

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

**April 25, 2019**

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2600 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 300**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Council members and officers present in person: Martorano (Chair); Sadler.

Council members and officers present by phone: Enright (Chair-elect); Helminski (Secretary/Treasurer); Collins; Kearney; Barbash-Riley; Sinkwitts; Kissling; Brauer (non-voting ex-officio)

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

Section administrator Mary Anne Parks was present.

Other committee chairs present: Urban (MELJ).

1. Approval of January 24, 2019 meeting minutes (Helminski)

After two corrections were made to the minutes; Enright moved to approve the corrected minutes; Sadler second. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Chair's Report (Martorano)

Martorano reported that the State Bar has scaled back the Annual Meeting to now only be core State Bar functions. There will be no Section meetings included as part of the State Bar Annual Meeting. Instead, the Environmental Law Section will hold its own, separate meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The Section has reserved a space at the State Bar offices in Lansing for the afternoon. This will be the Section's annual meeting and will include a program and social gathering in Lansing afterwards. Holding an annual meeting is part of the Section's by-laws, our Section's bylaws are permissive as to whether it is held in conjunction with State Bar's annual meeting.

Martorano also reported that the Section's Annual Report is due on May 31, 2019. The report contains a recollection of meeting dates, programs, etc. Parks has prepared a draft and Parks and Martorano will finalize and submit.

The section listserv has now been discontinued. SBM Connect will be the only way messages will be transmitted to the whole Section starting May 1, 2019. Email will be sent by Martorano/Parks to membership that will include links to how to use.

The Administrative Law Section has asked if they could send notice of its June luncheon to our membership, to which we have given our permission.

There has been a law school student that has asked about publishing an article with MELJ. No concerns voiced about this in principle, and article will be reviewed by editorial staff.

A nominating committee needs to be appointed. Enright will chair this committee and will seek other participants.

The next meeting is June 20, 2019 at Barnes & Thornburg, LLP in Grand Rapids.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Helminski)

Fund balance as of end of March was \$75,075.62. Disbursements have not yet been made for the Fall Joint conference. Membership is currently 499, down from 614 at this time last year.

4. Administrator's Report (Parks)

Most of time Parks' time has been spent on the Clearing the Air conference – preparing for, attending, and follow-up, including survey. Parks has also been conducting Section communications, social media, etc.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Desk book (Haynes)

Martorano has been working with State Bar to figure out what they are willing to support. Martorano has a meeting with Sandy at the State Bar tentatively set for May, but waiting on confirmation.

b. Program Committee (Schebor/Kearney)

Kearney reported they have not planned summer event. Kearney reported they will focus on Section Annual Meeting in September.

c. Environmental Law Journal (Urban)

Urban reported there are several topics for which they are looking for authors: water systems challenging the new state lead and copper rule; approaching James Clift of MDEGLE for article; insight on Flint water crisis decisions. Jeremy Orr will write article on his new role with environmental rules committee. Publication of new edition is targeted for July or August 2019.

6. Subject Matter Committee Reports

a. Air (Kissling/Collins)

Kissling reported whole committee involved with the Clearing the Air conference; net proceeds were approximately \$2600; next year we will be back to splitting conference responsibilities and proceeds with MMA. Fall Joint Conference planning is a little behind because EMAWMA looking for a chair. It will be Nov. 6 or 7, 2019. Air committee meeting planned for this summer that will include a facility tour. Collins also reported Clearing the Air conference went well and survey results were positive.

b. Hazardous Substances and Brownfields (Enright/Helminski)

Enright reported webinar held in February on Lame Duck legislation. There were 51 participants, and the presenters were Troy Cummings of WNJ and Maggie Pallone of Public Sector Consultants.

d. Natural Resources, Energy and Sustainability (Sadler/Lundgren)

Sadler reported had discussed doing webinar on administrative law procedures and this is being worked on in conjunction with Administrative Law Section.

e. Great Lakes and Inland Waters (Schroeck/Hammersley)

No report.

7. Meetings, goals, and objectives for 2019

- Annual meeting updates and discussion; follow-up with SBM
- Deskbook update
- MELJ Articles/Ideas (Summer)

Meeting adjourned 6:24pm