

Environmental and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2012

Location:

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

Attendees:

Linda Bullen	Chris Mixson	Tom Wilczek-TC
Ross de Lipkau	Karen Peterson-TC	
David Hornbeck	Ashley Robbins	
Debbie Leonard	Lina Tanner	
Gene Leverty (BOG Liaison)-TC	Laura Schroeder	
Jasmine Mehta-TC	Therese Ure	

Business Conducted:

Minutes:

Minutes from May 4, 2012 were reviewed. Motion was made by Ross deLipkau to approve minutes as drafted. Motion was seconded by Tom Wilczek. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Statement:

The P/L statement was provided for the year January through August 2012, as well as the Budget/Chart of Accounts for the years 2012 and 2013, for comparison. David Hornbeck provided a report on the budget, noting differences in income and spending between 2011 and 2012, and noting discrepancies in the balance carried forward, and between the number of Section members and total dues paid. Treasurer Hornbeck would follow up with the Bar for clarification regarding said discrepancies. Treasurer Hornbeck began discussing preparation of the 2013 budget, which Linda Bullen suggested could be done by the Executive Committee following the Section meeting.

Section List Serve:

David Hornbeck offered a report on the status of the list serve. The list serve is up and running, though not much activity has occurred. Mr. Hornbeck is to send a reminder ememo for Co-Chair Ure to forward to the Section. The Section is subscribed to the list serve through 2012 and a discussion should take place before year's end regarding renewal.

State Bar Session Presentation:

Linda Bullen and Therese Ure reported on the Section's presentation on past and present environmental and natural resource law at the Bar's Annual Meeting in June, presented by Co-Chairs Bullen and Ure and John Zimmerman. The presentation was well-received. The Bar is promoting the presence of Sections at the Annual Meeting and the Co-Chairs suggest submitting additional proposals next year. The question arose if it is possible to obtain the written materials from the Annual Meeting, which the Co-Chairs will look into.

2012 Activities:

Quarterly Meeting Coordination of CLE Activity

No interest was shown during the meeting for presenting a CLE at the December 7, 2012 quarterly meeting. Section members interested are to contact Therese Ure or any member of the Executive Committee. Laura Schroeder mentioned the Idaho ENR section invites agency personnel to give CLE presentations on policy, etc. Secretary Schroeder would help organize such a CLE if there is interest from the Section.

2012 CLE Program

The Section's CLE "Hot Topics in Environmental and Natural Resources" will take place November 9, 2012. The CLE will be held at the PUC offices in Carson City and simulcast to the Las Vegas PUC offices. The CLE agenda was presented; the topics are: Environmental Issues in Bankruptcy Proceedings, Water Law, Mining Law, Clean Air Act, Hydraulic Fracturing, Sage Grouse Update, and federal and state Year in Review, as well as Ethics in Natural Resources and an ethics panel discussion. Currently the speakers scheduled are: Linda Bullen, David Hornbeck, Lina Tanner, Therese Ure, and John Zimmerman. Jasmine Mehta expressed interest in assisting with the Clean Air Act section. David Hornbeck suggested the ethics panel should include "awful situations" on which the audience can give opinions. All materials are due by October 12. Registration for the CLE is now open through the Bar.

By-Laws Amendments

Therese Ure briefly reported on the By-Laws, noting the subcommittee is trying the "fit" the By-Laws to the Section. Section members should look at the By-Laws and recommend any edits.

New Business

2013 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place in Lake Tahoe. The theme is "It's Your Bar." Co-Chairs Bullen and Ure would like the Section to submit 2-3 proposals for topics, which are due November 5, 2012.

Nevada Lawyer Article

Justice Hardesty has invited sections to comment on or critique Supreme Court opinions for publication in Nevada Lawyer Magazine. An ememo was presented with brief guidelines and article submission deadlines. Some clarification is needed regarding whether these need to be written on recent opinions. Co-Chairs Bullen and Ure suggest that if Section members are interested in writing an article, they contact Lori Wolk for more details.

Nevada State Legislation

Sections may draft legislation for the Nevada State legislature with Bar's support. Materials are due October 2 for the Board of Governors to review at their October meeting.

Las Vegas Event

The Co-Chairs believe the Section should hold an event in Las Vegas in 2013. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Next meeting:

Friday, December 7 at noon
Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Reno or by teleconference

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.