

PLANNING RETREAT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 19-21, 2010
Lake Tahoe

Friday, February 19, 2010

2:00-3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Approval of January 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes (Tina)
3. Review of appointments process/Call for Ex Comm officer candidates (Dana)
4. Legislation Committee Report (Greg N., John E.)
5. Student Negotiations Competition, March 12 (Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles)
(Russell)
6. Webinar on Low Carbon Fuel Standard, March 25 (Dana)
7. Roundtables, June 11-13, 2010 (Dana)
8. Diversity Outreach/Fellowship Committee Report (Nargis)
9. Report from Council of State Bar Sections (Brett M.)
10. Website Report (Nargis)
11. Webinar Report (Tina)
12. New Matters/Co-Sponsorship Requests

3:00-5:45 p.m. Retreat Overview/Vision Session

1. Retreat Overview (Dana/Marilee)

a. Review of Environmental Law Section's Mission Statement

The mission of the Environmental Law Section is to provide leadership in advancing the quality, breadth, and availability of environmental law information and services. As an organization of environmental professionals, the Environmental Law Section will strive to prevent pollution and to conserve natural resources and support their sustainable use. The Section's objectives are:

- to provide high quality educational programs, legislative analysis and recommendations, and publications related to environmental issues*
- to serve Section members, the legal community, and the California public at large*
- to foster diversity in Section membership*
- to provide meaningful opportunities for members wishing to participate in Section activities.*

b. Review of 2009 Retreat Objectives and Progress

2. Breakout sessions (30-40 mins.)

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Diversity
Sustainability
Service

3. Idea Sharing in Large Group

5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Break/Personal Time

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Group Dinner at Hotel

Saturday, February 20, 2010

7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-10:00 a.m. General Retreat Discussion Items (Dana/Marilee/Pete)

1. Financials (Pete)
 - a. Historical context – the carryover
 - b. Review overall Section finances, Yosemite financials, program financials
 - c. Factors affecting financial future
 - i. Revenue:
 1. Membership
 2. Sponsorships (Bar Guidelines; Yosemite; Other Opportunities)
 3. Current and projected economic conditions
 - ii. Expenses:
 1. Bar costs
 2. Yosemite costs
 3. Program costs
 4. Executive committee costs
 5. Other
 - d. Existing Reserve Policy
 - e. Different Criteria for *Your Voice* Programs?
2. Review of Advisors/Officers Policies (Dana)

10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Continued (Dana/Marilee)

1. Break-out Sessions Revisited – Reconsider and Prioritize Ideas for 2010-2011

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2. Group Planning Session
 - a. Are we adequately funding our priorities?
 - b. What does the surplus allow us to do that we do not do?
 - c. Planning for economic uncertainty
 - d. Are we meeting our objectives as a Section?
 - e. Other considerations
3. Subcommittee Structure (Dana)
4. Planning Wrap-Up (Dana/Marilee)

Buffet Lunch

Afternoon and Evening: Enjoy Lake Tahoe!

Dinner on your own

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Yosemite Planning, (Marilee, Tina, Zack, and David P.)

1. Overview of Logistics
 - a. Comments about 2009 conference/ Suggestions for 2010
 - b. Major Subject Areas and Liaisons, Organizers/Moderators obligations/expectations, Timelines
 - c. Sponsors/Registrations
2. Plenaries/Dinner Speaker
3. Panels/Roundtables?
4. Outdoor Programs
5. Other ideas
 - a. Program materials
 - b. Recognition for sponsors of conference
 - c. Sustainability efforts—carpooling, paperless efforts, other resources, food/drink
 - d. Scholarships/Awards
 - e. Friday night dinner/reception
 - f. Family activities
 - g. Other

Next Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2010 (Appointment of Officers and New Members)
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference