

The Long View

Summer 2018

Greetings Sustainable Future Section members! Welcome to a newer format of our Section newsletter, *The Long View*. Since 2018 The Long View updates you on Section activity and focuses on a timely topic in a single article. We welcome comments sent to any SFS Executive Committee member about the newsletter and let us know if you'd like to help produce one.

Section news:

Sustainable Future Section (“SFS”) Executive Committee (“EC”) meetings take place generally the first Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. with occasional Friday meetings in Newport, Oregon. SFS has instituted participation by web conferencing to allow face-to-face meetings while keeping the phone conferencing option. EC meeting notice and agenda are sent to all SFS members about a week prior and all SFS members are invited to attend.

SFS Partners and Awards Committee has performed its biannual update of the OSB Partners in Sustainability criteria (provided in detail below), and will again lead the SFS in this year's EcoChallenge.

SFS Legislative Committee is leading the law improvement project of amending Oregon's Prudent Investor Rule to add a law improvement component allowing trustees to consider environmental and social governance (“ESG”) in exercising their fiduciary duties. This was accepted by OSB Public Affairs Committee and is now with Oregon's Legislative Counsel.

SFS Climate Change Committee prepared a Climate Change Policy Statement that was adopted by the SFS in its July 2018 meeting. The Climate Change Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at noon at: 520 SW Yamhill, Suite 230, Portland, Oregon. This fall, this Committee is organizing a Legislative Study Group to review potential changes to Oregon laws impacting climate change. Those interested in participating are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings September 26 and October 24. For more information, contact Sara Butcher 503 205-8397, sara@butchersmithlaw.com

SFS Nominations: The SFS Executive Committee values diversity and is committed to serving its diverse community and ensuring the section's leadership reflects the diversity of our membership. If you are interested in serving on the SFS EC send a short statement of interest by September 21, 2018 to Diane Henkels, dhenkels@actionnet.net, or Mike Grainey, Michael.Grainey@comcast.net, and include in your subject line “SFS Nominating Committee.”

Oregon State Bar: Recognizing the equity role in sustainability, SFS invited the OSB Diversity and Inclusion Director, Jon Puentes, to the April '18 SFS Executive Committee meeting where he updated us on the OSB Diversity and Inclusion Plan, and the SFS now checks in with the Diversity and Inclusion office approximately monthly. Heating, air and water systems are working better at the Bar. OSBAR has very good water filters, and tests for lead. The OSB staff participated in a recent Northwest Eco-challenge. 41 OSB staff members participated, just under 50%. OSB came in 7th in Oregon, 13th Nationally. Congrats!

Save the Dates:

September 5, 2018: SFS Executive Committee Meeting.

September 22, 2018: SFS Field Trip and CLE to Columbia Land Trust's Beautiful Klickitat River Projects. Travel by motor coach from Vancouver to White Salmon while listening to Steve Cook talk about land trusts, conservation easements, and legal developments regarding landowner liability and recreational use of private land. Then we lunch at the Klickitat River Canyon overlook near Glenwood where Steve Cook and Lindsay Cornelius will talk about legal structures for Columbia Land Trust's 10,000-acre Klickitat Canyon conservation project. Cost: \$30 SFS members / \$35 others. Register through Jan Flynn: Jan.Flynn@tonkon.com.

September 30, 2018: Deadline for submissions to the Partners in Sustainability Program (described in greater detail below)

October 3-24, 2018: Sign up and participate in the Northwest Earth Institute's 2018 Fall [EcoChallenge](#), a fun no-pressure experience that challenges individuals to choose one action for two weeks to help reduce their environmental impact. More information to come.

October 5, 2018: EC meeting in Newport & TBA Recycling for Lawyers and Law offices CLE.

October 26, 2018: Roy Retirement Party and Eco-School Benefit. Join SFS members at an SFS table to celebrate retirement of Dick and Jeanne Roy and support the Eco-School Network, as an independent nonprofit organization. Among his many contributions, Dick co-founded the Sustainable Future Section and is a cornerstone in building awareness in Oregon and elsewhere of the relationship between lawyers and sustainability. Contact: Courtney Johnson at courtney@crag.org to join the SFS table.

SFS members are encouraged to volunteer with any SFS committee in a project or an on-going effort where they have particular interest.

Contact any Sustainable Future Section Executive Committee member for questions or Comments and to let us know how we might add value to your Section membership.

NOTE: Sustainable Future Section members have a LinkedIn group:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4787130>

This issue focuses on the Oregon State Bar Partners in Sustainability, with updated criteria provided at this link: <https://goo.gl/xyD11V>

**SUSTAINABLE FUTURE SECTION OF THE OREGON STATE BAR
Partners in Sustainability Program for 2018**

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1. This Program includes criteria for an Oregon law office, including in-house counsel offices, to meet in order to qualify as an Oregon State Bar Partner in Sustainability.
2. To be identified in Section publicity as a Partner in Sustainability during the year in which a Partner submits an application, the application must be submitted by September 30th to the Sustainable Future Section at the e-mail address noted on the application form.

Background of Program

The Sustainable Future Section (the Section) of the Oregon State Bar (OSB) seeks to encourage and facilitate law offices to adopt sustainable practices. This Partners in Sustainability Program (the Program) is consistent with the goals of (1) Article 26 of the OSB Bylaw on sustainability and (2) ORS 184.423 enacted to support sustainable practices in public agencies.

The Program recognizes law offices in public and private sectors and offices of in-house counsel of all sizes that meet the criteria set forth below. For this program, three categories of office size have been provided, based on the number of attorneys in a contiguous office in the state of Oregon. Organizations with law offices or in-house counsel in multiple locations may qualify each location based on the number of lawyers with their primary office at that location:

Small office 1 to 5 attorneys
Medium office 6 to 24 attorneys
Large office 25 or more attorneys

An office satisfying the criteria set forth below will be recognized as an Oregon State Bar Partner in Sustainability and will be publicized as such by the OSB Sustainable Future Section, including a listing on its website and an annual acknowledgment in the OSB Bar Bulletin. If an organization qualifies more than one office, the organization name shall be listed only once, with the qualifying office locations noted.

An application may be submitted to the Section at any time. An office that is approved as a Partner in Sustainability will be recognized on the Section's website and in the Section's quarterly newsletter as soon as practicable after approval of the application.

Although the Section will accept applications at all times, offices must meet specified deadlines in order to be recognized in scheduled media advertisements or press releases. In general, an office that has its application approved before **September 30th** of any year will be listed as a Partner in Sustainability for that year (with other Partner firms) in any Section communication about current Partners or advertisement in selected media. Furthermore, those firms submitting applications before **September 30th**, will be identified as Partners in Sustainability in a Section advertisement during the latter half of the year in which the application was submitted and in other Section communications in that year.

Firms that submit applications after the September 30th application date will be considered for the following year's Program.

After the application is approved by the Section, a law office may state that it is an Oregon State Bar Partner in Sustainability or OSB Partner in Sustainability but shall not state that it is "certified" because no third-party certification is involved in this Program. In addition, the Section will grant to the Partner firm for the duration of its participation in the Program a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the Program logo on its website or in its marketing materials to signify participation in the Program with respect to its qualifying offices.