OSB Agricultural Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2013

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on March 1, 2013. The meeting convened at approximately 8:40 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
Joseph H. Hobson, Member-at-large
Caroline Lobdell, Member-at-large
Brandy Augusta Sargent, Member-at-large
Mary Anne Nash, Member-at-large

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Danielle Edwards.

QUORUM WAS MET.

- 2. Review of February minutes.
 - A. Minutes reviewed no changes recommended. Mary Anne Nash moved to approve the minutes. Joe Hobson seconded. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Treasurer's Report.
 - A. Treasurer Gelardi was unable to attend the meeting, so no treasurer's report was given. Dani Edwards mentioned that our membership is down and that the Bar will be giving a workshop about increasing section membership.
- 4. Old Business.
 - A. Joe Hobson moved to ratify an email vote in favor of (a) approving the January meeting minutes, (b) approving the CLE Subcommittee slate, and (c) approving our circulation of the USDA attorney recruitment notice. Caroline Lobdell seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
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B. The CLE Subcommittee held a teleconference on February 28, 2013 to firm up topics and possible presenters. Agritourism will be a topic, and Mike Gelardi has offered to speak for up to one hour. Water issues—specifically, water from the Columbia River being used in the Umatilla Basin and water from the Umatilla River being used for aquifer storage—will be a second topic, perhaps presented in the form of a panel discussion. An agreement between the Governor and stakeholders is being presented to the legislature, and Joe Hobson mentioned that he and Steve Shropshire are in the workgroup and that Steve would be a good panelist, as he has been involved with drafting the agreement. Kari Dallas will check with Henry Lorenzen about possible panelists related to the Umatilla River aquifer recharge topic. Wyatt Rolfe named Representative Cliff Bentz as a possible presenter for current legislative issues, and Drew Martin volunteered to check in with Cliff. Wyatt Rolfe encouraged the group to send additional ideas for CLE topics to the Subcommittee members.

5. New Business.

A. None.

Wyatt Rolfe noted that he anticipates that we will begin receiving legislative updates from Mike Gelardi at the next meeting.

Dani Edwards will finalize May 17, 2013 as the date and The Dalles Discovery Center as the location for our upcoming CLE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Date of the next meeting is Friday, April 5, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.