

ELS Meeting
November 2, 2010

Introduction

Election Day!

ELS General

- Zero Waste Fundraiser
 - 7 of 50 utensil sets left!
 - wrap-n-mats and clothing still for sale
 - ELS will continue to sell all items. We are taking pre-orders for the utensils
 - ask buyers to pay up front
 - ELS will purchase as needed
 - ELS will deliver to student's mailbox
- ELS TWEN - Katie
 - Updating the website calendar will not happen soon enough.
 - We are using the TWEN site for all things ELS
sign up for the TWEN site:
<http://lawschool.westlaw.com/manage/homepage.aspx?courseid=103735>
 - sub-pages for committees forthcoming
 - TWEN calendar up to date
 - let Katie know if you want an automatic reminder for certain events
- ByLaws
 - bylaws have been updated
 - vote scheduled for next meeting
 - this gives you time to look over the changes and suggest any changes you want
 - Send suggested changes to Meredith Crafton
 - we will email a final copy one week before the meeting
 - three versions to compare
 - all are on the K drive
 - access from it.vermontlaw.edu
 - File Path: Net Storage File Access > K Drive > Students > Shared > ELS
 - Voting members will vote at the next general meeting
 - 2/3 majority required for approval
- Speaker Fund Request
 - Ocean and Coastal Conference request for speaker fund made
- NAELS
 - ELS's membership renewed
 - ELSers can run for position on the NAELS exec board to help lead the organization
 - Being part of a national organization provides an opportunity to network, meet new people, FIND JOBS, etc.

- This year's conference is in Boston and ELS should take advantage of the close proximity.
- Activities during meetings
 - Are ELS meetings lame? Just updates?
 - What about integrating activities into the meetings to make them interactive?
 - Options
 - Assign committees a duty to come up with an activity to the meeting.
 - i.e. helping with needed projects.
 - Bring speakers, etc. to come to the meeting.
 - i.e. Rebeca Purtim (?)
 - New co-director of the Environmental Law Center and new online MELP degree.
 - Mingling

Committee Reports

Arborist Society

- Plant Sale: Nov 29-30
- Night time tree walk on Friday 11/5 is **postponed**.
- BTW, these events are on the TWEN site because Dave emailed Katie (hint, hint).

Advocacy

- moving forward with renewable energy panels in the Spring
- VLS Chapter of the Dartmouth Energy Collaborative potentially interested in co-sponsoring

Campus Greening Committee

- VLS constructing a compost bin behind Eaton House
- Working on getting the train to stop in So-Ro
 - ADA approval necessary

EEG

- Dan and Andrea visiting students this week on Friday, Nov. 3

Freshwater

- planning a bottle v. tap taste test
 - blind sampling
 - education about water laws surrounding bottled water
- field trip to Echo Aquarium in Burlington
 - Saturday, TBD
- Organizing a speaker about water issues in Palestine

Ocean and Coastal

- waiting on budget

- invitations to speakers to be sent out soon
 - speakers lined up but need money before confirmations
- brown bag lunches to resume once speakers have been identified

Events

- Royalton Roots Harveset dinner (Friday, Nov. 5)
 - SoRo school (223 S. Windsor)
 - bring your own plate and bamboo utensils!
 - Open from 5:30 - 7:30
 - \$10 to eat some yummy local food
 - tickets available at the SoRo Coop
 - reservation encouraged: 802-498-8438
 - volunteers accepted
 - money supports Royalton Roots project to get local food in schools
- Telluride Mountain Film Festival (Nov. 10)
 - Pure awesomeness – get excited!
 - 6:30 in Chase
 - lots of hard work has gone into this event
 - come out, see cool short films, eat popcorn and drink apple cider
- Environmental Action Conference (Nov. 13)
 - next Saturday
 - 8:30-5:30
 - it's on the Facebook page and TWEN site
 - grassroots activism, groups tabling
 - ELS cosponsoring
 - \$10 entrance fee
 - great opportunity to network
 - Krystil Smith is driving; email her to coordinate carpool
- Bee Movie (Nov. 29)
 - Oakes 007
 - awesome discussion to follow about the vanishing of the bees
 - more info to follow
- Gus Speth at ELS meeting?
 - Speth is super cool, early environmental attorney
 - can't come on Tuesdays :-(
 - unless Bryan can use his “bothering skills to the max”
 - probably easier to move ELS meeting to a Mon. or Wed.

GO VOTE!