

**OSB Sustainable Future Section  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 10, 2024, Noon-1:00**

**Next Meeting: November 14, Noon to 1:00PM**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Present</b>
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**1. Approve Minutes:**

(Kim Sherman)

September Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Ward, seconded by Mike. Unanimous Aye.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

(Teryn Yazdani)

Members reviewed the budget information for August 2024.

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

Paid membership in August 2024 was 133; two additional complementary memberships brings total to 20.

Fund balance is healthy, Teryn recommended we spend the funds.

Discussion around donations: which groups, list of approved groups through the Bar, possible to get one-time approval but the timeline is up to six months. Bear in mind that the writing contribution will require funds for the awards.

SFS has contributed to the Campaign for Equal Justice, UO PIEL Conference, the Oregon Minority Lawyer's Association, Common Laws Project.

Willamette Law school public interest law project; UO non-profit legal clinic and public interest law project; L&C public interest law project, Green Energy Center, and small business clinic; St. Andrews legal clinic are on the OSB approved list.

Discussion of other potential programs for donations included The Crag Law Center, UO and L&C environmental funds. Members asked to be ready to discuss donations (to whom, how much) at November meeting.

Moved to donate \$1,000 to the Campaign for Equal Justice.  
Sara moved; Mike seconded, Unanimous Aye).

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Communications/Website Status**

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

The website has a glitch and is posting old information; Doug will check into the issue and repair.

#### **Nominations for 2025 Members**

2025 Chair: Isaac. Nominating Committee: Teryn, Ward, with advice from Esack.

From Ryan via email: "We have not received any response to our nominating committee requests to date despite my email and the OSB formal email."

Need one non-EC member on the nominating committee. Since no person spoke up from the emails, we need to find two members for the committee.

Diane suggested reaching out folks who have attended any SFS event and asking them. Sara supported that idea, and is considering looking at someone south of the Portland area.

Need to send the Annual Agenda to include the nominations for voting at the Annual Meeting in December. December meeting held later than normal meeting dates because of the meeting notice timeline. December 19 at 12:00. Mike moved, Doug seconded, unanimous Aye.

Doug pulled up the list of members, will send to Sara and Teryn. Teryn and Sara will begin cold calling members to ask if they would be on the nominating committee and if they would be interested in being on the EC. Include an invitation to Steve Higgs (Ward to ask).

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Legislative:** (Oregon Legislative Tracking)

Chair: Teryn; Members: Diane, Andrea

Nothing to report. Will meet before next EC meeting. Diane is willing to continue membership on the legislative committee in her advisory role. Teryn, Andrea, and Diane will meet.

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

Chair: Esack. Members: Ward, Steve, Diane

Esack absent today. No response yet from the Bar. NOTE from Ryan via email, "I am still working on the writing competition and hope to have made up some ground by our November meeting."

### **Program Committee:**

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

Field Trip. Received approval, waiting to hear from Steve Cook.

From last meeting: 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.

### **Volunteer Days:**

Sara researched a variety of "volunteer days"

Wilkes Creek Headwaters Planting, November 23 at 9:45 to 1:00 at 15401 NE Fremont.

[Friends of Trees](#) have planting days that could use our volunteer help.

Isaac appreciates the ability to support already established events and sending the information to our memberships.

### **Lunchtime CLE : 1 hour to 1 ½ hours long**

Lunchtime CLE with ELAW: Sara has contacted ELAW to establish another CLE before end of the year.

### **Other Topics:**

Diane: Department of Energy is releasing their 2024 end of year report. Background policy information on Oregon's issues to reduce carbon impact. Mike will contact the director to investigate a possible CLE around the report. Report is due to legislature on November 1, 2024. Could schedule something in November or December. Diane offered her assistance. Ask the

director if she has thoughts on the scope and length: Janine by herself for an hour or more, or shared with another person?

Diane: Early predictor for the legislature.

Andrea will suggest some topics for lunch time CLEs either end of this year or early next year.

Winnemem Wintu Tribe (Re-Wilding Salmon) who were unable to attend the 2024 Earth Day CLE, reconnect to see their availability for upcoming CLEs. The program director had the most contact with the tribe, and Doug will speak with the program director about opening that conversation.

Earth Day CLE 2025. Begin planning now: Topics, speakers, etc. Contact Isaac with “Big Fish” speaker ideas. Need to contact potential speakers now. Diane suggested FTC on The Green Guide (greenwashing); Andrea agreed to assist. Isaac posted a link to the FTC “[Guides for the Use of Environmental-Marketing Claims](#).”

Recommendation to ask speakers that were contacted last year but not available.

#### **4. OTHER:**

None.

**ADJOURNED at 12:58**