

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**[insert call-in or Zoom instructions]**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Call in Number: 866-906-0123  
Passcode: 1805303#**

**Jim Enright, Mary Anne Parks, Ben Fruchey, Lydia Barbash Riley, Alison Collins, Joni Roach, Ross Hamersley, Mary Anne Parks, Scott Sinkwitts, Kurt Kissling, Margarethe, Sue Sadler**

1. Approval of meeting minutes-no minutes were received. Sue will generate
2. Chair's report (Enright)- No activities except for MELJ. November Joint Conference is scheduled for
3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Sadler), Account Balance, of \$71,000. Not much expenditure except webinar vendor, Mary Anne's expense Membership is still strong, slight increase in numbers, need to have a council meeting to conduct new and outgoing council member
4. Administrator's Report (Parks)-Mary Anne reported that she has been providing assistance with the Joint Conference and that will ramp up when the registration is live. She has also been researching the cost of using Zoom for upcoming meetings.
5. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Deskbook
  - b. Program Committee (see below)
  - c. Environmental Law Journal -Alison and Amanda participated in a joint call with Animal Law section – has 3 articles submitted so far for the MELJ hoping for late October to publish, animal law articles submitted by a person who has written a book, one on deer culling, wolves the DNR and Foye? Send articles to Amanda Urban ask for a notice to solicit articles-migratory birds?
6. Subject Matter Committee Reports
  - a. Margarethe informed us about two cases on West Side of state-who can appeal standing to appeal zoning decision. She thinks this is an opportunity to review Michigan zoning law but the folks involved are hesitant to do a webinar on this topic so she will keep it in mind for an upcoming webinar. In the interim
  - b. Sue made an overture to an attorney who was involved in the Flint Water Crisis settlement but that may have to wait until November 20. Something on procedure with COVID in broad strokes

- c. sAir-Spring Air Conference was cancelled, 5 different mornings, starting Nov5 wrapping up on November 19., followed with breakouts. T and Th, revenues will be much lower
  - d. Hazardous Substances and Brownfields- Ben and Tammy are working on something
  - e. Natural Resources, Energy and Sustainability, Sue tried to pursue something with attorney from Flint Water Crisis settlement but no bites, Dam failure issues are part of the Joint Conference
  - f. Great Lakes and Inland Waters, Ross reported that the committee discussed a PFAS related webinar before COVID but another alternative is to assist the Air committee on this topic at the Joint Conference. Offered to help the air committee. Did do one of the high water issues, perhaps one on zoning and municipal issues, sea walls, Line 5 proposal, etc.
  - g. Environmental Litigation and Admin Practice
- 7. Ad hoc committee on younger lawyer involvement
  - 8. Nominating Committee and recommendations (Helminski)
  - 9. ELS budget preparation (Enright/Sadler): 2020-2021 review; committee input needed; email vote in December; discuss possible one-time dues reduction
  - 10. Program Committee:
    - a. Annual Meeting Thursday, October 15, 2020 – discuss agenda, program and schedule
    - b. Fall Joint Conference status
  - 11. Discussion items:
    - a. Zoom account for Section (Enright and Parks)
    - b. Section activity level and direction (Enright)