

Environmental Law Society
January 25, 2011

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- Dues
 - \$5.00 for the semester
 - It's a bummer, but it helps us get additional funding
 - Pay to Zephyr
- Ag Conference
 - Volunteers needed to help break down tables/arrange rooms at times that Buildings and Grounds is unavailable to help.
 - Help needed on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 3:20 – 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. in Chase Center
- Lisa Stevens is hosting an informational event about e-Waste in VT and as an international problem.
 - Feb 4
 - Short movie and pizza!
- Teach-In on Climate Change and the Courts
 - Professors Echeverria, Clemmer, Parenteau would like to host a teach-in on forthcoming Supreme Court climate change decision
 - Very interesting case about private nuisance claims for climate change-related injuries
 - Would like to schedule for Friday, Feb. 18 @ 12:45
 - Want to help organize?
 - Download the Second Circuit decision:
http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/ac3871af-970f-4658-a8d0-32363e5075e2/1/doc/05-5104-cv_opn.pdf#xml=http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decision
- Public Interest Environmental Law Conference
 - Spring Break in Eugene, OR
 - Presentation or report back when ELS folks get back
- Katie Thomas
 - 1L senator and events coordinator
 - Events calendar at VLS is pretty full
 - If you have ideas for events, think about scheduling them for next year
 - Getting updates on Facebook, Website, and Town Crier
- Power Shift
 - April 15-18
 - Idea to host an environmental law and policy workshop
- Bill McKibben is coming!
 - ELS mentioned on fancy postcards produced by the Environmental Law Center
 - Thurs. Feb 17th
 - Help spread the word to folks you know on campus, around VT, in the region, etc.

- Need some info about Bill McKibben?
 - <http://www.billmckibben.com/>
 - <http://www.350.org/>
- Activist Training Workshop
 - What would you do with an hour w/ McKibben
 - Brainstorming Notes:
 - divide into local, regional and national perspectives
 - how would he use VLS's and ELS's resources to make the biggest impact?
 - If he could employ us once we graduate, what would he have us do?
 - Maybe a brainstorm session with Professor Czarneski?
 - Need ideas to email him before he comes. Send ideas or questions to the ELS listserv ASAP.
 - Email Bryan, Ingrid Rosario, Katie Thomas, Sarah Mooney or Andrea Cone
- Earth Week
 - Margeaux Valenti, 1L, is organizing!
 - Looking for ideas, help, etc.
 - Kickoff event
 - Keynote speaker
 - Energy panel with DEG and others
 - Trashion show
 - Join the committee and let's hit the ground running!
 - It's the most fun Andrea Cone has had at VLS

Committee Updates

Ocean and Coastal

- Marine spatial planning conference on April 1 (this is not an April Fools joke)
- Planning brown bag lunches to share info about internships, etc. throughout this semester

EEG

- Teaching to recommence this week at Sharon Elementary
- Hard to schedule b/c the kids get to ski on Fridays - might change teaching dates to Thursday
- Lorax performance scheduled for April 13 (week before Earth Week)
- Email Andrea Cone (acone@vermontlaw.edu) to get involved

Freshwater Working Group

- Sam Townsend and another cool dude elected as new co-chair for freshwater.
- Kickoff meeting in Oakes 208 @ 5:00 on Wed. Jan 26
- New ideas include a conference and pamphlet and water week

Advocacy Committee

- Organized a panel for the Ag conference about methane digestion/ "cow power"

- Friday, Jan 28 @ 3:30 p.m.

Campus Greening Committee

- Recently elected two new co-chairs
- Meeting at a new time. Likely Friday at 12:45
 - Email Allie Sileverman at asilverman@vermontlaw.edu if you have a problem with the time or want to get involved.
- Ongoing projects related to compost/recycling/transportation/EE/zero-waste
- EE door-knocking campaign with SBA. Hand out CFLs and info about EE in the community.

Arborist Society

- Upcoming plant sale
- Possible Spring planting
- Tree tagging continuing
- Planning nature walks for Earth Week