



**STATE BAR of TEXAS**  
**Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section**

**OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Brennan's of Houston**

3300 Smith Street, Houston, Texas

**Conference Line: (713) 369-1900**

**Conference ID: 577850**

**AGENDA**

**I. Welcome and Introductions – Rebecca Skiba**

**II. Treasurer's Report– David Klein**

**III. Secretary's Report – Nathan Block**

Approval of Minutes for the February 2018 Officers and Executive Committee meeting (attached).

**IV. SBOT Annual Meeting Planning – Rebecca Skiba**

The State Bar Annual Meeting will be held Thursday/Friday, June 21-22, 2018 in Houston, at the Marriott Marquis. Scott Janoe and I will present an Environmental Enforcement Update on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**V. Committee Reports– Briefing, Discussion and Action Items (as applicable)**

**a. *Publications Committee* – Lyn Clancy – Blast going out this week:**

Volume 48, Issue 1 of the Texas Environmental Law Journal is now available for members to access on our section website. Our lead articles in this issue provide reflections on the legal framework of oil spill response after the Deepwater Horizon spill, explore consultant risk under the "all appropriate inquiry" standard of CERCLA, and encourage a zen-based approach to the ethical considerations that may arise when an attorney and a consultant represent the same client. The notes in this issue cover topics that include: the legal regime governing near-earth asteroid mining; lessons learned on increasing wind capacity; and the need for a standard federal policy that could be applied to the settlement of climate-vulnerable communities. And, as always, the issue provides brief updates on a broad range of environmental and natural resources law topics.

**b. *Law School Committee* –Walt Shelton/Kristen Fancher**

- i. Proposal for Buck Wynne Scholarships -- Increase each award from \$ 1000 to \$ 1500, maximum of 2 awards (\$ 3000) per academic year per school, keep each award for a high classroom grade, and expand the list of eligible courses for each award to include: Environmental Law, Natural Resource Law, Water Law, advanced/Environmental specialty course, and Administrative Law. If a school offers more than 2 of these courses, then the school can choose which 2 courses for the award. This keeps with the intention of the award and also broadens it so

that more students and schools (hopefully most all of them) benefit from two significant awards per year.

- ii. Summer Internships -- Add one (for a total of 8) and increase the pay (total for 6 weeks) 7 % from \$ 4200 to \$ 4500 each. Our suggestion for addition is either EPA Region 6 (offers a Dallas presence to add to our Houston presence) or LCRA (offers diversity and a different kind of governmental entity experience). An additional internship and increased pay will strengthen this popular and important program.
- iii. Law School Programs Update
- c. ***Education Committee Update*** – Lisa Dyar/Deborah Trejo
  - i. Environmental Superconference – Mary Mendoza/Lisa Dyar
    - 1. Superconference Scholarships Process - Rebecca
  - ii. Changing Face of Water Rights Chair – Finalize nomination of Greg Ellis as co-chair of 2019 -2020 season.
- d. ***Pro Bono Committee Update*** – Mary Koks / Marshall Coover
  - i. Pro Bono Projects – Mary Koks
    - 1. Earlier this year, provided \$7500 to Tree Folks and \$2500 to Galveston Bay Foundation for Harvey relief. Consider additional funding?
  - ii. TCEQ Environmental Law Assistance Program – Marshall Coover
- e. ***Finance/Sponsorship Committee Update*** – Cynthia Bishop/Steve McMillen
- f. ***Website/Technology Committee Update*** – Connie Westfall

**VI. New Officers and Committee Co-Chair Refresh – Rebecca Skiba, Steve McMillen**

- a. See attached slate of current officers.
  - i. Explain two year alternating Treasurer/Secretary position
  - ii. Seen nomination for new Treasurer (Nathan will continue as Secretary for 2018 - 2019, all other officers move up one position, if they wish to continue serving).
  - iii. Seek nominations for new Executive Committee members
- b. Refresh of committee co-chairs.

**VII. Other Business**

**VIII. Proposed Playbook Meeting – August 1, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.?**

**IX. Next Meeting – August 1, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**X. Adjourn**



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**Executive Committee Officers:**

Rebecca K. Skiba, Chair rkskiba@marathonoil.com  
Steve McMillen, Chair Elect smcmillen66@hotmail.com  
Susan M. Maxwell, Vice Chair smaxwell@bickerstaff.com  
David Klein, Treasurer (2016-2018) dklein@lglawfirm.com  
Nathan Block, Secretary (2017-2019), Nathan.block@bp.com  
Arnoldo Medina, Immediate Past Chair arnoldo.medina@valero.com

**Executive Committee Members:**

Jonathan M Bull, Foley Gardere (Term expires 2018)  
Peter K. Wahl, Jackson Walker (Term expires 2018)  
Angela K. Moorman, Birch Becker & Moorman (Term expires 2018)  
Carrie K. Thomas, U.S. EPA Region 6 (Term expires 2019)  
Caroline Sweeney, Deputy, TCEQ Office of Legal Services (Term expires 2019)  
Paulina Williams, Baker Botts (Term expires 2019)  
Michael P. Dillinger, Senior Counsel, NuStar (Term expires 2020)  
Kellie E. Billings-Ray, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Protection Division, TX  
Attorney General's Office (Term expires 2020)  
Erin E. Chancellor, Executive Assistant/Counsel to Chairman Shaw, TCEQ (Term expires 2020)

**Committees:**

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