

Michigan State Bar: Environmental Law Section
Minutes of September 23, 2025 Meeting

- Present: Ross Hamersley, Paul Beach, Scott Watson, Kurt Kissling, James Enright, Erika Powers, Kyle Konwinski, Erica Sarver, Seth Arthur, Nick Maloof, Todd Schebor, Paul Stewart, Matt Hall.
- Board nominations for upcoming year:
 - Ross has updated the current board members to accommodate officers cycling off.
 - Proposed new additions: Todd Schebor, Elizabeth Morrisseau (Michigan AG), and Gabriella Mickel (WSU), Brian J. Considine (Dawda PLC), and Nick Maloof (renewal).
 - Nick M. circulated an email among Oakland County and got one interested person who he met with last week. Would want to be on Natural Resources committee.
 - Andrea Hayden (DTE) Briane Reitzel (DTE) – both referred by Kurt K. but Andrea likely doesn't have bandwidth at present time.
 - Claire Glenn (Dykema) & Sinéad Redmond (Bodman) – both associates who may be in pipeline for future board membership, but planning just to join as committee members right now.
 - James E. inquired about moving from Haz. Substances / Brownfields committee to the Great Lakes and Natural Resources committee. We will add this to the appropriate nominations blast.
- Annual Meeting – October 22, 2025 at 4:00 PM – consideration of adding a speaker or bringing some additional value for members.
 - Will post to website and send invite / email on September 24, 2025 [Ms. Kamp].
 - Gavel has been ordered for Ross but the plaques for outgoing members have not been ordered yet. Previously Ms. Parks was handling this – Ms. Kamp can potentially keep this on her list going forward.
 - Ms. Kamp could use additional onboarding of information from Ms. Parks – didn't get any information about committees, files, etc.
 - Erica S. sent information for Midtown Brewing to Ms. Kamp.
- Amicus Briefs – Michigan Supreme Court invited ELS and RPLS to submit amicus briefs in Enbridge Line 5 cases.

- Challenges are (1) who would write it; and (2) what position would the ELS take?
- Kyle K. and Erica S. are in favor and think that we can come up with a position. Kyle K. will check our bylaws and the linked official State Bar process to run it up the flagpole for the State Bar (in their email).
- Previously we have had an issue with getting alignment.
- Believe that any *amicus* brief would be due on January 9, 2026.
- Erica S.: our budget has space for some amount to be spent if necessary.
- Inevitably someone will be not in alignment if we write a brief. Need to confirm what our policies and bylaws allow us to do.
- Real Property Law Section has filed amici briefs before – they may have different bylaws. They have also provided comments on legislation.
 - Erica S. will check with Nick Scavone formerly of RPLS to see if he has insight on the process to get section alignment.