

**OSB SFS Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 6, 2017
Time: Noon
Location: 70 NW Couch St., Law Suite Conference Room
Portland, Oregon

Attending: Sara Butcher, Doug Quirke, Courtney Johnson, Max Miller, Diane Henkels, Ann McQuesten. Alex Tkacz by phone.

12:10 **Approve Meeting Minutes.** Ann moves to approve minutes as drafted, Max seconds. Unanimously approved. Approved minutes will be forwarded to Doug for posting on website.

12:15 **Committee Reports**

- Awards/Partners. Alex T. provides update. Committee considering re-structuring to focus on eco challenge and partnerships, increase participation, annual award due to low participation. Discussion of announcements to other sections. Possibly include participation in eco challenge as criteria for partners next year. Discussion of coordination between newsletter, partners, and programs.
- Editorial Committee. Ann provides update. Current newsletter (Issue No. 23) will be out next week. Next publication target May. Potential topics: House Bill to reshape Dept of Energy, Nonprofit property tax exemption case, Building code amendments to accommodate tiny homes, City of Portland decision to no longer invest in corporate debt securities, Impacts of proposed federal budget cuts to EPA and related programs, Reusable containers and farm to table concepts, Elliot State Forest. Diane suggests coordinating with City of Portland about our section work and updates on relevant city efforts.
- Programs Committee. Sara provides update. Merchants of Doubt film next week. Tree planting next Saturday. June 14 social event. Environmental Ethics CLE proposed in June. Possible ATL program in May. Diane discusses April 28 Cross-Jurisdictional Webinar. CLE credits will be applied for through American University and ELI. Participation can be through group hubs or individual dial-in. Ask law schools and firms (Partners) to host group viewings. Diane will forward registration and info to Program Committee for announcements, Sara will circulate draft announcement. Ann will put in newsletter if ready in time.
- Legislative Committee. Diane provides update. No update from June on legislative amendment for investments. Diane posted bills on LinkedIn.
- Website Committee. Doug provides update. Doug has substantially updated the content of the website. Still some gaps to fill e.g. agendas, and fixing page confusion between old and new website. Doug reminds committees to review web content on each committee and provide any updates. Diane asks for all to review resources page content as well.

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Discussion Items

- Partnering with other events and process for approval. Doug asks whether section would partner on U of O event 4/14. In this case would just be announcing the event, possibly have registration form for section there. Discussion. Max moves that we co-sponsor program in exchange for distributing membership opportunity and materials. Doug seconds. Unanimous approval. Discussion of materials to have available.
- Student member fees. Bar form shows fee, we think it should be free. Discussion. Diane moves that SFS provide free section membership to law students and lawyers in their first year of bar membership as defined by the bar. Doug seconds. Unanimous approval.
- Members who did not renew. Diane explains many simply forget, those are the ones we want to reach and explain what we are doing and free CLEs. Doug suggests possible survey. All EC members will send known contacts to Diane, she will assign people to reach out to. Ann will draft separate email to 2016 grads.
- Climate Change Task Force Report. Diane explains that we will present this report to the national conference 4/28 as example of what's being done. Diane asks for input from section on how Oregon and section is represented at this conference. SFS is sponsoring. Asking now for financial sponsorship. Discussion of benefit to members based on spending member fees, meeting our outreach mission. Max moves to sponsor \$500 and reimburse reasonable travel expenses. Sara seconds. Approved with Diane abstains.

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Next Meeting

May 4, 2017- Location TBD