

Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2012

**Location:**

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

**Attendees:**

Linda Bullen	Rick Angle	
Ross de Lipkau	Laura Schroeder	
	Therese Ure	
Earl Hill	Harry Ward-TC?	
David Hornbeck	Tom Wilczek-TC?	
Chris Mixson-TC?	John Zimmerman	

**Business Conducted:**

**Minutes:**

Minutes from February 17, 2012 were reviewed. Motion was made by Ross deLipkau to approve minutes as drafted. Motion was seconded by Earl Hill. Motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Statement:**

The P/L statement was provided for the year January through March 2012. David Hornbeck provided a brief report on the budget, questioning the category “remaining deferred revenue of \$9,543.13” noting that Treasurer Hornbeck would follow up with the Bar Office to clarify. Costs of the Lifetime Achievement Award presentation were discussed briefly.

**Section List Serve:**

David Hornbeck offered a report on the status of the list serve. The list is open to current members only. Hornbeck circulated a members notice for the listserve for approval. Laura Schroeder moved to approve and Ross deLipkau seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. The Bar IT person will send out “Welcome Email” and manage the listserve which is “opt in” only.

**NSB Chairperson’s Meeting**

Therese Ure reported on: (1) the process by which a section might propose or follow legislation of interest through the Board of Governors; (2) using the listserve to announce section events; (3) supporting amicus briefing to the Nevada Supreme Court; (4) encouraging sections to sponsor CLE activities; (5) encouraging sections to sponsor pro bono activities (river clean ups, tree

planting); (6) participating in law day activities; (7) participating in the find-a-lawyer program; and (8) encouraging mentoring program sign ups and issues related to mentoring such as handling conflict of interest questions.

## **2012 Activities:**

### Quarterly Meeting Coordination of CLE Activity

Section members interested in presenting a CLE at the September 28, 2012 quarterly meeting are to contact Therese Ure or any member of the executive committee. Laura Schroeder suggested that she might present an ethics CLE.

### 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 only with video conferencing to Las Vegas. Speakers identified so far are: Linda Bullen; Lina Tanner, and Therese Ure. Other Section members interested in speaking should contact any member of the subcommittee (David Hornbeck, Lina Tanner, Therese Ure, or John Zimmerman).

### Law Student Award:

John Zimmerman reported that he contacted Professor Bret Birdsong at UNLV and the deadline has passed for student submissions. It was decided not to give an award in 2012. A discussion was held regarding whether this program should continue. It was agreed that the program should continue in 2013, but be open to not only UNLV-Boyd Law School but to all Nevada residents whether or not attending Boyd. Some concern was voiced about the “application” process for such an award as well as whether it might be better received as a stipend or scholarship award. Attendees voiced opinion that the award was a good way to let new lawyers know about the section.

### Lifetime Achievement Award:

Earl Hill expressed his gratitude to the section on receiving the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. (The reception held after the meeting was well attended.).

### By-Laws Amendments

Therese Ure presented the bylaws updates 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. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments which passed unanimously.

### Nevada Lawyer Articles

John Zimmerman reported that Therese Ure (RS 2477: Public Rights-of-Way in an Era of Administrative Avoidance), Linda Bullen (Development of Renewable Energy Projects on Federal Lands), and Richard Harris (Who Owns Nevada? An Introduction to Public Lands) all wrote articles that were timely submitted for publication..

### Annual Meeting State Bar Session Presentation

Linda Bullen, Therese Ure, and John Zimmerman will present at the State Bar Session in San Diego on June 29, 2012. The topics will include water mining and rights of way. The Bar suggested an ethics presentation but given the length of time for the presentation, Linda Bullen believes that will not be required. Linda Bullen will check with the Bar concerning the ethics presentation. The section will pay travel expenses for the speakers.

### **New Business- None**

### **Next meeting:**

Friday, September 28 at noon

Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno or by teleconference

### **Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.to attend Section Event: Lifetime Achievement Reception for Earl Hill