

Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2013

**Location:**

Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno, Nevada.

**Attendees:**

Linda Bullen	Ashley Robbins	
Ross de Lipkau	Laura Schroeder	
Thomas Erwin	Therese Ure	
David Hornbeck	Tom Woodworth	
Gene Leverty (BOG Liaison)		
Lisa Moseley		

**Business Conducted:**

**Minutes:**

Due to last-minute scheduling changes, the minutes from May 10, 2013, were not available for review. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

**Financial Statement:**

The P/L statement was provided for the year January through August 2013. Treasurer Hornbeck provided a report on the budget and noted the budget for 2014 is due to the Bar by September 25<sup>th</sup>, suggesting the Executive Committee meets separately from the quarterly meeting to prepare the same.

**2013 Activities:**

Quarterly Meeting Coordination of CLE Activity

Any Section member interested in presenting a CLE in December or a later meeting should contact any member of the Executive Committee.

**Section CLE:**

The Section's CLE will take place October 28, 2013. This year's CLE will be held at the Northern Nevada Bar Center and simulcast to the RJC office in Las Vegas. The CLE agenda was presented; there will be a one-hour legislative update specific to environmental and natural resources, one hour on abandoned mines, one hour on real estate, two hours on environmental topics with regard to sage grouse, and one hour of ethics. A presenter is still needed for a 20-minute portion on mining and sage grouse. Ross de Lipkau suggested contacting Alyssa Keller for that portion. The CLE Committee is considering doing a substance abuse/mental health portion in place of ethics to satisfy the new requirement. They are looking for speakers, hoping

to have them by September 20<sup>th</sup>. BOG Liaison Gene Leverty said he would provide a list of potential speakers to the Committee. All CLE presentation materials are due by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### ABA Annual Water Law Conference

Co-chairs Linda Bullen and Therese Ure attended this event in Las Vegas. In an effort to reach out to more members, the ABA offered an evening social free to ENR members. Next year's conference will be at the same location: Red Rock Casino and Resort.

#### Law Student Writing Contest:

Chris Mixson was not in attendance at the meeting and there was not much to report. Professor Bret Birdsong is no longer at UNLV and the Committee has not had success finding another professor to work with. At this point, the contest will not be held this year.

#### Nevada Lawyer Articles

John Zimmerman was not in attendance at the meeting, but if any Section member is interested in writing an article, he or she should contact Zimmerman for more information.

#### Nevada State Bar Annual Meeting

Co-chairs Bullen and Ure attended this event in Lake Tahoe July 25-27, as well as presented 1.5 hours on fracking and a legislative update, on behalf of the Section. They reported that the presentation went well and was well attended, with about 30 people in the audience.

#### **New Business:**

##### Writing Opportunity

Tom Woodworth reported that there are writing opportunities with the ABA's environmental resources publication, Trends. Currently the magazine has no representation in Nevada. Submissions may be 750 to 1750 words. Contact and additional information can be found at: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/environment\\_energy\\_resources/publications/write\\_for\\_a\\_section\\_publication.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/environment_energy_resources/publications/write_for_a_section_publication.html)

#### **Other:**

##### 30-minute CLE presentation by Laura Schroeder: Teaching Water Policy in Afghanistan

Attendees of the presentation are eligible for 0.5 general credits, approved by the Bar.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next quarterly meeting will also be the Section's Annual Meeting.  
Friday, December 6 at noon  
Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno, or by teleconference.

#### **Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.