

## Sustainable Future Section of the Oregon Bar Minutes

**Date:** Apr 4, 2018

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:15pm

**Location:** Henkels Law LLC 420 SW Washington St. Ste 400 Portland, Oregon

| Member                                       | Role        | In Attendance |
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| <a href="#">Henkels, Diane</a>               | Chairperson | X             |
| <a href="#">Ms. Johnson, Courtney B</a>      | Chair-Elect | X             |
| <a href="#">Ms. Wiyrick Flores, June M</a>   | Past Chair  | X             |
| <a href="#">Ms. Butcher, Sara L</a>          | Treasurer   | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Wall, Alexander James</a>    | Secretary   | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Grainey, Michael W</a>       | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Quirke, J Douglas</a>        | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Sherlock, William</a>        | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Dr. Sherman, Kimberly H</a>      | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Ms. Stafford, Kimberlee A</a>    | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Tkacz, Alexander Gregory</a> | Member      | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Rondeau, Michael J</a>       | BOG Contact | X             |
| <a href="#">Mr. Soloos, Mark</a>             | Bar Liaison | X             |

### **Quorum ascertained**

The Chair report was tabled

Minutes - March minutes revised to reflect accurate attendance.

### **Treasurer's Report**

February membership numbers. 257 last year, now 253. Look into GoToMeeting. Looking into Skype for a free call-in.

Jon Puente BAR Diversity Director not able to join.

**Alex T -**

Updated document by removing the years, so that there's no annual reason for updates. Biannual basis. Adding criteria large/medium size offices to allow hosting section meetings. Getting offices to sign up for the annual Eco-Challenge.

Do we need to update recycling portion? Carpooling.

Washington county and Sust. Coordinator. City Attorney. Went through criteria. 80%. What are pain points? How can we update and not devalue criteria.

Wa. County office applied for sustainability award. Good practices. Can there be a tiered approach to criteria? Extra credit. Transportation criteria is difficult. Zipcar was canceled.

A tiered approach would require the establishment of thresholds. Committee will review the criteria.

We will commit to reviewing the linked document by next meeting would be the first Wednesday of the month, May 2.

**Doug - Website**

Thank you for continuing to work on the website. Website has recovered. Doug is working on additional changes. Independent backups.

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June - Met with estate planning section. Oregon Banker's Association Trust Committee involved. Matt Shield. Presented on comments on socially responsible investing. Eliminating all investments in coal, and no tobacco were screens. A professor pushed back and said this would lead to lower returns. ESG investing. We argue that this is not negative screening. Question: do we really need this provision? Many people think prudent investor rule already allows it. The investments now factor ESG value. Proposal to be submitted on BOG meeting at May 2. Doing additional investigation of investor groups. If we get BOG approval, then we have until Sept to finalize language.

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Motion passed to ratify the legislative proposal on May 2, BOG, to change the prudent the investor rule. '[insert language sent out last week]'

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**Climate Change**

Whether Michael can speak at April . Annual conference on climate change. We gave \$500 last year. Michael Grainey will reference our task force recommendations. Bar is informed of the conference and SFS past participation. This is a climate change conference for lawyers.

What are lawyers doing, what can we do, what is the activity? SFS presented at last year's conference, and presentation was limited to SFS and the Bar activity including Climate Change Task Force Report. It did not cover State of Oregon Energy Policy.

The Bar does not represent state policies; SFS is part of the Bar and as such does not either. It is causing conversation, which good, but we want to be clear.

**After discussion SFS agreed to give \$500 again to Call to the Bar annual conference. SFS also agreed that Michael's remarks are his own opinions, not necessarily representing SFS. However, Michael intends to discuss SFS's Climate Change Report and other actions SFS is taking on Climate Change. He will also address state legislation on Climate Change. As it did last year, SFS is seeking CLE credit for this conference.**

**Cosponsorship of Charging Forward: The Future of Energy in Oregon:** Doug asked if the Executive Committee would support Section cosponsorship of this year's U of O School of Law Green Business Initiative symposium, which will take place on Friday, April 13 at U of O Portland (White Stag Block), with speakers including the director of the Oregon Department of Energy and Governor Brown's energy and climate policy advisor. The Section cosponsored last year's event, and co-sponsorship involves acknowledgement of the Section in materials and at the event, and notices about the event sent to Section members. Support was unanimous.