was very successful, and there may be iterations, changing, improving.

**Discussion Items**

Nominating Committee: Robin, Jen, and need a third, suggestion of Heather Brinton

Website Migration to Bar Platform—

Estate Planning Amendment status—

**Next Meeting** August 4, 2016, 9:00 AM Location?