



Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for
9:15 AM, Tuesday, April 27, 2010.
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1. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Douglas MacCourt (Chairperson); Lisa Bluelake (Past Chair); Stephen Kelly (Treasurer); Brent Leonhard (Secretary); Jennifer Amiot; Jennifer Biesack; Patricia Davis; Michael Grieser; Carl Merkle; Lee Shannon; Carl Ullman; Mitzi Naucler

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Agenda approved.

3. REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES

Doug MacCourt moved to approve the January meeting minutes as there was no quorum in March; Brent Leonhard seconded. **Motion passed 8-1-0.**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Kelly presented the Treasurer's Report. ILS is at 96.9% of budget. March was a quiet month with little money spent or earned. Overall 21.2% of the budget has been expended.

5. BUSINESS

a. Section Member Survey

- i. Update on survey progress.

January minutes were reviewed to recall where the section is on the issue. Doug will email Lisa and Sara (?) and come back in May with what they have looked at.

b. CLE & Other Outside Meetings Subcommittee

- i. NREL/ATNI Conference Update

June 7-9 is the renewable energy conference at Warm Springs. ILS will partner with NREL and ATNI and help publicize the event. The CLE portion will be held on June 8 and include policy updates, finance updates, greenhouse gas impacts and roundtable discussions. ATNI will charge a \$100-\$200 registration fee. NREL/ATNI would like an ILS logo, we don't have one so Doug will figure out how best to deal with that issue. Doug will circulate a draft agenda next week. It is expected that there will be good attendance from the region. A save the date reminder will be posted to the section list serve.

- ii U of O NALSA Update

In the past U of O NALSA has proposed an event for April. It is scheduled for this Thursday (April 29, 2010) at 4:30 p.m. at the U of O in room 184. An inquiry was made as to who is likely to attend. Doug will inform them that he will likely attend. A notice of the event will be sent to the list serve.

- iii. Possible event with Professor Frank Pommersheim during his summer tour of duty at Lewis & Clark.

Professor Miller informed Doug, Lisa, and David that Professor Pommersheim will be teaching at Lewis & Clark this summer. He asked if ILS would like to do an event with Prof. Pommersheim and Prof. Miller recommended contacting Prof. Pommersheim directly and the event should be geared more for practicing attorneys. Doug's office will host the event.



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c. Legislative Subcommittee Report

Craig was not present. Previously the Bar requested section positions by the beginning of April. Nothing formal was proposed by the section. Doug requested that Craig monitor what other committees are proposing. Brent mentioned the Kurtz case and CTUIR's efforts to amend Oregon law to have tribal officers recognized as state officers. There was discussion as to whether it would be controversial and as such prevent formal endorsement by the section. It is possible that the OSB would allow endorsement for law enforcement improvement. Regardless, section members can support individually if/when it moves forward in the legislature. It sounds like there is broad support within the section. Brent will keep everyone informed of the progress. Brent asked if anyone had an update on the Kurtz case. It is his understanding that the OR AG's office is appealing the decision. He inquired of them last week if they will be seeking a tribal amicus but has not heard anything back yet.

d. Native American Youth and Family Center Early College Academy Luncheon

A NAYA luncheon will be held at the Oregon Culinary Institute to raise funds to support the Family Center Early College Academy. Information will be posted to the website.

6. CLOSING COMMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Since there was not meeting in February and there was no quorum in March, which appears to be a persistent problem, and inquiry was made to the OSB attorney on how the issue can be dealt with. ILS does not have section-specific bylaws. There are two model bylaws, one for Executive Committees and the other for Section Meetings. A quorum is a majority of those present for Section meetings, for Executive Committees, however, it is a majority of the committee members. The process to change would require a proposal to change/create ILS bylaws, which would then go to the section to approve changes. Once that is done it would go to the OSB BOG for approval, which is not guaranteed. There was discussion about moving forward with this process or asking executive committee members who regularly do not attend meetings to drop so that others can become members. The response was mixed; some would like to see bylaws changes others are hesitant and would like to see greater participation as those who can't make a majority of meetings ought to drop. It was also mentioned that the problem will still persist with new members as it has been a persistent problem. Brent requested that the matter be set on the next agenda for discussion. Doug will send out the standard bylaws and some potential alternatives that were floated.

Next Meeting: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday May 25, 2010. Agenda items to Doug MacCourt (dcm@aterwynne.com) by Friday, May 7, 2010.