

**MSBA Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Section**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**8:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011**  
**Minnesota State Bar Association**

- I. **Call to Order.** Katie Roek, Charles Nauen, Chuck Salter; Tim Rudnicki, Alex Klass, Charles Nauen, Joe Maternowski, Michael Welch, Kim Basting were in attendance. Jacob Woodard, Sara Peterson, Jeff Sepesi, and Thad Lightfoot participated by phone.
- II. **Review and approve Minutes of March 2, 2011 meeting.** The minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting were approved.
- III. **Financial Report:**
  - A. **Monthly report.** No report.
- IV. **Continuing Initiatives:**
  - A. **Newsletter and Website Enhancements** MSBA is working on developing the mock-up of the new website but it is not up and running yet. MSBA will be moving to a new content management system for all new websites next year and currently trying to build our sections website in a manner that is consistent with that new system.
  - B. **One-hour CLEs** A one-hour CLE will be held in conjunction with the May meeting. It will discuss the new developments in environmental review and permitting. Speakers will include Thad Lightfoot and Peder Larson among others.
  - C. **Environmental Institute** The Environmental Institute is set to go. Registrations are a little down from last year but that is consistent with what MinnCLE is seeing across the board. We will send invitations to the new environmental commissioners to attend the reception.
  - D. **Distinguished Service Award** Voting was conducted and Alan Williams was selected as this year's recipient. Kim Basting will order the plaque to be presented at the Environmental Institute.
  - E. **Social Events** The spring event will be held at the Landscape Arboretum on May 7. Invitation and announcement will be sent out today
  - F. **MJF Environmental Internship.** MCEA was the only qualifying organization this year and had missed the application deadline. MJF requires all organizations to interview both 1L and 2L students and Nature Conservancy has an inflexible policy of hiring only 2L students. Chuck Salter from Hennepin County reported that the county would be able to bring on a student and match any funds provided by the section. There could be an opportunity for the student to work on the Midtown Greenway project (rate case), contamination on railway property, and transit oriented development, among other projects. Motion passed to provide funding to Hennepin County in the amount of \$3,000. This contribution will be matched by the county

and will provide compensation for the environmental intern equal to the compensation paid to other interns with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

**V. New Business.**

- A. Comments on Proposed MSBA Mission.** Council members did not have any comments on the proposed MSBA Mission Statement.
- B. ABA Award for Environmental CLE Program.** Council members were asked to consider any nominations to be considered at the next meeting.

**VI. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned.