

**OSB Sustainable Future Section  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 11, 2025, Noon-1:00**

**Next Meeting: April 8, 2025**

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**Approve Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes from January’s retreat will be moved to April’s EC meeting.

Kim moves to approve February’s minutes. Mike seconds. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Teryn delivers the treasurer’s report based on January’s financials. OSB has not released financials for February.

Teryn highlights lower membership numbers compared to last year.

Expenses came in under budget for the January retreat.

Steve H. asks about moving budget allocations in case Engagement (or any other committee) wants to allocate funds to professional services (for example, for work on the Section website). Teryn reports there should be a relatively simple process for doing so.

## **EARTH DAY CLE PLANNING UPDATE**

Ryan provided Esack updates to pass along. Most CLE applications for Earth Day CLE have been approved with the exception of Teryn's Equal Justice application. OSB is requesting additional assurances that we are not promoting advocacy of any political or controversial issues. Teryn is working on it.

Ryan is following up with Michael Blumm and Mary Wood on a public trust doctrine presentation.

Isaac identified someone who can potentially speak on climate refugees.

April 23, 8:30–12:30, is the date/time for the Earth Day CLE.

## **NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT**

Isaac mentions the possibility for the Section to promote new membership at the Willamette University swearing-in ceremony for newly admitted OSB members (Oregon New Lawyers Division helped sponsor). The ceremony is on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:30, with a reception at 2 pm. We need to let them know if we're going to help sponsor the event by May 14. Isaac proposes we vote on the sponsorship at April's meeting.

Ward moves to authorize the \$50 sponsorship immediately rather than waiting for April. Sara seconds. The motion passes unanimously. Steve H. plans on attending. The Section will discuss promotion materials at April's meeting.

Doug discusses setting the non-member rate for the Earth Day CLE at the membership rate and allow non-members who sign up for the Earth Day CLE to become Section members.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Engagement:**

Ryan provided an update via Esack on the writing competition. OSB approved the writing competition. Ryan is working with the schools on the logistics and best ways to implement the competition.

Avery received some correspondence from OSB General Counsel about the Partners in Sustainability program with opinions about the program and answers to our questions. General Counsel confirmed the previous criteria would still be approved. GC recommends any revisions should be tied explicitly into improved legal services. Steve H. offers to work on the explanation of sustainable practices leading to improving legal services. GC did not provide any specific analysis on the Section's questions about reducing carbon footprint and whether adding footprint-related criteria would be approved.

Diane and the Section discuss access to justice issues related to the use of technology and remote proceedings.

Steve H. brings up the Section's purpose statement for discussion on Section materials and revisions to Section website, Partners in Sustainability criteria, etc.

**Programs:**

Nothing additional to report for CLEs beyond Earth Day CLE.

**Legislative:**

Teryn reports the session is in full swing. The committee plans to meet soon and has a few months to coordinate a legislative report and do further bill tracking.

**OTHER:**

Steve H. asks whether the Section has a logo or something along those lines that can be used for printed materials.

**ADJOURNED at 12:50 pm**