

OSB Agricultural Law Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2013

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on January 4, 2013. The meeting convened at 8:39 a.m., Chair Wyatt Rolfe presiding.

1. Roll call. Those in attendance included:

Wyatt E. Rolfe, Chair
Helen Nelson, Chair Elect
Andrew G. Martin, Past Chair
Karin E. Dallas, Secretary
Michael J. Gelardi, Treasurer
Caroline Lobdell, Member-at-large
Brandy Augusta Sargent, Member-at-large
Mary Ann Nash, Member-at-large

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Danielle Edwards

2. Review of December minutes.
- A. The minutes were reviewed and no changes were recommended. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brandy Sargent and seconded by Helen Nelson. The motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report.
- A. Treasurer Gelardi gave his report. Through the end of November, the section has approximately \$3,900.00, which is about \$200.00 under budget. The members approved the 2013 budget by email. A shortfall of approximately \$670.00 is projected for the upcoming year, in part due to an enhanced CLE budget, but we have existing surplus to cover the shortfall. Dani reports it will be mid-February or March before know what our receipts will be from member dues. We projected 120 members in the budget. Dani says that our section is one of the few with a stable member count; others have lost membership.
4. Old Business.
- A. Website notice. We still need to send an email to section members to alert them to the student papers posted on the website. Dani will send the email, if Wyatt will prepare the text.

- B. Fastcase summaries. Wyatt reports that the status is unknown and suggests tabling this issue until he hears something new.
5. New Business.
- A. 2013 Annual Round-Up. Our section puts on an annual CLE, usually held in May and offered for 2.5-3 credits, focusing on agricultural law topics. The CLE has traditionally been held in The Dalles, but that is not a firm location; we have also held the CLE in Salem. Past topics have included estate planning for family farms, overseas trade, and financing. Wyatt asked for preliminary brainstorming as to possible topics. Mary Ann suggested family farm entities and farm programs. Wyatt thought it had been some time since those topics were last addressed and thought Chuck Toole had been involved last time. Drew mentioned that the legislature is convening in February. Wyatt suggested that Tim Bernasek will have “hot topics” in the legislature. Dani will let the public affairs office know that our executive committee members would like legislative summaries. Dani asked whether we have a legislative contact on the board, and Mike volunteered for the role. Wyatt will appoint a committee for CLE planning at the next meeting.
 - B. Resignation of Heath Curtiss. Heath has resigned from the executive committee but has offered to continue to maintain our section website. Dani will forward section information to Heath for the website.
 - C. Brandy reported that the Northwest Food Processors Association annual conference is being held in Portland, January 14-16, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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