

**OSB Agricultural Law Section**  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2013

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on June 7, 2013. The meeting convened at 8:30 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  
Mary Anne Nash, Member-at-large

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Danielle Edwards  
Guest and section member Marie Burcham

**QUORUM WAS NOT MET.**

2. Wyatt introduced guest and section member Marie Burcham. Marie is a recent graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School. She has an animal science and farming background and is interested in the fields of sustainability, small farms and natural resources. She is a Portland resident and is looking for a job with a connection to agriculture, somewhere in the state.
3. Wyatt mentioned that he will be relocating to Walla Walla, as his wife has taken a new job with Whitman College.
4. Review of April 5 and May 3, 2013 minutes tabled due to lack of quorum.
5. Treasurer's Report.
  - A. Mike reported that we have 117 paid members (115 budgeted). As of the end of April, we had \$4,830.00. No CLE expenses had yet been paid. The budget included \$1,500.00 for CLE expenses and Wyatt noted that he believes our expenses were on target.

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6. Membership Subcommittee Report.

- A. Mary Anne reported that she, Wyatt, Caroline and Dani had met and discussed a number of possible activities to enhance our section's offerings to our membership. Ideas included: (a) receptions in Portland or Eastern Oregon, possibly hosted by a firm; (b) brown bag CLEs, over the lunch hour, likely in Portland with a possible video or website option; (c) posting replays of our CLE on the website; (d) bringing longtime section members onto the Executive Committee, to get them involved. Wyatt added that the goal of the Membership Subcommittee is to promote the growth of our section by offering year-round services; otherwise, if a section member can't attend our annual CLE, there is not much return on that member's investment (dues). The initial goal will be to put on one social event and one brown bag CLE in the late fall. The subcommittee will meet again and put a proposal together for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- B. Helen asked if there was a way to find out where our members are actually located, with the thought that we could perhaps target specific events or offerings to particular locations, to reach out to our members. Dani reported that, of our 117 paid section members, 33 live in the Bar's "Region 1," which includes most of the counties situated east of the I-5 corridor. There are 2 members from "Region 3," which includes the southwesterly counties. The balance of our membership is from the I-5 corridor and the counties to the west.

7. Old Business.

- A. 2013 CLE Program Review: Wyatt reported that 37 people signed up for our CLE event and most of them attended. Wyatt commended all of the speakers, including Mike, and said that they had put on a solid program, including a lot of good written materials for the attendees to take home. The CLE credit paperwork is being finalized by Daryl Cole, of Wyatt's office.

8. New Business.

- A. Increase in Per-Member Assessment Fee: The Bar charges us a fee per section member, designed to recover 50% of the Bar's administrative costs related to the sections. The fee is currently \$6.50 per member and is set to increase to \$8.00 per member for 2014. Wyatt recommends that we consider a dues increase, to cover this increased cost and also to cover our projected additional offerings. If we want to increase our dues, we will need to form a nominating committee prior to our September meeting.
- B. Formation of Nominating Committee: Dani explained that the nominating committee should be made up of three people. Two are current Executive Committee

members, who are not going to be elected to offices and who are not going to be elected to new terms; the only members who meet those criteria are Helen (automatically transitioning to Chair), Wyatt (automatically transitioning to Past-Chair), and Mary Anne and Brent Smith (terms not ending until December 2014). The third must be a section member who is not going to be elected to the Executive Committee. Wyatt noted that Heath Curtiss could possibly serve, or perhaps Steve Shropshire. Wyatt will contact the potential third member and will circulate an email to allow the Executive Committee membership to form a nominating committee prior to our September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Because we traditionally do not meet during the months of July and August, the date of the next meeting is Friday, September 6, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.