

OSB Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2020 4 pm

Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, 1211 SW 5<sup>th</sup>, Ste. 1900, Portland, Oregon

**Attending in Person:** June Wiyrick Flores, Cheyenne Chapman, Courtney Johnson, Sara Butcher, Sara Yemen (Bar Liaison), Esack Grueskin, Alex Wall, Diane Henkels, Dick Roy

**Attending by Phone** – Kimberly Sherman, Mike Grainey, Doug Quirke, Susan Grabe, Danny Lang

**Strategic Planning for 2020.**

The primary focus for the EC is the 2020 Earth Day CLE. The EC discussed planning for the event.

It was suggested that Jim Kennedy or Michelle Slater would be appropriate to give a 10-15 minute opening remark to discuss the beginning of the Section.

One of the topics for the CLE is Greenhouse Gas. There are 4 confirmed speakers; 3 of whom are attorneys. Angus Duncan – PP of Bonneville Environmental Foundation – chair of global warming commission; PGE – pragmatic approach; Bob \_\_\_\_\_ – transportation and greenhouse gas emissions; he worked at transportation alternatives; and an attorney from Stoel Rives who has a number of business clients and will bring a business perspective that will be useful.

For the Endangered Species & Human Population Growth topic, there were discussions on potential speakers. One suggestion was the Center for Biological Diversity – they are in court and could have the US attorney's office also present to represent both sides of the issue. There is a report that says we will lose 1 billion in species and the waters of the earth. Those are hot topics. Danny and Sara will work on speakers for this topic. The EC discussed dropping the population growth and doing it on endangered species.

Keynote - Mary Wood is not available as a keynote. Think the other leg has gotten further. Kim Sherman and Diane will reach out to Robin Morris Collin to see if able to speak on Sustainability Law Update. Use the google documents and Diane will help with names as well.

Ethics & Sustainability: Loren Reegan is available. The other SFS CLE presentations have not covered ethics topics, however the legal observer law had an ethics component. Loren has presented for the section previously.

Sustainability and Access to Justice. Topic was considered for the lengths people have to go to to be at their court appearances. Discussed having someone reach out to Multnomah County Courts, LASO, and Campaign for Equal Justice. Diane agreed to send suggestions to June and Sara.

Debate on Constitutional Amendment. Sara and Jim Kennedy are working on the debate; Michelle will work on this too. Steve Hicks was suggested as a speaker on this topic. This topic was presented 10 years ago and the focus would be on the current status and how are we debating the issues today.

Logistics. June will request a speakers' room so that people can ask questions directly from the speaker. The EC also wants to confirm that remote attendees have the ability to present questions from a chat room. Karen Lee is director for seminars who can answer those questions and answer

functionality for that system. The marketing and materials need to include disclaimer that the presenters are not speaking on behalf of the SFS Section. The deadline for speakers is January 24.

### **Monthly Meeting**

Approve Minutes. Motion passed to approve the minutes from the December 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report was provided.

### **Committee Reports.**

Awards/Partners Committee will be chaired by June. Kim Stafford, Alex and Esack volunteered as members of the committee.

Communications Committee – SFS Zoom account will renew in the next week. Doug will add the CLE on the calendar and website. The CLE needs to be posted on the bar's main website.

Legislative Committee - Danny and June will be on the committee.

Next meeting will be Wed, Feb 5 2020 from 12-1 at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt. The meetings will be held on first Wednesday of the month as Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt.

The meeting was then adjourned.