

MEETING MINUTES

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN- ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COUNCIL September 22, 2016 - 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Officers Present: Bill Schikora (Past Chair), Dennis Donohue (Chair Elect), Scott Steiner (Vice Chair Elect), Kelly Martorano (Secretary/Treasurer Elect).
Next meeting: January 11, 2017

The Meeting was held directly after the State Bar Annual Meeting and Programming.

1. **June 24, 2016 Minutes.** A Motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.
2. **Chairman's Report.** Bill Schikora offered his final comments and thanks as chair of the Section and handed over the duties to Dennis Donohue as the incoming Chair. Presentation of Plaque to Mr. Schikora.
3. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report.** Scott Steiner provided a brief review of the written Secretary/Treasurer's report and 2016 year end budget report.
4. **Administrator's Report.** Mary Anne Parks is now the Section Administrator and has been helping plan events and coordinate online/email content, such as the listserv and Linked-In. Mary Anne will also be available to plan and coordinate webinars/seminars in 2017.
5. **Announcements.** Dennis Donohue reported that in addition to his transition as Chair, Scott Steiner will fill the position of Vice Chair and Kelly Martorano has accepted the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Dennis also noted that there is one open council position and asked for recommendations.
6. **Journal Writing Competition Awards Presentation.**
7. **Standing and Subject Matter Committee Reports.** None presented.
8. **Strategic Planning Committee.** Bill Schikora reported that a draft of the member survey is in the final review stages and will be distributed in early 2017.
9. **Action and Discussion.**

The Council voted to continue to waive the annual student member and governmental member dues. There was some discussion regarding raising dues in 2017. No action was taken and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.