

## Executive Committee

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### 1. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

David Shaw (Chair), Doug MacCourt (Past Chair), Jennifer Biesack (Secretary), Craig Dorsay, Melissa Robertson, Michael Grieser, Carl (Bud) Ullman, Brent Leonhard and Lisa Bluelake attended. A quorum was achieved. OSB Bar Michelle Lane also attended.

### 2. AGENDA REVIEW

Agenda approved.

### 3. REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES

The Executive Committee approved the January 2011 minutes through a unanimous vote (8-0). David Shaw will ask Michelle at OSB to circulate the December 2010 minutes and request approval via email.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Kelly was not present on the call. David Shaw reported that OSB December preliminary information about the Section's finances was available, showing that the Section did well last year. The section was under budget for conferences, which led to a surplus. Most of the Section's revenue is from dues, and the largest expense is for Oregon State Bar support. The Section's budget is available on OSB's website under "Treasurer Tools."

### 5. BUSINESS

- a. Update from David Shaw as to upcoming CLE on April 15, 2011 (The Future of International Law in Indigenous Affairs: The Doctrine of the Discovery, the United Nations, and the Organization of American States at Lewis and Clark), for which he received a follow up email reminder from Bob Miller. The section contributed financially to this CLE. See: [http://www.lclark.edu/law/law\\_reviews/lewis\\_and\\_clark\\_law\\_review/spring\\_symposium/fees\\_and\\_registration/](http://www.lclark.edu/law/law_reviews/lewis_and_clark_law_review/spring_symposium/fees_and_registration/)
- b. Update from David Shaw regarding the Section's Legislative Contact. Doug MacCourt volunteered for the Contact position. Craig Dorsay volunteered to continue as co-contact. Craig Dorsay gave an update regarding the Kurtz legislation, which has been introduced and getting some opposition. Issues involved include granting tribal officers state-wide peace officer status as well as reciprocity (authorizing state officers to enforce tribal law in Indian country). A series of proposed amendments are expected soon. Doug MacCourt raised the issue whether or not the Section should reconsider taking a position on the legislation, but no decision was made to do so.
- c. Request by individual to have a posting on the ILS list serve, presented by David Shaw. David Shaw reported the he received a request to distribute an email requesting assistance for victims of a fire on the Yakama reservation. David Shaw discussed the previous consensus of the Executive Committee that no formal policy is required at this time, and thought it was appropriate to continue this way until comments were received or the situation changed.
- d. Discussion regarding plans for upcoming events, raised by Melissa Robertson. Melissa Robertson began a discussion regarding events the Section may be involved in for the upcoming year. David talked about the private CLE this fall regarding economic development in Indian Country that he had brought forward at the last meeting. Lisa Bluelake discussed Bob Miller's April CLE which the Section is co-sponsoring. David Shaw raised the idea of having a social summer gathering. Melissa Robertson asked if the Section could coordinate any events with tribal events. David Shaw agreed that they should, and thought the Grand Ronde annual meeting last year was a success wants to plan future annual meetings to take place in Indian Country. Lisa Bluelake stated that it has been done before, when ATNI was in Umatilla, and it would be

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worthwhile to look at what is going on in Indian country to see if something else could coincide. Melissa Robertson thought it was a good idea to look for more opportunities to have events in tandem with events other Tribes are hosting. David Shaw spoke about his plan to reach out to all Tribal governments and will send out a draft letter to the Section that he will then send to tribal contacts. Doug MacCourt discussed the need for the Tribal Resource Directory, and he will be in touch with Jennifer Amriott regarding the directory.

- e. Discussion regarding website issues. Melissa Robertson inquired whether anything could be done to increase the web traffic to our website. Jennifer Biesack stated she had been trying to work with the Bar (who hosts the site) to accomplish this. Michelle Lane said she'd check with the Bar's IT department and get back to the group.

### 6. CLOSING COMMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Agenda items to David Shaw (david@shaw-law.net) by Wednesday, March 10, 2011.