

MSBA Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Section
Council Meeting Minutes
8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Minnesota State Bar Association

- I. Call to Order.** Sara Peterson; David Zoll; Aleava Sayre; Tim Rudnicki; Greg Korstad; Chuck Salter; Jeff Sepesi; Alex Klass; Chris Dolan; Joe Maternowski; Katie Roek; attended in person; Thad Lightfoot; Lindsay Hemley; Steve Nyhus; Charlie Nauen, and Alex Iliff participated by phone.
- II. Review and approve Minutes of September 7, 2011 meeting.** The minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting were approved.
- III. Financial Report:**
 - A. Monthly report.** The financial report was deferred as Dan Schleck was unable to attend.
- IV. Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. Programs Subcommittee.**
 - i. Point Person -- Jeff**
 - ii. Annual Agency Update.** Anticipated date for annual agency update is November 8. The subcommittee is exploring venue options.
 - iii. One-Hour CLE.** Subcommittee will distribute an e-mail soliciting input from section members on potential topics. The subcommittee is planning a mining-related CLE in December.
 - B. Law Student Liaison Subcommittee.**
 - i. Point Person – Michael Welch**
 - ii. Summer Internship Scholarship.** Council needs to make decision as to whether to fund the scholarship this year. Council received a very good letter from a participant that will be circulated.
 - iii. Law Student Reception.** The Council selected October 18, 2011. Dorsey has space available on that date. An email will be distributed to the law schools and the Section Council in the very near future and is awaiting final approval by the subcommittee.
 - iv. Writing Contest.** No updates at this stage.
 - C. Publications Subcommittee**
 - i. Point Person -- Not yet decided.**

ii. Website and Newsletter. The Subcommittee focused their efforts on the website. They are looking to include newsletters and regular updates. A good example is elder law. Jeff inquired about using links to articles rather than the entire article. One option mentioned was to use pdfs for the articles. Adam may be available for information to include and could potentially provide articles on a quarterly basis. Council members can contribute, and the subcommittee intends to solicit law students to assist at the Law Student Reception. Alex K. indicated that, if Joe provides a simple summary of the Council's needs, Alex K. will distribute at the law school

D. Environmental Institute. The subcommittee will meet shortly to develop a general schedule a program, which will resemble the schedule from previous . The proposed date is April 19, 2012. The planning process will begin in earnest shortly. The Section Council should evaluate options for public/non-profit

E. Networking Events

i. Point Person. Aleava Sayre

ii. Happy Hour. The subcommittee is planning for a Happy Hour on November 15 or November 16 at the Local in the Choir. A notice will go out to confirm the date. The Council had a general discussion about whether this event should be kept in light of our financial status, but the Council concluded the event was important enough to preserve and at this time of year.

V. Other Business

A. Protecting the Great Lakes Symposium. Section Council members were invited to attend.

VI. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.