

**OSB Sustainable Future Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024, Noon-1:00**

Next Meeting: October 17, Noon to 1:00PM

Role	Name	Email	Present
Chairperson	Sara Butcher	sara@butchersmithlaw.com	√
Chair-Elect	Isaac Kort-Meade	isaackm27@gmail.com	√
Treasurer	Teryn Yazdani	teryn@columbiariverkeeper.org	√
Secretary	Kim Sherman	kim.sherman@e3-law.com	√
Member	Esack Grueskin	egrueskin@eugenelaw.com	√
Member	Steve Cook	scook@columbialandtrust.org	Absent
Member	Andrea Moore	amoore@schwabe.com	Absent
Member	Michael Grainey	michael.grainey@comcast.net	√
Member	Doug Quirke	doug@ocwap.org	√
Member	Ryan Roberts	ryan.roberts@bullivant.com	√
Member	Ward Greene	wgreene@fwlaw.com	√
Advisory Member	Diane Henkels	dhenkels@actionnet.net	√
Bar Liaison	Matt Shields	mshields@osbar.org	
Bar Liaison	Susan Grabe	sgrabe@osbar.org	√

1. Approve Minutes:

(Kim Sherman)

May Minutes: Motion to approve by Ward, seconded by Esack. Unanimous Aye.

June Minutes: The SFS Executive Committee did not have a quorum of voting members in June (requires 6), so members present discussed several issues. No votes were taken.

2. Treasurer's Report

(Teryn Yazdani)

Members reviewed the budget information for April, May, June, and July.

Discussion as to whether to increase SFS dues from \$20 to \$25 per member. Members did not support an increase in dues. A recommendation was made to call former members and ask them to renew their membership.

Paid membership in July 2023 was 198; current paid membership is 133.

Discussion on the \$5,000 speaker fee budget category.

Motion to accept the treasurer reports: Moved Ward, Seconded Kim. Unanimous Aye.

3. Committee Reports

Website Status

Doug (chair), Esack, Kim, Steve, Ryan, Teryn, TBA members. (websites, listserv)

The website is up to date in terms of uploaded minutes.

Legislative: (Oregon Legislative Tracking)

Chair: Teryn

Members: Diane, Andrea

Look for an update in October.

Awards/Partners: (Sustainability Criteria, Eco Challenge, Sustainability Award)

Chair: Esack

Members: Ward, Steve, Diane

Esack has been contacting the Bar with no response. Esack suspects that the Bar has been waiting for the decision in *Keller*.

Susan Grabe described interactions with the General Counsel Office related to our proposed field trip and the Partners in Sustainability program.

Partners in Sustainability Program: GCO finds that problematic, the program will need to be reworked. This issue is on the GCO work plan for review.

Eco Challenge: SFS did not offer the ECO challenge last year. As a group, we are not moving forward with joining Eco Challenge. Members can reach out if they would like to participate in the Eco Challenge.

Sustainability Award: Susan Grabe believes that SFS involvement in the nomination to the OSBB. Steve Higgs won the President's award.

Writing competition. (Ryan)

Concern about the impact of *Keller* on the topics we can propose for the writing competition. What are the limits? Susan Grabe: If it is a CLE or writing topic on something that has already happened and can expound on that, that would be fine. But if it is a controversial issue with opinions, that becomes more problematic. Susan Grabe suggested discussing with the General Counsel Office..

Potential topics: (open)

Goals: Encourage professional writing skills but also publish to the SFS website.

Award: \$2500 first place, \$500 second place.

Mechanism: Petition to the Bar for approval to make payment to the winner. Sara will send Ryan the information for Bar approval. Ryan will work with the law schools about how to make the payment: Direct pay, or through the law school. Susan Grabe recommends working with JB Kim.

Communications/ Nominating Committee

Members encouraged to review chart of memberships and terms.

2025 Chair: Isaac

Nominating Committee: Teryn, Ward, with advice from Esack. Susan Grabe recommends finding a member from the CLE committee, and from the list serve. Announcement to the listserv for invitation to serve on the nominating committee (approximately 2-3 meetings, up to 3 hours), and to inquire for members to be on the EC (attend monthly meetings, and additional work time depending on committee work). Ryan agreed to craft the email to the listserv by September 18.

The roster has to be set in October, send to the membership for a vote soon after

Program Committee:

Isaac (Chair), Mike, Andrea, Sara, Ward. (CLEs, Volunteer Projects, Summer Mixer)

Field Trip. Steve Cook's previously suggested a field trip to the Kwoneesum Dam. Susan Grabe stated that the field trip requires a general liability waiver. Send request with specifics of the field trip to GCO. Sara will let Steve know. Hoping to hold the field trip by the end of the year.

Sara has connected with ELAW for a lunch time CLE.

Earth Day CLE 2025. Begin planning now: Topics, speakers, etc. Contact Isaac with "Big Fish" speaker ideas.

Winnemem Wintu Tribe (Re-Wilding Salmon) who were unable to attend the 2024 Earth Day CLE, reconnect to see their availability for upcoming CLEs.

4. OTHER:

None.

ADJOURNED at 12:56