

Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2012

**Location:**

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

**Attendees:**

Linda Bullen	Karen Peterson-TC	
Ross de Lipkau	Ashley Robbins	
Richard Harris	Therese Ure	
Earl Hill	Harry Ward-TC	
David Hornbeck	Tom Wilczek-TC	
Chris Mixson-TC	John Zimmerman	

**Business Conducted:**

**Minutes:**

Minutes from November 4, 2011 were reviewed. Motion was made by Therese Ure to approve minutes as drafted. Motion was seconded by Ross de Lipkau. Motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Statement:**

The P/L statement was provided for the year January through December 2011. David Hornbeck provided a brief report on the budget, noting if costs this year are similar to last, the Section should break even, and that income from the CLE and expenses from the Lifetime Achievement Award presentation should cancel each other out.

**Section List Serve:**

David Hornbeck offered a report on the status of the list serve. The list serve was to be open to present and past Section members until March 1, 2012, after which point it would be open to current members only.

**2012 Activities:**

**Law Student Award:**

John Zimmerman had been in contact with Professor Bret Birdsong at UNLV. A timeline was projected, tentatively setting the deadline for students to apply for the award in mid-March, and proposing to hold the ceremony on a Thursday in mid- to late-April – the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Questions remained including where to hold the ceremony and how to boost attendance. Linda Bullen offered to help spur attendance, noting it would improve if the ceremony were held at the law

school. John Zimmerman will contact Professor Birdsong again to discuss this option. It was suggested Section members should brainstorm who to invite, including Supreme Court Justices, local Judges, and the Dean of the law school.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award:

The subcommittee had unanimously selected Earl Hill to receive the award this year. A date for the award reception was set for Friday, May 4 at 5:30 pm at Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno. There was discussion on serving hors d'oeuvres and wine or having the event catered. Ross de Lipkau suggested catering by Silver Peak, a local brewery and restaurant chain.

#### Quarterly Meeting Coordination of CLE Activity

The CLE scheduled to be presented at this meeting was cancelled. Section members interested in presenting a CLE at a future quarterly meeting are to contact Therese Ure or any member of the executive committee.

#### 2012 CLE Program

The Section will present a CLE on "Hot Topics in Environmental Law." Specific subject matter was still being discussed. The committee is coordinating with the Bar to hold the CLE in September or October, for one day in Reno and one day in Las Vegas. Speakers are needed. Linda Bullen volunteered to speak. Other Section members interested in speaking should contact any member of the subcommittee (David Hornbeck, Lina Tanner, Therese Ure, or John Zimmerman).

#### Nevada Lawyer Articles

Therese Ure, Linda Bullen, and Richard Harris volunteered to write articles. John Zimmerman noted there was room in the issue for one more article, and projected a mid-April deadline. Articles can be up to 2500 words and emailed to John at [jjzimmerman@parsonsbehle.com](mailto:jjzimmerman@parsonsbehle.com).

#### **New Business**

##### By-Laws Amendments

The subcommittee met and has some updates to make to the By-Laws, including splitting the Secretary position into two positions, Secretary and Treasurer, and transferring the process of petitioning for membership from the Section to the Bar.

##### State Bar Session Presentation

Linda Bullen and Therese Ure will present at the State Bar Session in San Diego on June 29, 2012. They were looking for one or two more Section members to volunteer to speak as well. John Zimmerman volunteered. The Bar has encouraged the inclusion of a Judge on the panel of

speakers. Linda suggested recruiting a bankruptcy Judge to speak on the environmental impacts of bankruptcy. Linda and Therese are open to further suggestions from the Section.

**Next meeting:**

Friday, May 4

5:00 to 5:30; followed by the Lifetime Achievement Award reception

Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno

**Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 pm.