

**OSB Sustainable Future Section
Executive Committee Meeting
April 8, 2025, Noon-1:00**

Next Meeting: May 13, 2025

| Role | Name | Email | Present |
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| Bar Liaison | Avery Pickard | apickard@osbar.org | X |

Approve Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from January’s retreat will be moved to May’s EC meeting. The Secretary successfully located his notes from the retreat.

Ryan moves to approve March’s minutes. Sara seconds. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Teryn delivers the treasurer’s report based on February’s financials.

The February numbers paint a more accurate picture of our total Section membership (147 total, 129 paid).

The membership numbers are still slightly lower than past years, but the updated numbers from February are positive compared to January.

The Section had minor OSB fees as reflected on February’s numbers.

EARTH DAY CLE PLANNING UPDATE

April 23, 8:30–12:30, is the date/time for the Earth Day CLE. The CLE will take place via Zoom webinar.

Everything is going smoothly and progressing towards the CLE. Speakers are lined up or are close to being locked in.

Doug prepared a spreadsheet to share with the speaker organizers to provide contact information for each of the speakers.

The EC discusses places to publish notice about the Earth Day CLE, including OSB's website.

NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Isaac confirms the Section is promoting new membership at the new OSB-certified attorney swearing-in ceremony at Willamette University on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:30, with a reception at 2 pm.

Steve H. shares his draft Section flyer/handout to use for promoting new membership, including at the Willamette OSB swearing-in ceremony. Steve H. will try to "make it prettier." Once finished, Isaac will supply to OSB for distribution at the swearing-in ceremony.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs:

Nothing additional to report for CLEs beyond Earth Day CLE.

Steve H. discusses potentially obtaining historical records related to OSB's commitment to sustainability to strengthen the Section's argument that promoting sustainability promotes healthy practice of law and promotes the legal profession generally. Diane discusses the Section's historical work developing that exact idea. The Sustainability Taskforce original report published ideas along these lines. Diane discusses other resources for the subcommittee to consult for information about the Section's past efforts promoting this idea.

Engagement:

No substantive updates on the writing competition. Bureaucracy is slowing down the process. Ryan should have a more substantive update in May.

OSB provided favorable feedback on the Partners in Sustainability program. Once the Section gets through the current push for new membership, the subcommittee will turn to the Partners program revamp.

Legislative:

The subcommittee plans to meet soon and will have a further update next meeting.

OTHER:

Diane briefly discusses the Green Pro Bono program in the context of the broader discussion about the Section's historical efforts promoting better practice of law.

ADJOURNED at 12:53 pm