**Minutes of the**
**NYSBA Environmental Law Section**
**Annual Business Meeting**

**Beekman Parlor, 2nd Floor**
**Hilton New York**
**1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York City**
**6:00 - 6: 45 PM**

**January 27, 2011**

## 1. Call to Order and Recognition of Sponsors of Cocktail Reception (Barry Kogut, Section Chair)

Barry opened the business meeting and thanked each of the sponsors of the meeting and Phil Dixon for his efforts to recruit sponsors for the meeting. Barry also thanked his brother, David for developing the design for the 30th anniversary of the section as well as being present to take photos.

## 2. Report of the Nominating Committee (Terresa Bakner, Nominating Committee Chair) (Committee report attached)

The report of the Nominating Committee (Louis A. Alexander, Janice Dean, and Terresa Bakner, chair) was read into the record by Ms. Bakner as follows:

*a. Section Officers.* The Nominating Committee proposed that the current officers, Carl Howard, Kevin Reilly and Terresa Bakner succeed to the office of Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The terms for these offices commence on June 1, 2011. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Environmental Law Section (Article III, Section 1), Philip H. Dixon shall become Chair of the Environmental law Section on June 1, 2011.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Section Officers was approved.

*b. Members at Large.* In accordance with Articles IV and V of the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for Members-at Large:

for one year terms, Glen T. Bruening, Lisa M. Bromberg, Alison H. Crocker, Andrew Gershon, Peter H. Lehner, Laurie Silberfeld, E. Gail Suchman, Katherine Kennedy, Eileen Millet, John L. Parker, and Phillip Musegaas; and

for three year terms, Janice Dean and Jennifer Grossman.

The terms for the members at large will commence on June 1, 2011.

The term of current Member-at-Large J. Cullen Howe, extends until May 31, 2012.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Members at Large was approved.

The Nominating Committee also thanked retiring Member-at-Large Kathleen Martens for her commitment and service to the Section.

**3. Report on the Minority Law Student Fellowship Awards (Luis Guarionex Martinez)**

Louis Alexander, on behalf of the Environmental Justice Committee, awarded the funded 2011 Minority Law Student fellowships to Noelle Diaz and Letecia Whetstone. Mr. Alexander gave each of the award winners a certificate, confirming their award and Mr. Kogut gave each of the awardees an anniversary T-shirt. Copies of the award letters and biographical information of the award winners are attached to these minutes.

**4. Announcement of Section Awards (Barry Kogut)**

As a final recognition of the Section's 30th anniversary, there were awards given to four (4) individuals to recognize their special contributions to the Section's excellence in service to the environmental bar. Mr. Kogut gave awards to:

Louis A. Alexander, Esq., in recognition of his dedication to excellence, passion for detail and commitment to the ideals of the profession in his service to the NYSBA Environmental Law Section;

Rosemary Nicols, Esq., in recognition of her enthusiastic and faithful participation in the life of the section and her pioneering as the first women chair of the NYSBA Environmental Law Section;

Gail S. Port, Esq., in recognition of her strength and steadfastness in promoting the well-being of the NYSBA Environmental Law Section and her unlimited creativity and energy in addressing environmental legal issues; and

Walter E. Mugdan, Esq., in recognition of his extraordinary commitment of time and effort to the NYSBA Environmental Law Section, his brilliant presentations to educate section members and his efforts to encourage and support new lawyers in government service,

All on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the NYSBA Environmental Law Section 1980-2010.

All awardees were present with the exception of Gail Port who had a pre-existing commitment; her award was accepted on her behalf by Ginny Robbins.

**5. Remarks by Acting NYSDEC Commissioner Joe Martens.**

After an introduction by Mr. Kogut, Mr. Martens addressed the Section concerning the challenges that the agency may face in the coming year and his desire to work with the Section members in meeting those challenges.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Terresa Bakner, Esq.**
**Section Secretary**

**Dated:**