OSB SFS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 2, 2017
Time: 12-1:30 PM
Location: Conference Call

Attending:

June Wiyrick Flores, Alex Wall, Max Miller, Sara Butcher, Ann McQuesten, Courtney Johnson, Doug Quirke, Alex Tkacz, Mike Grainey (Salem), Matt Shields (OSB)

Approve June Meeting Minutes – postponed until next meeting. Include on Sept. agenda.

Matt Shields - Legislative Process

- June explained to Matt Shields that Susan Gary, U of O professor, is interested in having our Section propose legislation to change the prudent investor guidelines.
- Matt Shields summarized the OSB process for proposing legislation:
 - The Judiciary Committee treats OSB the same as a state agency. The OSB Bar opens that opportunity to sections. As a result, proposals must get in early.
 - A solid proposal needs to be delivered by the Section no later than the beginning of April 2018, for discussion at a BOG meeting at the end of April. (This would be for the 2019 legislative session.)
 - The Bar would want to hold a forum to explain the proposal to interested members in mid-April.
 - If a proposal is likely to be controversial, the Section needs to meet early with potential opponents to try to reach consensus—well before the April delivery deadline. Then the Section should write a short memo preferably with consensus draft language.
- June said that perhaps the Estate Planning Section would co-sponsor. Possible opposition would come from bank trust departments.
- June then asked Matt about proposing a constitutional change related to a climate change task force recommendation. Matt said that if the Section wants to endorse or initiate it, it needs sign off by the BOG. This would be a heavy lift – perhaps unique (Matt could not recall a constitutional change proposed by the OSB) – but ultimately the process will be the same as with legislation. The members thanked Matt for his time.

Committee Reports

Awards/Partners: Alex has circulated draft language for a Bulletin ad. Ann said we
typically do a 1/4 page ad. Alex will reach out to the Bar. No one had any objections
to the proposed language. Also, the Eco-Challenge will be coming up in the fall. The
Committee will work on structure for this year's challenge.

- Editorial Committee: Ann explained upcoming publication will be focused on local responses to climate change, include partners and award announcement. Likely publication date in September.
- Programs Committee: Sara and Max reported that the summer associate social went well and will likely recommend continue next year. Youth climate case panel and ethics panel in the works for early fall. Tree planting event late in the year.
- Legislative Committee: June reported that Susan Gary is supportive of ESG amendment to prudent investor rule another state has language in uniform trust code, but not adopted yet so Oregon could be first state to do this. Constitutional amendment is long term project, designate group to work on this.
- Website Committee: Doug said they are continuing updates on committee pages. Doug will circulate separate request for updates.
- Climate Change Committee: Sara reported she is working with Steve Higgs to
 collaborate on Goal 2 of Task Force Report to involve attorneys in pro bono work.
 Sara shared notes of meetings and strategies. Steve is working on Project Drawdown
 strategies, our work can dovetail with some of those project approaches. Also
 overlaps with Call to the Bar work for regional attorney groups to work on climate
 change issues. Next step is meeting after Labor Day to prioritize strategies and steps
 to implement.

12:35 Discussion Items

 Nominating Committee for 2018 – Need 3 people, one non-EC member. Max will serve on nominating committee (expects to not renew on EC). Max will ask Steve Higgs to be on nominating committee. Must have slate in October prior to Annual meeting in November. June will reach out to other EC members about serving on nominating committee.

12:45 Next Meeting

September 6 at noon. June will host at Miller Nash Graham Dunn.