

Minutes E&NR Section Mtg Wed. 10/23/13

- **Welcome.** Chair Andrea Courtney shared highlights from the Bunker Hill CLE at the ISB Annual meeting this summer and the Section's 20th anniversary social/CLE featuring war stories & teaching moments from Dennis Radocha, Chris Meyer & Michael Creamer w/commentary from Bob Maynard.
- **Upcoming CLE/meetings.** Andrea announced the upcoming CLE for November –joint CLE with the Water Section during their regularly scheduled mtg. 11/14 Thursday at noon at the ISB Law Center (Boise) on the Columbia River Treaty. Speakers = Jim Yost, Northwest Power & Conservation Council, who participates on Idaho's behalf in the CRT Sovereign Review Team, & section member Mark Cecchini-Beaver who wrote his Master's Thesis about the CRT. Looking forward to this one--'64 agreement between US and Canada re:dams for power and flood control; agreement includes no termination date but a provision for terminating after 60 yrs (so 2024, but requires at least 10 yrs notice, so 2014 is critical), parties are negotiating. No meeting in December – happy holidays. January 2014 – the Section will host a pay CLE re:writing (1/22/14 noon to 3pm at Law Center), two speakers have confirmed so far (one who will focus on writing in an environmental practice), working on a third speaker. We are investigating webinar options. Stay tuned for spring CLE/mtg updates.
- **Volunteer project.** Andrea reminded the Section of the great success enjoyed last year by section members who teamed up for presentations in area schools. That was the inaugural year so now in yr 2 the Section would love to see increased participation. She asked members to be thinking now of an age-appropriate topic (but divulged something learned from last year – kids are more advanced when it comes to environmental science and issues than was anticipated – woo hoo!) and consider who they want for a partner. While members are welcome to do it solo, she argued it's more fun to bond with a section member. Block out some time in April to do it. Last year the Section aimed for Earth Day, and would like to do so again (4/22/14), but all of April is open. And these are short (45min-75mins fit most school schedules). ISB Legal Education group can help us as can members who taught last year.
- **Any other items, announcements, questions, hankerings to volunteer?** Nothing.
- **Introductions.** Andrea belatedly remembered to do introductions. 16 in person, 4 by phone.
- **.75ish hr CLE from Ali Nelson & Alex LaBeau** on the EPA's recent proposed carbon dioxide standards at new power plants and industry response/perspectives about the proposals. Andrea introduced **Ali** (superstar senior counsel for Husch Blackwell & Section vice chair) & **Alex** (president of Idaho Assn of Commerce & Industry, real estate background with varied interests, from the Advisory Council for the Eastern Snake Plain Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange. CLE presentation and discussion ensued.
- **The meeting adjourned.**