

AGENDA - NYSBA EELS Executive Committee Meeting - October 21, 2018



- **Welcome EELS!** (Marla)
 - Thank you to everyone that helped pull the Fall 2018 Conference together!
 - EELS branding & marketing efforts
 - Social Media / NYSBA EELS LinkedIn (please join), Communities (Library), Twitter
EELS website (updated, but needs work)
 - Recycled paper for everything possible. Eco/Recycled awards/swag where possible.

- **Approval of Notes/Minutes** from Last Executive Committee Meeting (Linda or Nick)

- **Financial Report** (Nick)
 - Overview of EELS Finances
 - Use of Surplus
 - Develop formal rules (w/ some flexibility) for picking up travel/accommodation costs for speakers / other sections have these

- **Minority Fellowship for 2019** (Marla or someone from committee)
 - Have not awarded it since 2015 / Revitalized for 2019
 - Ginny/Mike Gerrard working w/ Awards, EJ & Diversity Committees
 - \$7.5k for Summer / Need to publicize ASAP / distribute flyer

- **NYCELLI** (Walter)
 - Motion for EELS to again sponsor the NYCELLI class in 2019. \$1500/year
 - See: www.nycelli.org/ (started in 2007)

- **Membership Report & Initiatives** (Rob/Frank)
 - Membership numbers / targets
 - How we can attract new members?
 - Energy/public utility lawyers outreach, law students, NYCELLI alums, former Minority Fellowship recipients, former essay contest winners, former speakers, etc.
 - Upcoming events/programs

- **Amendments to NYS Constitution** (Nick)
 - The NYSBA Committee on the State Constitution would like a representative(s) of EELS to brief the Committee about proposed amendments to Article 1 of the NYS Constitution to establish the right to the environment in the NY Bill of Rights (a new Section 19 to Article 1). This would be at the Annual Meeting in January.
 - This does not affect the “forever wild” provisions in Article XIV.
 - Involved: Nick Robinson, Katy Kuh, Judge Karen Peter, chair of the NYSBA Comm. on the Constitution, Kevin Reilly, Phil Weinberg, Assemblyman Englebright (who spoke at our Legislative Meeting in 2018).

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- NB: A bipartisan supermajority of the Senate Environment Committee on 10/15/18 passed a proposal to amend the NJ Constitution's Declaration of Rights to include environmental rights. The bill would amend Article 1 of the state constitution to recognize that "Every person has a right to a clean and healthy environment....", that the State has a duty to serve as trustee of the state's natural resources, and must conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all people. <https://lnkd.in/eUCafj6>
- **EELS Programs - 2018-2019** (Marla & others)
 - **New Sponsorship Form** (thanks Howard!) Annual/Fall Meetings in 1 form
 - **Previous Events**
 - Co-Sponsor of the Biennial Issues in EPA R2 Conf. @ Columbia in June
 - EELS (Howard) participated in the Energy Bar Conf. @ Sidley & Austin, 9/13
 - Co-Sponsored Renewable Energy CLE Conf. @ Columbia, 9/21
 - **Upcoming Events for 2018**
 - Co-Sponsor, **The War on Science is a War on Civil Rights: Environmental Justice in New York State** @ Albany Law School, 10/26 (Jose)
www.albanylaw.edu/about/events
 - Co-Sponsor of **How Climate Change Will Affect Non-Environmental Law Practice** @ NYCBA, 10/26 (Climate Change Committee) https://services.nycbar.org/iMIS/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=ENV102618
 - **Environmental Insurance** @ Latham & Watkins, Nov. 2, 2018 (Howard)
 - Presentation to John Nevius' wife, Allison Hess (EPA) / Plaque for Anderson Kill
 - For further info.: www.nysba.org/Environmental
 - **Brownfields/Superfund Update** @ NYSBA Albany, Dec. 5, 2018 (Larry)
 - www.nysba.org/store/events/registration.aspx?event=0FP11

2019 Conferences/Events:

- **Annual Meeting** @ NYC Hilton on Jan 17-18th, 2019 (Linda/Steve)
 - Linda & Steve = co-chairs
 - Topics: Energy, Solid Waste & EJ Issues + Ethics
 - Diversity, Inclusion & Elimination of Bias CLE requirement
- ***NEW, Maybe...* NY/NJ Environmental Law Forum** @ TBD in Feb/March 2019? (Larry)
 - Panel for both annual meetings?
 - Free standing program w/ alternating venues?
- **Oil Spill Symposium** @ NYSBA Albany in April/May 2019 (TBD)
 - Moving the date from June to promote attendance.
 - Part of the program CLE-eligible.
 - The Committee is looking for 1) new members to help plan the Symposium; 2) Symposium topic ideas; 3) unreported cases for the annual Case Law Update. Please contact MValle@nyenvlaw.com.

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- **Legislative Forum @ NYSBA Albany on May 22, 2019**
 - Jillian Kasow/John Parker
 - Ideas for topic are always welcome

- **Fall Meeting @ Mohonk on Sept. 22-24, 2019 (Mohonk)(Howard)**
 - Co-chairs: M. Bogin & TBD
 - Topics may include...

- **If you notice conflicts w/ EELS' events & ABA, NYCBA, etc. event, let us know.**
- **Any interesting programs to co-sponsor?**

- **Committees / Task Forces (Marla)**
 - Cabinet/Liaison Chart (distributed / posted on website)
 - **Task Force Activities (D. Freeman/Gale?)**

 - **Committee Reports**
 - **Diversity Committee** - Welcome Sarah & Christine
 - **EJ Committee** - Welcome Marthe & Jose

- **Publications & Essay Contest (Miriam)**
 - Fall issue / Spring Issue
 - Essay Contest Deadline: June 2019
 - Please circulate info. to your contacts, post to social media, etc.

- **New Business?**

- **ABA SEER Awards** - A note of Congratulations to **Walter Mugdan** for being the recipient of the Government Attorney of the Year Award and **Nick Robinson** for the Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award. *Well-deserved!*

- **Motion to Adjourn**

