

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
LONG RANGE PLANNING RETREAT
May 8-9, 2009
Las Vegas, NV**

MINUTES

I. Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9

Call to Order by Chair-elect, Paul Chipok at Friday, 10:15 a.m.

In attendance

Michelle Diffenderfer	Erin Deady
Paul Chipok	David Bass
Joe Richards	Kelly Samek
Kelly Martinson	Nicole Kibert
Scott Burgard	

II. Miscellaneous business:

FICPA Liaison – discussion of letter forwarded by Gary Hunter

Standing CPA committee phased out by the Bar and now part of the business law section and they are looking for additional section involvement and outreach. Luncheon scheduled for June 25, same day as our CLE and Executive Council meeting, anyone interested should contact Jackie.

III. CLE

A. Annual Update

Nicole Kibert gave overview of planning for this year's update. Trying to secure Alex Sink as keynote speaker. M. Diffenderfer proposed Susan Story, Gulf Power, as back up. Sponsorships to be handled like last year. Agency scholarships discussed and recommend to Executive Council to consider removing the under 5 years of practice limitation for qualifying for scholarship.

Friday morning sessions not yet set – “green-washing” to be covered rather than “development in a recession.” Retooling “renewable energy” session. E. Deady working on Land Planner accreditation for course.

Cost-cutting discussion: Consider cutting one track from breakout sessions – reorganize and combine 3 sessions into 2. Committee luncheon is too expensive and should be cut or added to the cost of the program.

B. Future Programs

Discussed conducting regional CLE programs and decided that regional areas need to be defined first.

Discussed webinars – such programs have not worked and focus should be shifted to telephonic programs.

Quick response seminars discussed. The Bar bureaucracy delays prevent quick development of programs that would provide CLE hour credit. One option would be to raise dues to defray costs and proceed without Bar involvement. A test case needs to be developed and need to research web based service availability. CLE committee should take up these issues.

Re: Hot Topics program – consider moving the location, hotel too expensive and different timing could be used to involve law students.

PEIC: consider scaling funding back to general level – organization of conference is deteriorating. Consider withdrawing section admin support. Law school and PIC committees should meet before next CLE Committee meeting and then CLE Committee should make a recommendation to Executive Council.

Discussion of Ankersen request - "Coastal Impacts of Climate Change." Need more info. Ankersen should make pitch at June CLE committee meeting.

Discussion "Green" bandwagon with a seminar. Perhaps a telephonic conference.

Discussion of CLE Materials format. Trend towards strictly electronic format – thumb drive or CD. CLE Committee should make decision on this for Annual Update.

IV. Membership

A. Current membership profile

Jackie provided and discussed membership analysis attached as Exhibit A. Membership numbers have been consistent over the past few years (2007-

2008 numbers most likely flawed). There is a good mix of old and new members.

B. Outreach ideas

Numerous ideas discussed such as: encouraging law students to the treatise; reaching out to planning and other students in affiliate type areas of study; reaching out to YLD members for Tallahassee mixer; liaison with local bar associations; cross-marketing programs with other non-profit CLE providers (that don't compete with our programs).

Much discussion centered on developing "circuit representatives" or geographic liaisons to develop and promote ties on small-wide basis. Council members should work to find section members willing to act as area or circuit reps. Start by obtaining a section membership list sorted by county.

III. Articles and Publication

Discussion on long standing problem of how to spark interest for contributors to the Reporter and Bar Journal. Kelly Samek stated that there are numerous articles in the pipeline for the Bar Journal. Perhaps need to more actively solicit articles from affiliates for the Section Reporter.

Meeting adjourned Saturday at 12 p.m.

Exhibit A

Membership Analysis				
Area of State	ELULS		Bar	
	#	%	#	%
Tallahassee	254	12.5	3,140	4.0
Miami/Coral Gables	230	11.0	11,035	14.5
Tampa/St. Petersburg	191	9.5	6,244	8.0
Orlando/Winter Park	188	9.0	4,579	6.0
Ft. Lauderdale	143	7.0	3,997	5.0
Palm Beach Area	107	5.0	3,105	4.0
Jacksonville	101	5.0	3,149	4.0
Bradenton/Sarasota	69	3.5	1,570	2.0
Ft. Myers/Naples	65	3.0	1,753	2.5
Gainesville	44	2.0	865	1.0
Boca Raton	30	1.5	1,683	2.0
Other	617	30.0	34,798	46.0
Admit Date				
	ELULS		Bar	
	#	%	#	%
Before 1970	79	4.0	3,144	4.0
1970-1979	316	15.5	10,670	14.0
1980-1989	526	26.0	17,380	23.0
1990-1999	451	22.0	20,899	27.5
2000-2009	667	33.0	23,825	31.5
ELULS Membership (May)				
2006-2007		2051		
2007-2008		2235		
2008-2009		2039		