Recommendation

- That the Foundation Board of Directors approve the committee’s recommendation to award Travis Murray the 2020 Louise Hoffmeyer-Overmiller Memorial Scholarship.

- That the Foundation Board of Directors approve the committee’s recommendation to award the following students the inaugural Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship.
  
  - Lily Moran
  - Brittney Martinez

Report

The Scholarship Committee convened by telephone conference call to review the applications for the 2020 Louise Hoffmeyer-Overmiller Memorial Scholarship and the newly created Environmental & Energy Law Section (EELS) Minority Scholarship. Present for the meeting were Karen Balaban, Colleen Neary, Rhodia Thomas, Kathleen Wilkinson, Alaina Koltash and Jonathan Koltash.

Louise Hoffmeyer-Overmiller Memorial Scholarship

One Hoffmeyer scholarship of $6,000 is to be awarded. One application was received. Applicants must be enrolled as a fulltime 2L/2nd year student at Dickinson Law in Carlisle, among other requirements in the scholarship guidelines. The candidate was Travis Murray.

Committee members deemed Mr. Murray a worthy recipient, noting that it would be difficult to rival this candidate if there were other applications. In a separate communication, donor Bill Hoffmeyer conveyed his recommendation to award the scholarship to Mr. Murray. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Karen and seconded by Kathleen to recommend Mr. Murray as the 2020 recipient. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship

For this inaugural EELS Minority Scholarship, an award from $1,000 to $2,500 will be given to at least one student at each of the nine law schools in Pennsylvania. Three applications were received from students at three different law schools. They are:

- Breyonnia Duggins, Penn State Law
- Lily Moran, University of Pennsylvania School of Law
- Brittney Martinez, Temple University Beasley School of Law

The current balance of the Donor-Advised Fund in which this scholarship is subsidized, is $10,307. The committee deliberated on the criteria of the scholarship and materials from each candidate.

Members agreed that Ms. Duggins did not qualify for the scholarship in that her application was not fully completed, nor did she indicate in her essay a true desire to pursue a career in the environmental and energy law sector.

Candidates Lily Moran and Brittney Martinez both evidenced clear a dedication and expectation to continue to pursue education and a career path in the environmental and energy law sector. Bill Cluck, the chair of the Environmental and Energy Law Section conveyed the section’s recommendation to award the scholarship to all three candidates, with the higher award amount bestowed to the candidate with the highest educational debt. Staff reminded the members that the discretion for such action lies wholly on this committee.
On a motion by Jonathan Koltash, seconded by Karen and Kathleen, the committee unanimously agreed to the following:

Award the maximum scholarship of $2,500 to Brittney Martinez; the minimum scholarship of $1,000 to Lily Moran; and no award to Breyonna Duggins.

**Delivery of Awards**

Traditionally, William Hoffmeyer, the donor of the Louise Hoffmeyer-Overmiller Memorial Scholarship, makes an in-person presentation at Dickinson law school. This is to be held in the summer.

To promote the new EELS Minority scholarship, the committee believes that for this first year, the recognition should be in person. Staff will research making the recognition at the annual meeting or PBA House of Delegates meeting in lieu of or in conjunction with the PBF president’s presentation. The check disbursement will go ahead of any such plans.

**Upcoming Scholarships**

The Patti Rose Scheimer Bednarik Memorial Scholarship application period is now open with a deadline of May 21.