

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION COUNCIL
Minutes
September 14, 2006

Present:

Chuck Barbieri, Kurt Brauer, John Byl, Mike Caldwell, Chris Dunsky, Peter Holmes, Scott Hubbard, Steve Huff, Lee Johnson, Anna Maiuri, Dustin Ordway, Pat Paruch, Bob Schroder, John Tatum, and Grant Trigger.

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the June 18, 2006 meeting were approved.
2. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** Peter Holmes presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He reported that there is a balance in the Section's account of approximately \$52,000.
3. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Membership.** Dustin Ordway reported that the Environmental Law Section directory will be available shortly. He also requested approval for a survey website known as "monkeysurvey.com" for purposes of conducting and recording the results of a survey for members. A motion was unanimously passed to approve the \$20 per month expenditure for this website service.
 - B. **Program Committee.** Kurt Brauer reported that there will be a 25th year celebration on November 9 that will include Governor Milliken, Attorney General Frank Kelley, Professor Joseph Sax, and MDEQ Director Steve Chester. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 9 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. More information will follow. Kurt also reported that there will likely be an Environmental Boot Camp in February at a ski resort in northern Michigan.
 - C. **Michigan Environmental Law Journal.** Bob Schroder introduced the winner of the essay contest, Tara Spoon, who joined us for the meeting and the dinner following the meeting. Bob Schroder also transferred responsibility for editing the Environmental Law Journal to Lee Johnson.
4. **Subject Matter Committee Reports.** Ernest Chiodo reported that the Environmental Litigation and Administrative Practice will hold a program on Wednesday, September 20 from 12:00 to 1:30 at his office, which is located at 35770 Harper Avenue, Clinton Township, Michigan. It will be a program on carbon monoxide and an industrial hygiene company will bring instruments that are used to test for the presence of carbon monoxide.
5. **Proposed Bylaws Amendments.** Chairperson Peter Holmes summarized the proposed bylaws. A motion to approve the amendments to the bylaws was passed unanimously. The current bylaws, as revised by these amendments, are attached to the Minutes. Please be sure to replace your existing bylaws with the attached bylaws for your records. Note that the amendments do not become effective until they are approved by the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar.

6. **Nominating Committee Report.** Chairperson Holmes first presented plaques to outgoing Council members: Tom Phillips, Lee Johnson, and Chuck Barbieri. Chairperson Holmes then summarized the Nominating Committee report. A motion was passed unanimously to approve the recommendations in the Nominating Committee report, which includes: Susan Topp for Chairperson-elect; Chuck Barbieri for Secretary/Treasurer; Christopher Dunsky, Scott Hubbard and Timothy Lozen for a second three-year terms as members of the Council; and Ernest Chiodo and James O'Brien for their first three-year terms as members of the Council.
7. **Meeting Adjourned.**

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