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Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section

ENRLS Council Special Called Meeting DRAFT Minutes – Friday, June 12, 2020 – 2pm
Zoom Video Conference; Meeting ID 899 8901 2244

I.   Welcome and Introductions – Susan Maxwell.

Susan Maxwell opened the meeting at 2:02pm with roll call:

   a.   <u>ENRLS Council and Committee Co-Chairs Present via Zoom</u>: Susan Maxwell, David Klein, Nathan Block, Pete Wahl, Erin Chancellor, Steve McMillen, Ashleigh Acevedo, Buck Benson, Mike Dillinger, Lisa Dyar, Greg Ellis, Kristen Fancher, Mary Mendoza, Heather Palmer, Chris Schlag, Walt Shelton, Aaron Vargas, Connie Westfall.

   <u>Non-ENRLS Council Present via Zoom</u>: Natalie Myhra (SBOT staff).

   b.   <u>ENRLS Council Absent</u>: Kellie Billings-Ray.

II.   Issues Regarding the 2020 Texas Environmental Superconference – Susan Maxwell, Lisa Dyar, Mary Mendoza, Steve McMillen, Mike Dillinger, & Heather Palmer.

Maxwell indicated that the Council will revisit the 2021 Superconference venue contract at a later date. Maxwell and Steve McMillen explored the option of using TexasBarCLE for a 2020 virtual program, but that platform will not work for the Superconference dates.

Prior to the meeting, in a June 11, 2020 email, Dyar detailed the Superconference planning committee's recent discussions about the 2020 Superconference program and the Council's prior decisions. The agenda is coming together. The dates will stay the same (August 6-7), but the program will be shorter. Paper materials (conference papers and promotional materials) will not be available this year and eliminating paper materials will be considered for future events. Dyar emphasized that registration needs to be simple and will be conducted through the ENRLS website. The Council agreed that tiered pricing should be used, with a discount for section members and students, as a means of also encouraging new section memberships. Dyar's email outline also addressed the proposed ENRLS budget adjustments necessary to cover vendor and some planning costs.

Dillinger and Palmer discussed their recommendations on sponsorships. They would like to reach out to a broader audience for sponsorship opportunities, since the virtual format will allow a broader group of attendees.

Based on discussion of all these issues, David Klein moved to (1) proceed with a virtual Superconference program as outlined in Dyar's email, acknowledging that any further budget adjustments (over $12,000) would require Council approval at a Council meeting, (2) approve ENRLS to enter into a contract for virtual production services with the recommended vendor (Falcon Events LLC), (3) authorize the sponsorship committee to proceed soliciting sponsorships, and (4) delegate to the named Council representatives (Dyar, Maxwell, Mendoza, and McMillen) the responsibility to

implement related actions as needed on behalf of the section. Pete Wahl seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

III.   Treasurer's Report – Pete Wahl.

Wahl reported that the current proposed version of the ENRLS budget for FY 2020-2021 is consistent with the changes discussed during the Q2 meeting on May 13, 2020, regarding several program line items. The Council discussed additional budget adjustments consistent with the Superconference discussion and related approved expenses. If further changes need to be made based on Superconference revenues and expenses, the Council can amend the budget at a subsequent meeting.

McMillen moved to adopt the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget as amended in the meeting. Nathan Block seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

IV.   Other Business – Susan Maxwell.

a. SBOT Sections legislative submissions process.

SBOT sections are required to send these submittals to all SBOT sections. Accordingly, Maxwell will forward to the Council as they are received.

V.   Adjourn.

Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Klein seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed, and the meeting adjourned at 3:01pm.