



General Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

6:00pm, Oakes Rm. 107

Attendance: 19

Next General Meeting: TBD

Meeting Agenda:

- Presentation of Committees; General ELS members sign up for one or more committees
- ELS Bonding Events: Kickball* (10/10) & Trivia** (10/13) team sign ups!
 - *Kickball starts @ 10 am. There's a grill-out. 6-9 people on a team. See Joe Haase if you want to sign up!
 - **Trivia @ Crossroads @ 8:30 pm on Thursdays. See Corey Lim if you want to sign up!
- ELS Event Updates:
 - Movie: *Unacceptable Levels* (10/6)
 - SoRo Street/River Clean-Up (10/15)
 - Beveridge & Diamond guest speaker (10/24)
 - Telluride (11/3)
 - Outdoor Auction (11/18)
- Split up into committees
- Collect dues for those who still have to (\$5 per semester)

Committees:

1) Environmental Mentoring Committee

Exec Board Leaders: Maggie Galka, Danniele Fulmer, & Kate Klaus

Members: Thomas Lopiano, Mike Ferrari, & Suzanne Vachula

Overview: Works with Sharon Elementary School in environmental educational sessions. Nurtures relationship with the elementary school. Organizes the Lorax event during Earth Week in the Spring. Looks to collaborate with SCORE. Hopes to get the Environmental Program up and running (majority of planning this semester will be to plan for next semester, though there will be test-runs this semester).

2) Community Alliance Committee

Exec Board Leaders: Dani Tarolli, Lottie Mikat-Stevens, & Joe Haase

Members: Thomas Lopiano, Ariana (Arie) Heim, & Randelle Boots

Overview: Focuses on maintaining the integrity of the SoRo environment, & bringing environmental awareness activities to the school & local community—i.e., river clean-ups, outdoor films, trail clean-ups, working with White River Partnership & the Stewardship program, etc.

3) ELS PR Committee

Exec Board Leaders: Liz Doherty & Greg Berry

Members: Twisha Balasubramanian

Overview: Focuses on promoting ELS events & organizing ELS member only events, through ELS's Instagram & Facebook accounts & press releases, & by working with organizers of the events. Provides ELS members with information of environmental conferences* happening around the country.

*We have already received funding for the 22nd Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit happening March 10–11th, 2017 @ Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, LA!

4) **Earth Week Committee**

Exec Board Leaders: Kate Klaus, Mia Schiappi, Joe Haase, & Danniele Fulmer

Overview: Organizes Earth Week events in the spring. Ideas for events based on last year: DIY environmentally friendly projects; Succulent distribution; Bring paper bags to Co-Op for kids to color on and to bring awareness to Earth Week; Lorax; River clean-up. Coordinates with other organizations on campus.

5) **Fundraising Committee**

Exec Board Leaders: Brianna Tibett, Mia Schiappi, & Nadine Nadow

Members: Rachael Welsh, Twisha Balasubramanian, & Dayna Spero

Overview: Plans & organizes the Outdoor Auction. This event we co-sponsor with the Outdoor Club. Half of ELS's proceeds will be donated to two environmental organizations: **NAACP's Environmental Justice Program & 350Vermont.**

NAACP Environmental Justice Program: Program was created to support community leadership in addressing the disproportionate impact that environmental injustice and proliferation of climate change has on communities of color and low income communities. Does so by addressing the practices that are harmful to communities and the policies needed to rectify these impacts and advance a society that fosters sustainable, cooperative, regenerative communities that uphold all rights for all people in harmony with the earth.

350Vermont: Mission is to unite a mass movement for bold solutions that both lift up Vermonters and cut down carbon—to be a national and global example for solving the climate crisis. Through rallies, advocacy, trainings, workshops, and social media 350VT calls on people around the world to come together to fight for climate justice. Current campaigns: Tar Sands Free Vermont; Divest VT; Climate Cabaret; Transportation for Livable Communities; and Green Mountain Brigade.

6) **Telluride Committee**

Exec Board Leaders: Corey Lim & Jay Crowder

Members: Rachael Welsh & Michael Brown

Overview: Works on planning & organizing our Telluride event (a.k.a. the Film Festival). Movie, PR, & Food. Trailer viewing party will happen soon so that the Committee can choose between or agree on a combination of 4 different themes: Mountain film blend; Profiles & Cultures; Adventure with Heart; Environmentally Focused.

Outdoor Auction: 5 donations per person minimum! Steps to collecting donations:

- 1) Go to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pgY5wWNI6AbZoDJCvxiGIE7LBTIQQNjdtU1YJHFaNFM/edit?pli=1> and **sign up** for 5 each (or more!). The list is not exhaustive, so please collect items and reach out to businesses not on the list or list yourself or a friend if you/they have something to offer/donate (e.g., ski lessons, dinner).
- 2) **Contact the business/individual.** "Donation Request" letter will be provided for you by email.
- 3) **Mark** the google.doc acknowledging you made contact.
- 4) When you've received an answer, again **mark** that on the google.doc.
- 5) **Send "Thank You for Donating" letter.**

Questions, comments, ideas? Email cmikatstevens@vermontlaw.edu!