

## **OSB Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee**

October 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

9:00 – 10:30 AM Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

Attending: Ann McQuesten, Alex Tkatz, June Wyrick Flores, Maggie Vining, Max Miller, Michelle Slater, Courtney Johnson, Rod

Guest: Steve Higgs, Leslie Hallan from LC- SABER,

September 1, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes approved: add Jim Kennedy as a guest, names are misspelled.

### **Committee Reports:**

Awards/Partners Committee:

Transportation Challenge Award announcement is out; deadline Oct 7; we haven't seen any applications come in. Diane proposed further extending deadline - talk as committee about how we want to deal or have a message. Have a conversation on how to do the awards in the future years to make it more efficient.

OSB did not award a President's Sustainability Award for 2016. Recommendation to have dialogue with bar to continue the

Eco-Challenge (Alex): Alex sent the press release to committee for review; need to get this sent out by e-mail to the section, giving a \$100 gift card to a B Corp business. If you are doing a separate team, may need to use a separate e-mail. Sending e-mail today and next Thursday for eco-challenge.

Partners announcement is in October bar bulletin.

Editorial Committee: sent out newsletter several weeks ago. Steve is working on an article, one or potentially two more, and have part of the taskforce report. Target date for next publication is end of October and publish another in December.

Programs Committee (Maggie): last meeting was Monday, October 3, scheduled November 4 program on homelessness and sustainability issues - Mark Gamba, Nick Fish, Vahid Brown. We may have another program on heavy metals for early December. For 2017, considering a showing of Merchants of Doubt with SAGE. New committee member- Michelle Williams from DWT who may be a good addition to the EC. Discussed having a presentation or panel for Public Interest Forum in Eugene.

### **Discussion Items:**

Nominating Committee: Heather is also on the committee, Robin had a baby and Jen is in trial. Work on getting the list of who will be in the offices and willing to serve. Re-reading the timeline, we are apparently supposed to have our slate on annual meeting notice send out by October 14 for meeting on November 3. Michelle said that they will get it done by the date.

Climate Change Task Force Report – Discuss final report and vote on adoption (all)

Discussed the comments have received from various section members. Some ask for clarification or modification, others are editorial.

What actions can a bar section take within the confines of the bar. Steve would be happy to reconvene the task force to incorporate the comments. Decisions were not unanimous especially the constitutional amendment. Steve suggested having clarity on what other users can do with this report.

We want to be able to pursue the task force recommendations, now create a task force to implement take this piece out to this independent task force.

We are asking the task force to review comments and consider clarifications or changes to the report. The revised report would be considered at the next meeting if they can get it completed. Discussed having a letter or memo that allows us to document the process. Michelle will work to get a revised draft to the EC for our next meeting.

New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Global Climate Change Committee Conference (Michelle and Diane): Their website should launch on November 1 - will report status at next meeting.

Website Migration to Bar Platform (Ann): Connected with Bar's creative services (Anna Zanolli) for our contact for website updates. Ann is having call with her to go into more detail. Approach will be to have minutes and agenda, program notices, newsletter, award, partner notices etc. should be loaded onto the site. So, process will be that Secretary sends the meeting minutes, agenda to Anna and she would do the update. It will be worthwhile to have them update the website to remove irrelevant materials or add materials that should be on the site. Ann will confirm if there will be a redesign of the site.

Estate Planning Amendment (June). June discussed with Professor Gary and investigating options with potential representatives who may be willing to sponsor the bill.

Open: Consider having student volunteers for task force, may seek professor comments.

**Next Meeting:** November 3, 2016, 9:00 AM hosted by Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP.