

MSBA Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Section
Annual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

8 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009
MSBA Offices

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am. Those in attendance were Katie Roek, Cary Wolski, Sue Steinwall, Joe Maternowski, John Bryant, Alex Klass, Stu Williams, Dan Schleck, David Zoll, Steve Nyhus, Tim Rudnicki, Jeff Sepesi, Brian Davis, Camille Bryant, Eldon Kaul, Anna Horning Nygren (visitor), and Kim Basting.
- II. Review and approve Minutes of April 2, 2009 meeting.** The minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. Financial Report**
 - A. Monthly report.** Dan Schleck gave the financial report. The Section had a beginning balance of \$8,628, realized a total revenue of \$5,528, and an ending balance (as of March 31, 2009) of \$12,564.20.
 - B. Comparison of 2008-09 to budget and previous year.** Cary Wolski reported that from a high-level standpoint, our annual revenues were approximately \$5,500 and our expenditures for the year will be about \$5,000, the largest piece being the \$2,500 (MJF) internship that we sponsor.
- IV. Continuing Business**
 - A. Recap of Environmental Institute.** Joe Maternowski gave an update of the Environmental Institute held on April 23rd. The turnout was one of the best seen in recent years, including in the afternoon breakout sessions. Joe, who was on the planning committee, said that according to Minnesota CLE, overall comments were 6.2 on a 7.0 scale. Dan Schleck will look into the process for posting the PowerPoint presentations on the Section's website.
 - B. Recap of Family Social at Minnesota Arboretum.** Joe Maternowski provided a summary of the family social at the arboretum, which was very well attended (20-30 people), including Section members who haven't attended many Section get-togethers in the past.
 - C. Newsletter report.** David Zoll provided an update on the newsletter, the most recent edition of which came out yesterday (May 13th). One additional edition is expected over the summer.

- D. Report on summer intern scholarship.** Cary provided an update on the MJF summer internship, to which the Council had previously voted to donate \$2500, but leave the discretion to MJF as to the most appropriate recipient given our Section's goals for the internship. MJF has determined that the MCEA is the recipient of our funds. An update is expected in the Fall.

V. New Business

- A. ENR&E 2009-10 Council elections.** The results of the election for Council Officers are: Joe Maternowski (Chair), Katie Roek (Vice Chair), Dan Schleck (Treasurer), and Sara Peterson (Secretary). Elected Council delegates are: Brian Davis, Alex Klass, Betsy Schmiesing, Ann Seha, Jeff Sepesi, David Zoll, and Jacob Woodard.
- B. ENR&E 2009-10 delegate to MSBA Governing Council.** Cary is soliciting volunteers to be the Section's delegate to the MSBA governing council. Thad Lightfoot has been the delegate for the past two years, and Sue Steinwall previously served as delegate. Sue noted that her experience as delegate was very rewarding, and encouraged others to get involved.
- C. Other / Discussion regarding 2009-10.** Ideas for the 2009-10 year included: continue good involvement on committees by Council members, including participation of students at meetings and on the newsletters; come up with ideas for CLEs early, including opportunities to encourage out-state involvement and collaboration with other sections; continue on the good improvements made to the website this year; hold a social event in the Fall, as well as the Spring; and possibly look into holding the Environmental Institute a week earlier so as not to coincide with finals for students. The newly elected officers will meet in August to discuss the 2009-10 session.
- D. Presentation of Award to Outgoing Chair.** Joe Maternowski presented Cary Wolski with a plaque commemorating her service to the Section Council as Chair for the 2008-09 session.

- VI. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.