

OSB Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes: May 6, 2020 12 pm

Zoom Meeting: Sara Butcher, Esack Grueskin, Doug Quirke, Courtney Johnson, David Wade, Kim Stafford, Danny Lang, Michael Grainey, Cheyenne Chapman, and June Wiyrick Flores. Guest: Diane Henkels. Sarra Yamin joined later.

Minutes. April meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Earth Day Webinar Recap. The seminar went well, OSB was very pleased. Sara is investigating if the video may be added to the OSB webinars for purchase. Alternative option is to post for free on YouTube or other media source, but no CLE credit unless pay for it through the OSB. None of the speakers have objections to video being replayed.

Suggestions for improvements – have more co-hosts to distribute the responsibilities for seminar day on the same day. Received general positive feedback, including timeliness. Presenters –unnerving to talk into the void for the whole 45 minutes. Discussed options with having polls or surveys or asking questions that are in the chat or Q&A that are monitored by the host; or enable to see the number of participations. The other success was the practice runs for those who are not familiar with the operations. This will be applicable for the programs committee for our “monthly” seminar.

Treasurer’s Report. We will review the report in June so that we can clearly see the expenses from the CLE, even though our costs were significantly less than budgeted. OAAP has requested a donation from all sections. OAAP is one of the approved charities that Bar sections can donate. The limitation is if above \$600 must have approval from the OSB. Motion to donate \$600 to OLA Foundation was approved.

Use of Excess Funds. We discussed options to have another in-person CLE with a reception to use our funds. David Wade – in June will consider a 1-year additional waiver on sections who have more in reserves. David gave update on OSB and concerns re OSB income sources. PLF has spent over \$1 million on claims for one attorney. Suggestions that we discuss how to steward our funds and promote sustainability and fill-in the gap in a sustainable way. May donate to CEJ, OMLA, Opp for Lawyers, Oregon Veterans, Peacemakers, Guardian Partners, SALC and Senior Citizen of Clackamas County. Sara will confirm the annual limitations from the OSB and discuss further at our meeting next month.

Committee Reports

- Awards/Partner – No updates; has not met. It is a good reminder that start thinking about Partners and Eco-Challenge in the fall.
- Communications – We now have a list-serve. This would be an alternative way to communicate with section members. Discussed creating a survey for members on what information, communications, etc. they would like from the list-serve. Doug will prepare a draft and then group effort for the survey. This will be on google-docs.
- Programs. Discussed the Earth Day program previously. They are asking if we should do some programs this summer in light of COVID. Doug suggested contacting some of the speakers for the environmental conference that was cancelled in 2020 and see if any of those presentations

are appropriate for our seminars. Professor Morris-Collins may be available for rescheduling for a lunch time presentation. We will not host the summer associate program this year.

- Legislative. Danny has prepared a rough draft of an HOD resolution for the annual meeting that would allow remote appearances for court rather than requiring personal appearance. This will be applicable for the programs committee for our “monthly” seminar.

The meeting was then adjourned.