

Delaware State Bar Association

Environmental Section Meeting – December 19, 2022

The meeting was held via videoconference and was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Attending:

Jameson Tweedie, Chair	jameson.tweedie@delaware.gov
Sharon Morgan, Vice Chair	SMorgan@foxrothschild.com
Mike Teichman, Treasurer	mteichman@pgslegal.com
Bob Whetzel	
Philip Micha	
Sawyer Traver	
John Taylor	
Travis Groski	
Pam Meitner	

Agenda

- **Introductions**
 - Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m.
 - Due to the limited attendance, we did not have a quorum
 - Minutes from last meeting were introduced but could not be voted on.
 - Updates to proposed by-laws were discussed but also could not be voted on.
- **Old Business**
 - By-Laws
 - Updated draft will be discussed again at next meeting; draft circulated in advance with reminder of need for quorum to attend meeting.
- **New Business**
 - CLE
 - Plan for a fall 2023 CLE
 - Topics
 - 2023 environmental legislative updates
 - Expect to have a busy legislative cycle
 - Climate, offshore wind, environmental justice, and other subjects are all rumored to be addressed this legislative session
 - Potential presenters: Sen. Hansen? Others?
 - Case law & regulatory update
 - In past years we have done a regulatory and case law update and conclusion was that would be valuable again
 - Potential presenters: ?
 - Environmental justice
 - Climate change adaptation and environmental justice
 - Best practices in representing clients with projects with EJ implications
 - Other topics?
 - Potential presenters: Prof. Siders (UD)? DNREC EJ Coordinator? Ken Kristl? Pam Meitner? Bob Whetzel? Others?
 - Environment and social governance/SEC disclosure rules

- Potential presenters: consultant at SGP Governance (Phil may have a lead)? Someone inhouse who is dealing with ESG?
- Ethics topics?
 - Potential topics for discussion included: Interfacing with non-represented parties, pro se appellants, etc.; how to interfacing with government agencies (ex. lawyers v. agency staff); client public relations where confidentiality order or other litigation restrictions on disclosure may exist; communications with third parties in conjunction with environmental permitting or litigation
- CLE subcommittee
 - Phil, Pam, Jameson, Sharon, Kayli(?)
- Public service event
 - River clean up?
 - Tree planting?
- Future Meetings Speakers/Topics
 - EPA
 - DNREC EJ coordinator?
 - UD Professors on OSW/SIOW?
 - Annual Meeting – April?
- **Next Meeting:** February 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. via Teams – focus on service/pro bono
- **Adjourn.** Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jameson Tweedie, Chair