

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

**October 4, 2022
4:30 pm eastern**

VIA in Person at Dykema's Lansing Office and Teleconference

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm by Chair Sadler.

Council members and officers present in person or by phone or video: Sadler (Chair), Sinkwitts (Chair-elect), Schebor (Secretary/Treasurer), Hammersley, Sanford, Barbash-Riley, Kissling, Roach.

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

Section administrator Mary Anne Parks was present, as well as Kyle Kowinski, Theresa Bodwin, Steve Jones, Nicholas Maloof, Laura Romeo, Chris Richards, Edu Enin-Ocut, and Tammy Helminski (Immediate Past Chair). See sign in sheet for complete list of attendees.

1. Approval of June 9, 2022 meeting minutes (All)
 - a. After review and discussion, Sinkwitts moved to approve the minutes; Schebor seconded. Motion approved.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Schebor)
 - a. Discussion on current state of finances.
 - b. Approval for Annual Program Speaker Stipend – After review and discussion, Sinkwitts moved to approve a motion to provide our speaker with a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Helminski seconded. Motion approved.
3. Administrator's Report (Parks)
 - a. Been working on the Summer Program, and then focused on the Annual Program. Going to be working on the Joint Fall Conference next. Summer Program. Also still working on making sure that everyone is receiving Constant Contact.
4. Chair's Report (Sadler)
 - a. Recognition of and thank-you to departing Council members
 - i. Want to thank some of the members of the Council that are coming off. Amanda Urban, Nick Schroek, Nick Leonard, Ben Fruchey, Lydia Barbush, and Margrethe Kearney.
5. Annual ELS Council Elections for 2022-23 (All)
 - a. As the SBM ELS By-laws (Article IV, Section 3) require written ballots for election unless otherwise agreed, a motion was made Schebor, seconded by Kurt Kissling,

to allow a voice vote for the 2022 Annual Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. A slate of candidates was published to SBM Connect on September 6, 2022 as a result of the recommendations of the Nomination Committee.
 - i. Nominee for Chairperson-Elect: Todd Schebor (current secretary-treasurer)
 - ii. Nominee for Secretary/Treasurer: Ross Hammersley (current Council member)
 - iii. Nominees for re-election as Council members:
 - 1. Andrea Hayden
 - 2. Joni Roach
 - iv. Nominee as new Council members: Nicholas Maloof (current committee member), Kyle Konwinski (current committee member), Theresa Bodwin, and Erica Shell
 - v. Current chairperson-elect Scott Sinkwitts will become chair automatically on conclusion of the vote.
- c. A call for nominations from the floor yielded no additional candidates. A motion was made by Helminski, seconded by Kissling, to adopt and elect the slate of candidates as presented above. The motion passed unanimously.
 - i. At this point in the meeting, Chair Sinkwitts took over the meeting.

6. Concluding Remarks and Passing of the Gavel (Sinkwitts)

- a. Sinkwitts provided his congratulations to new officers and council members, and thank you for those that have provided their service. Would like to focus on additional outreach to students,

Motion to Adjourn – move to adjourn, Sinkwitts. Second, Schebor.

Adjourned at 4:55pm.