

AGENDA
MSBA Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Section
Council Meeting
8 a.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2009
MSBA Offices

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am. Those in attendance were Katie Roek, Joe Maternowski, David Zoll, Greg Kortstad, Betsy Schmiesing, Jeff Sepesi, Steve Nyhus, Thad Lightfoot, Sue Steinwall, Eldon Kaul, Kim Basting, and Tim Rudnicki and Charlie Nauen (via telephone).
- II. Review and approve Minutes of May 14, 2009 meeting.** The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were approved.
- III. Financial Report.** Dan Schleck was not in attendance and thus the financial report will be provided at the next meeting.
 - A. Monthly report**
 - B. Comparison of 2008-09 to budget and previous year**
- IV. Continuing Initiatives**
 - A. Annual Agency Update.** Chair Maternowski provided a summary of previous years' Annual Agency Updates. The consensus was to continue the program, with an emphasis on asking speakers to focus their presentations to current updates of each agency's agendas and priorities. The Agency Update committee will be Katie Roek, Sue Steinwall and Ann Seha. The update will be held early to mid-November. Sue will check on the availability of Fredrikson's conference rooms and report back.
 - B. Newsletter.** David Zoll will continue to head the preparation of the section newsletter, and will confer with Aleava Sayre to see if she's interested in working with David on the newsletter again this year. The practice of having law student editors to prepare the case law updates will continue, with the thought being that each area law school can have a turn being represented as the case law update editor. David is also soliciting articles from the Council.
 - C. Law Student Reception.** Dorsey & Whitney will host the reception again this year, which will be held in early October. Chair Maternowski will speak with Sara Peterson to determine availability of the Dorsey space.
 - D. Website Enhancements.** Chair Maternowski and Dan Schleck will continue to evaluate ways in which the Section website can be enhanced and improved, and cited the Michigan Bar Association's Environmental Law Section's website as a good example of an effective website with helpful links. Eldon Kaul volunteered

to help as well. Adding CLE information from last year was a good improvement to the Section website, and the committee will look into the option of featuring webcasts of the CLEs and partnering with the HCBA.

- E. One-Hour CLEs.** The committee to coordinate this year's one-hour CLEs is comprised of Jeff Sepesi, Steve Nyhus, Katie Roek and Betsy Schmiesing. The committee will look into partnering again with other sections, such as Ag Law, Admin Law and/or Public Utilities Law, as well as reaching out-state Section members.
- F. Environmental Institute.** The date for next year's Environmental Institute will be April 22, 2010 (Earth Day). The committee will once again be lead by Thad Lightfoot, with Ann Seha, Steve Nyhus, Joe Maternowski, Sue Steinwall, Betsy Schmiesing and Jeff Sepesi also on the committee. Ideas for keynote speakers include Walter Mondale. Tim Rudnicki requested the committee to consider a session with a public interest law focus. The committee will also look into the option of taping the breakout sessions, as many attendees expressed interest in attending more than one concurrent breakout session this past year.
- G. Social Events.** Sara Peterson and Aleava Sayre will continue to be on the social events committee, and will look into having one happy hour in the Fall, and one happy hour and a family day in the Spring.
- V. New Initiatives – 2009-2010.** Greg Korstad suggested a legislative issues committee, to monitor the Minnesota legislature and identify any proposed bills that the Council may want to become involved in. Thad Lightfoot provided an update on the MSBA legislative committee, whose website contains information on legislative issues. The Council discussed using law students to be on the committee and monitor environmental/energy legislative matters.
- VI. New Business**

 - A. MSBA Nine Days In June 2010 (replaces Annual MSBA Convention).** Chair Maternowski reported that for this coming year, the annual convention will be replaced with nine days in June, one at each judicial district. Each district may submit a CLE to take on the road. Dan Schleck will lead this effort.
 - B. Other Business.** Chair Maternowski discussed a request from the MSBA to the Section to donate \$200 to help fund the mock trial and civic education programs. A motion was made and approved to donate \$200.
- VII. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am.