

OSB Agricultural Law Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2014

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on February 7, 2014. The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m., Chair Helen Nelson presiding.

1. Roll call. Those in attendance included:
- Helen Nelson, Chair
Wyatt Rolfe, Past Chair
Karin E. Dallas, Chair Elect
Michael J. Gelardi, Treasurer
Joseph H. Hobson, Member-at-large
Jeff Misley, Member-at-large

Those not in attendance included:

Mary Anne Nash, Secretary
Drew Martin, Member-at-large
Caroline Lobdell, Member-at-large
Brandy Augusta Sargent, Member-at-large
Brent Smith, Member-at-large
Heath Curtiss, Advisory Member

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Sarah Hackbart

QUORUM WAS MET. (11 executive committee members, 6 is quorum)

2. Review of January minutes.
- A. Minutes reviewed – one change recommended (correction to Section 2(A): Brandy Sargent, not Kari Dallas, moved to approve the December minutes). Wyatt Rolfe moved to approve the minutes, as corrected. Jeff Misley seconded. Motion carried.
- B. A question was raised about the propriety of listing Heath Curtiss, our website manager, in the minutes as an “Advisory Member”; Sarah Hackbart advised that Advisory Members serve in a non-voting capacity.

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3. Treasurer's Report.
 - A. Treasurer Mike Gelardi reported that, using figures from the end of November, 2013, we ended the year above budget, with roughly \$4,300.00 in the bank. Sarah Hackbart noted that 2014 dues will be coming in and that a membership list, including the names of both new and non-renewing members, will be available soon.
4. Membership Subcommittee Report.
 - A. Wyatt Rolfe reported no new activity. Tim Bernasek was mentioned as a possible presenter for a brown bag CLE, perhaps in the areas of GMOs or hot goods; Wyatt will follow up with Tim.
5. New Business.
 - A. Roundup CLE: Subcommittee will meet soon to discuss topics.
 - B. Proposals for Law Improvement Bills: The Bar had sent several emails to Chair Helen Nelson, related to pending ag-related bills for the short legislative session. Joe Hobson gave a brief summary of pending water rights bills, noted that the topic was fairly arcane and specific to affected groups, and recommended that the bills would not be appropriate for section involvement. Helen noted that, in the past, the section has not taken any position on pending legislation. Wyatt Rolfe and Mike Gelardi opined that, if the section were ever to be involved, the nature of our involvement would likely be limited to procedural elements of pending legislation. Given the brief nature of the current legislative session, it was decided that the section would not become formally involved with any pending legislation. However, Wyatt and Mike will look into tracking legislation (perhaps checking in with Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau) and reporting on any bills that actually end up going anywhere.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Date of the next meeting is Friday, March 7, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.