

**OSB Agricultural Law Section**  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2013

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on February 1, 2013. The meeting convened at 8:37 a.m., Chair Wyatt Rolfe presiding.

1. Roll call. Those in attendance included:

Wyatt E. Rolfe, Chair  
Helen Nelson, Chair Elect  
Karin E. Dallas, Secretary  
Michael J. Gelardi, Treasurer  
Brandy Augusta Sargent, Member-at-large  
Brent Smith, Member-at-large

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Danielle Edwards

**QUORUM WAS NOT MET.**

2. Review of January Minutes.
- A. Minutes of January 4, 2013 will be circulated by email to the executive committee for approval since quorum not met. Kari recommended correcting the spelling of Mary Anne's name.
3. Treasurer's Report.
- A. Treasurer Gelardi reported that the section's financial information has not been updated on the Bar's website (currently updated only through November 2012). Dani reported that the section's January financial statement, including our current membership numbers, should be available prior to the March meeting; it typically takes approximately two weeks after the month's end to get financial statements out.
4. Old Business.
- A. 2013 Annual Round-up CLE Subcommittee.
1. CLE Subcommittee slate will be circulated by email to the executive committee for approval since quorum not met; subcommittee slate to include Wyatt, Helen and Drew.
  2. Sources mentioned for possible topics included the University of Arkansas National Agricultural Law Center's website (Wyatt) and the 2013 "State of

the Agriculture Industry” report from the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, which is available online and includes a “top ten” list of policy recommendations (Helen).

3. Wyatt suggested a “nuts and bolts” focus for our CLE, in hopes of drawing both section members and practitioners from other sections. Possible topics: cow sharing agreements and related laws, estate planning, transition issues for family farms, issues for new farmers, crop insurance, genetically modified farm products, agritourism and zoning (Mike represents a wine industry trade association involved in agritourism legislative issues), animal law issues, and livestock brand issues.
4. Wyatt asked that any additional ideas for topics be emailed to him.
5. CLE tentatively set for Friday, May 17, 2013 at The Dalles, with a start time of 10:00 a.m., a break for lunch, and an ending time of 2:30 p.m.

5. New Business.

- A. National Agricultural Law Center Inquiry: We have been asked to circulate by email and to post on our website information related to the USDA’s Attorney Recruitment Notice. The recruitment notice is a request from the USDA that attorneys volunteer to accept referrals to assist Hispanic or women farmers with preparing and filing claims against the USDA for discrimination in the USDA Farm Loan Program. Wyatt does not think that circulating information about the recruitment notice conflicts with the interests of our section members. This issue (whether or not to share this information with our section) will be circulated by email to the executive committee for approval since quorum not met.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Date of the next meeting is Friday, March 1, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.