

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

**June 20, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Barnes and Thornburg
171 Monroe Avenue N.W., Suite 1000
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 3:15pm

Council members and officers present in person: Martorano (Chair); Enright (Chair-elect); Helminski (Secretary/Treasurer); Kearney; Barbash-Riley;

Council members and officers present by phone: Kissling; Sadler

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

Section administrator Mary Anne Parks was present.

Other committee chairs present: Urban (MELJ).

1. Approval of April 25, 2019 meeting minutes

After one question was resolved, Enright moved to approve the minutes; Barbash-Riley second. Motion approved.

2. Chair's Report (Martorano)

Martorano provided a thank you to Sadler and Helminski for additional review of student submission of journal article. Nominations committee work has started to provide council members and new officers for election at annual meeting, which is scheduled for September 18, 2019 at the State Bar office in Lansing. The conversion from Modern Firm to SBM ~~Comment~~ **connect** done at end of April, but Modern Firm kept charging the section. State Bar intervened and the section will be getting a reimbursement.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Helminski)

- a. Discussion regarding Annual Joint Conference expenses and budget notes.

Annual Joint Conference disbursements have now been made to WMAWMA and EMAWMA, confirmation of receipt received from EMAWMA. The Joint Conference does not have

corresponding income and expense line items in the budget. We used Air Committee this year. It only comes up every three years when the Section is the main planner for the Joint Conference. For disbursement purposes, it would be helpful to have specific discussion during budget approval process every year about the Joint Conference, regardless of whether we organize. Such discussions, and their associated minutes, provide important supporting documentation for Section budget expenditures and receipts.

4. Administrator's Report (Parks)

No events or webinars at this time. Parks reported that she has spent time on transition of listserv to SBM Connect and social media.

5. Nominating Committee Discussion

Enright is chair of nominating committee. Schebor and Kearney are also on the committee. They are taking nominations for new officer (Secretary/Treasurer) and new council members.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Desk book (Haynes/Martorano)

No progress on finding sustainable solution for the Deskbook. Kearney reached out to University of Michigan but did not think it would be a good fit.

b. Program Committee (Schebor/Kearney)

Fall Program associated with annual meeting will occur in September. Kearney suggested bringing in representatives from the new Whitmer administration. Sadler suggested Section members present "state of the law" for various aspects, like a "year in review" type of program. There was discussion of other options as well and potential for both state and federal-related speakers. There will also be social event to follow.

c. Environmental Law Journal (Urban)

Summer issue coming out in August. Mr. Orr drafted piece on Environmental Rules Committee; piece on shutdown of Detroit incinerator; Mr. Clift writing on new role; Ms. Collins on Lake Erie Bill of Rights; Mr. Collins drafting on lead and copper rule; student piece on PFAS/MEPA.

Urban requested funds to archive past articles. Urban is also on committee for planning ABA SEER 2020 (Spring) and would like to see ELS participation.

7. Subject Matter Committee Reports

a. Air (Kissling/Collins)

EMAWMA is getting closer to having person to lead Joint Conference planning.

b. Hazardous Substances and Brownfields (Enright/Helminski)

Nothing planned at this time.

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

Sadler reported they are still planning on joint webinar with administration law; perhaps on new rules committee. Another idea they are working on is a webinar on construction/demo waste streams (contract terms, asbestos, dewatering, material fill, etc.).

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

This committee submitted a written report. They may do webinar on Great Lakes high water levels.

8. Meetings, goals, and objectives for 2019

- Annual meeting planning and discussion

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

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