

Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2012

Location:

Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno, Nevada, and via teleconference.

Attendees:

Linda Bullen	Ashley Robbins	
Ross de Lipkau	Laura Schroeder – TC	
David Hornbeck	Therese Ure	
Debbie Leonard – TC		
Gene Leverty (BOG Liaison) – TC		
Jasmine Mehta-TC		

Business Conducted:

Minutes:

The minutes from September 28, 2012 were reviewed. Debbie Leonard moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dave Hornbeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Statement:

The P/L statement was provided for the year January through October 2012. Treasurer Hornbeck provided a report on the budget, noting a discrepancy in the balance carried forward from 2011 was corrected following the last Section meeting, and also noting additional income is expected from the Section’s November CLE.

Section List Serve:

David Hornbeck offered a report on the status of the list serve. The list serve has not seen any use. Mr. Hornbeck is to determine the end date of the list serve subscription.

Section CLE:

A discussion was held regarding the Section CLE presented in November. The program was successful, with 25-30 attendees. There was a negative comment from an attendee regarding having to print the materials – over 400 pages. This is an issue with the Bar, and the Section may consider producing materials at its own cost for future programs.

Debbie Leonard thought the venue was not conducive to getting the audience involved, and others agreed. Co-chair Ure mentioned the Bar was building a new facility that might be used in

the future. BOG Liaison Leverty noted the Bar is not continuing with said building, but is looking for another space. Mr. Leverty would find out if the Bar is able to simulcast with an office other than the PUC.

2012 Activities:

Quarterly Meeting Coordination of CLE Activity

Chris Mixson was said to be working on a water-related CLE for the first quarter. Laura Schroeder said she could present on administrative agencies in Afghanistan sometime after March. Co-chair Bullen suggested Ross de Lipkau could give a legislative update later in the year. Any Section member interested in presenting a CLE should contact Co-chair Ure or any member of the Executive Committee. There would be a 30-minute Section business meeting followed by a 1-hour CLE.

By-Laws Amendments

Co-chair Ure noted there is nothing new to report at this time. The By-Laws need to be updated to allow for two Co-chairs rather than a Chair and Vice Chair, and to separate the Secretary/Treasurer into two positions.

New Business

Elections:

Elections were held for the Executive Committee for 2013. Nominations were as follows:

Co-chairs: Linda Bullen and Therese Ure

Secretary: John Zimmerman

Treasurer: Dave Hornbeck

At-Large Members: Chris Mixson
Karen Peterson
Carolyn "Lina" Tanner
Tom Woodworth

Ross de Lipkau moved to approve the Committee as nominated. Dave Hornbeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee will have to be approved by the Board of Governors at their meeting on February 15, 2013.

Any Section member interested in serving on the Executive Committee in the future should contact any current Committee member.

2013 Lifetime Achievement Award:

A subcommittee was formed, including Linda Bullen, Ross de Lipkau, and Therese Ure. The subcommittee is soliciting nominations for a person of honor. Ross de Lipkau asked if the person of honor could be a mill or mine manager. There are no rules as to who can be nominated, but nominations must be submitted with reasoning behind the nomination.

Las Vegas Event:

A subcommittee was formed, including Linda Bullen, Chris Mixson, and Tom Woodworth. There were no ideas for what type of event to hold at this time, but the Section will be trying to generate enthusiasm in Las Vegas, noting that the Law Student Award in LV has not been well-attended in the past.

Law Student Writing Contest:

Chris Mixson had suggested prior to the meeting that the Section could host a writing contest for law students, the winner of which would be published in Nevada Lawyer. Debbie Leonard noted this would be worth collaborating on with Professor Birdsong, and expressed interest in helping plan and judge the contest. Co-chair Bullen suggested Ms. Leonard should coordinate with Chris Mixson.

Other:

The question arose of who is watching the legislature. Ross de Lipkau noted he is, and BOG Liaison Leverty mentioned the Bar has someone watching for anything sponsored by the Bar, which is nothing at this time.

Next meeting:

Friday, March 1 at noon
Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno, or by teleconference.

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.