

Michigan State Bar: Environmental Law Section
Minutes of October 22, 2025 Annual Meeting

- Present: Jim Enright, Claire Glenn, Theresa Bodwin, Kyle Konwinski, Todd Schebor, Nick Maloof, Ross Hammersley, Matt Hall, Paul Stewart, Lee Johnson, Kris Dighe, Scott Watson, Lauren Teichner, Seth Arthur, Kurt Kissling, Gabby Mickel, Brian Considine, Scott Sinkwitts, Erica Sarver (late join) [did not catch everyone who was present in person I think I missed one person who I couldn't see or clearly hear the name of]
- Presentation by Terracon (Tom Barczak): Emerging Contaminants and the Legal Landscape Ahead
- Treasurer's Report: Konwinski covered for Sarver who was late. Balance continues to grow – over \$135,000 with minimal spending.
 - o Last year many of our expenses were hosting events with law students at the Michigan law schools.
 - o We transitioned administrators and are now paying Ms. Kamp for her services supporting the section.
 - o Usually around \$3,500 - \$4,000 for joint conference revenue.
 - o Kissling requests to circulate financials more regularly / quarterly to help with evaluating areas we could spend down balance.
- Secretary's Report: adjourned to later in the agenda.
- Committee Assignments and Updates:
 - o Deskbook committee – not sure if that is active. Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee also has not been active for several years.
 - o Brownfield Committee – still showing Tammy on it – Maloof and Enright serving on it now, should update website.
 - o Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee –Schroock is now engaged at UDM and not able to be involved anymore.
 - Considine is interested unsure of his capacity – to connect with Schebor.
 - Teichner is also interested but unsure of capacity.
 - o Litigation and Administrative Practices Committee – Konwinski is chair, have not been active recently.

- Air Committee – Konwinski will continue helping with joint conference and with MMA to continue the clearing the air conference. Scott S. also helping.
- Law Student Engagement (ad hoc) – probably don't need it to be a formal committee anymore, we are pretty successful with that.
- Natural Resources, Energy, Sustainability Committee – M. Hall volunteered.
- Program Committee – has been Schebor, still happy to help but recently officers have been primary on program planning.
- Deskbook / Publications / Journal – Kyle, Scott, and Theresa had some discussions about how to update the deskbook – think it provides a lot of value to the section and they are willing to stay on the committee.
 - Consider putting forth an RFP asking someone to update it – possibly in summer 2026.
- Konwinski update on law student events – U of M won't be doing it this year because the calendar for hiring / interviewing.
- Amicus Brief Committee: we received an invitation from the Michigan Supreme Court to submit two amicus briefs in the Line 5 pending appeal.
 - Reviewed questions from Supreme Court's Order – referred to as the “MEPA Brief” and the “Public Trust Doctrine Brief.”
 - Sarver updated the section on the discussion with Real Property Law Section about the status of their amicus briefing and the existence of their permanent committee and belief that the organizing principles of the section require them to file something when invited.
 - Sarver / Konwinski were in support of moving forward, and invited people to join the amicus committee.
 - Conflicts are managed by submitting a report to State Bar about the committee's feedback on the briefs.
 - Ross, Lauren, and Theresa have to abstain from this specific project due to conflicts, but are generally fine with the amicus concept.
 - Discussed options for answering questions without advocating for one party or the other, in the style of a law review brief.
 - Vote: should the Amicus Brief Committee continue?
 - Ross moved, Paul S. second – ayes in favor. Vote carried.
 - Kurt K. and Paul B. opposed.

- Theresa Bodwin and Lauren Teichner abstained.
- Should Amicus Committee provide some general substantive feedback on what the briefs might say?
 - Sarver – let Sarver and Konwinski know if you want to be part of amicus committee so that a subsequent meeting can be scheduled.
- Hammersley: nominating committee report was circulated in advance of meeting.
 - Motion (Hammersley): to renew Maloof and Schebor as re-elected to council. Bodwin – second. Unanimous approval.
 - Schebor: comments that this is his second tour after cycling through leadership and back off again.
 - Maloof: happy to be here.
 - Motion (Hammersley): to approve new members Morrisseau, Mickel, and Considine. Unanimous approval.
 - Mickel and Considine present at meeting, bios are in nominating committee report.
 - No nominations for new members from the floor.
 - Motion (Hammersley): Konwinski becomes chair by operation of the bylaws, Sarver becomes chair elect (second – Konwinski), and Bodwin becomes secretary-treasurer (second - Maloof). Unanimous approval for all.
- Hammersley: we are glad to have Ms. Kamp and move on from having no administrative support, looking forward to more committee activities.
- Konwinski: thanks to Konwinski for his years of service.
- Sarver: moot court season is upon us – will be reaching out for guest judges for Wayne State Environmental Moot Court Team.