

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

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section was held via teleconference on March 7, 2014. The meeting convened at 8:33 a.m., Chair Helen Nelson presiding.

1. Roll call. Those in attendance included:

Helen Nelson, Chair
Karin E. Dallas, Chair Elect
Michael J. Gelardi, Treasurer
Joseph H. Hobson, Member-at-large
Drew Martin, Member-at-large
Jeff Misley, Member-at-large
Brandy Augusta Sargent, Member-at-large

Those not in attendance included:

Wyatt Rolfe, Past Chair
Mary Anne Nash, Secretary
Caroline Lobdell, Member-at-large
Brent Smith, Member-at-large
Heath Curtiss, Advisory Member

Also in attendance:

Bar Liaison Danielle Edwards

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

2. Review of February minutes.
- A. Minutes reviewed. Joe Hobson moved to approve the minutes. Brandy Sargent seconded. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report.
- A. Treasurer Mike Gelardi reported that we ended with 2014 year with a bank balance of \$4,301, which was \$436 over the start of the year. We are budgeted to run a deficit of between \$400 and \$600, so we are in good shape. Dani Edwards reported that, as of February 14, we have 127 members, with 10 new members ("new")

meaning were not members in 2013), and 18 non-renewals, for a net decrease of 8 members so far this year. Treasurer Gelardi did not feel that the membership numbers would have a significant impact on the budget.

4. Membership Subcommittee Report.

- A. Helen Nelson reported that Mary Anne Nash had forwarded an email outlining a possible joint CLE effort between our section and the Sustainable Futures Section. It was unclear what our role in setting the program or contributing to costs would be, so Helen will follow up with Mary Anne. Joe Hobson and Drew Martin stressed the importance of having input and being able to put forth a balanced program, especially with respect to hot button issues like food labeling. Tabled.

5. Annual CLE Subcommittee Report.

- A. Helen Nelson described the subcommittee's proposal for this year's CLE, to be held at The Dalles Discovery Center on May 16, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme will be "New Developments in Agricultural Law." The morning program will include debtor creditor issues (Jeff Misley and John Albert) and water law issues (Elizabeth Howard). We will have a longer lunch break than in past years, for socializing and networking. The afternoon program will include a discussion of recent "hot goods" and GMO issues (Tim Bernasek) and a legislative round-up (Mike Freese). Helen will follow up with the Bar on CLE credit approval. Drew Martin moved to approve the proposed CLE structure. The motion was seconded by Brandy Sargent. Motion carried.

6. Legislative Tracking Report.

- A. Mike Gelardi reported that the three water bills (hydraulic connection between ground and surface water) didn't go anywhere. HB 3149, originally proposing certain restricted uses of pesticides in response to bee kills, morphed into the creation of an OSU task force on pesticide "best practices." In the land use arena, HB 4078 dealt with the designation of rural reserves or urbanizable areas outside the Metro urban growth boundary.

7. New Business.

- A. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Date of the next meeting is Friday, April 4, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.