

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

**January 24, 2019
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Dickinson Wright PLLC
2600 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 300**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 5:32pm

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

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

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

Section administrator Mary Anne Parks was present.

Committee chairs present: Haynes (Deskbook); Urban (MELJ).

1. Approval of December 11, 2018 meeting minutes (Helminski)

Enright made motion to approve minutes, Sadler second. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Chair's Report (Martorano)

Martorano highlighted that the meeting's discussions would focus on budget discussion and that she had received some committee reports. The meeting would skip over line by line review of committee reports but the council would spend time on the Deskbook and the MELJ. Martorano expressed that altering the MELJ timeline to be summer/winter instead of spring/fall, but that it may make sense to wait until next year to implement the schedule change

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Helminski)

a. Discuss distributed budget for 2019 and revisions to budget spreadsheet

The draft budget was reviewed and discussed. Members agreed to continue to support outreach efforts to law schools, and agreed to support State Bar leadership stipend to attend leadership meeting. The line item for the MELJ was amended to reflect true costs; and MELJ had other ideas that can be brought to the Council for later for discussion and approval. There was a question about whether the Section wanted to pay a fee of \$500 to save old SBM Connect listserv discussions as SBM was discontinuing this functionality.

Enright moved to approve the budget; Steiner seconded, clarifying that the amended budget was being approved. Motion to approve the budget was approved unanimously.

4. Administrator's Report (Parks)

This agenda item was not addressed during the meeting.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Desk book (Haynes)

Haynes stated that the first question the Section needs to resolve is whether the State Bar will support the Deskbook. The State Bar has historically not been supportive at all. Other options to consider include publishing through ICLE or our own publication. Haynes recommended that the Chair take this to the State Bar and figure out why they are not responsive and what the Bar will actual do to support us. Martorano agreed to take this on. Haynes will also contact authors of chapters that are unfinished. If no interest from these authors, he will let Martorano know and then will work to find other authors.

b. Program Committee (Schebor/Kearney)

We discussed options for potential summer program. Kissling reported that the spring Clearing the Air program will be on April 11th. The 6th or 7th of November is currently being discussed for Fall Joint Conference. Kissling also reported that MMA wants to partner with the Section on other issues and programs.

c. Environmental Law Journal (Urban)

Discussed under Chair Report and Budget discussion.

6. Subject Matter Committee Reports

a. Air (Kissling/Collins)

b. Hazardous Substances and Brownfields (Enright/Helminski)

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

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

Individual committee reports were not reviewed.

7. Meetings, goals, and objectives for 2019
- Environmental Law 101 Series Kick-off (March) – topics and webinar speakers?
 - Deskbook update
 - MELJ Articles/Ideas
 - Summer Program
 - Discussion regarding ELS change of bylaws and review of Real Property Law Section materials on legislation.

Martorano sent out materials with respect to changing Section Bylaws in terms of commenting on cases/legislation. Brauer will follow-up with Real Estate Section members to get a sense of how they handle when people do not agree on positions.

Sadler stated she has idea for webinar on administrative law. She will talk with members in the administrative law section.

Enright/Helminski reported they have a webinar on lame duck legislation scheduled for February 6, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

2019 Meeting Schedule:

Call-in Number: 1-877-211-3621 **Passcode:** 949 171 0199

Date	Time	Location
June 20, 2019 (Thursday)	TBD	Barnes & Thornburg, Grand Rapids, MI
September 26, 2019	TBD	TBD – will correspond with the annual SBM meeting