

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

**December 8, 2021
10:00 am eastern**

VIA Teleconference Only

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Sadler.

Council members and officers present by phone or video: Sadler (Chair), Sinkwitts (Chair-elect), Schebor (Secretary/Treasurer), Urban, Hammersley, Sanford.

A quorum of council members was present (six required).

Section administrator Mary Anne Parks was present, as well as Kyle Kowinski.

1. Approval of November 4, 2021 meeting minutes (All)
 - a. After review and discussion, Sinkwitts moved to approve the minutes; Hammersley seconded. Motion approved.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Schebor)
 - a. A draft budget for 2021-2022 was discussed. After review and discussion, Sinkwitts moved to approve the budget; Sanford seconded. Motion approved.
3. Administrator's Report (Parks)
 - a. October and November were very busy due to coordinating and preparing for the Joint Conference. In January she will work to clean-up the committee rosters and setting up Constant Contact. The Clearing the Air Conference is set for April 14th, and she will start working on that in the beginning of next year.
4. Chair's Report (Sadler)
 - a. Chair Sadler discussed webinars and encouraged members to start thinking of topics that might be relevant to our membership.
 - b. Chair Sadler discussed current leadership of the subject matter and standing committees and the need to fill current open spots.
5. Subject Matter Committee Reports
 - a. Air (Kissling/Collins)
 - i. No report. Parks stated that the annual spring air conference with MMA is scheduled for April 14, 2022.
 - b. Hazardous Substances and Brownfields (-----)
 - i. No report.
 - c. Natural Resources, Energy and Sustainability (Sadler/Lundgren)

- i. No report.
 - d. Great Lakes and Inland Waters (Schroeck/Hammersley)
 - i. Hammersley stated that they are currently working on a water themed issue for an upcoming SBM Journal. Expressed interest in possibly setting up a wetlands 101 webinar.
 - e. Environmental Litigation & Admin Practice (Steiner/Kearney)
 - i. Steiner submitted a written report. The committee is working on a couple of webinar ideas including one which would involve an analysis of decisions in environmental cases by Michigan appellate courts.
- 6. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Desk book (Haynes/Martorano)
 - i. No report.
 - b. Program Committee (Schebor/Kearney)
 - i. Schebor reported that he would like to see the section hold a summer program, but will depend on the state of COVID after the start of the year. Discussion regarding possible speakers.
 - c. Environmental Law Journal (Urban)
 - i. Urban and Matt Mayerhuber are working on a journal issue for the first quarter of 2022 and getting authors.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee Member Outreach (Konwinski)
 - i. Chair Sadler mentioned she extended an invite to Kyle Konwinski to chair this committee. Konwinski introduced himself and expressed enthusiasm to help and assist the Section.
 - b. Spring/Summer Conference
 - i. Discussion regarding possibility of a summer conference. Will reassess at the beginning of 2022. The Bengal Wildlife Center is a possible place to hold it given its indoor and outdoor capabilities and location.
 - c. Pursuing a Paid Outside Speaker
 - i. Chair Sadler encouraged member to think of speakers and topics, including any big ticket paid speaker.
 - d. Future Meeting Schedule
 - i. February 2, 2022 – 10:00 am
 - ii. April 27, 2022 – 10:00 am
 - e. Discussion
 - i. Sanford mentioned the importance of scheduling 101 and 201 type webinars/programs in order to train upcoming environmental attorneys.
 - f. The next meeting will be on February 2, 2022 at 10:00am.

Motion to conclude meeting made by Sinkwitts; Seconded by Sanford. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.