Committee Updates

- Edu Committee
  - Great opportunity to teach kids about environmental issues

- Advocacy Committee
  - Organizing a panel spotlighting renewable energy and maybe a lobby day with VPIRG

- Freshwater Working Group
  - First meeting last Monday
  - Regular meeting every other Monday
  - Committee projects: film, farmer best practices book, bottled water/tap water taste test

- Ocean & Coastal
  - First meeting TBA after fall break. Sorry!
  - Planning ongoing for Spring Conference
  - Email update on Gmail about first meeting
  - Email Shannon Eckmeyer for details
  - Brown bag lunch series to begin again

- Arborist Society
  - Meetings every other week after ELS meetings
  - MulchFest idea to be discussed

- Campus Greening Committee
  - Last meeting on Sept. 30
  - No 1Ls in attendance!?!?
    - 1L Feedback: folks are interested but last mtg. was a bad day
      - Want interest: email Allie Silverman or Lisa Campion to get involved. If bad time email them
      - Meeting every other week (Next Meeting: Thurs, Oct 13 at 12:45).

Budget/Fundraiser

- Budget Update
  - SBA approved most of what we requested
  - $300 short (balance comes from dues)
  - If you have any change in an event, please let Alice know
  - Zephyr is handling all reimbursements; give receipts to her and she will give you a check
  - If you have multiple receipts for one event, turn them all in at once if possible
  - ELS received an extension from SBA on fundraiser money until end of semester

- Fundraiser Update
  - We are late on tabling because of new fundraising rules
  - Our fundraiser is schedule for the week of Nov. 1
  - We are selling bamboo utensil sets ($10) and wrap-n-mats ($7)
  - These items help cut down waste
The mats might be usable when purchasing food from café, but need to check
ELS is seeking to arrange a discount for students using their own utensils, etc.
look out for email to scheduling shift for tabling

Opportunities for ELSers

- Environmental Law Institute
  - Independent research center
  - Offering free associate membership for law students, which includes:
    - Free journal subscription
    - Event updates
    - Etc.
- American Bar Assoc./EPA Law Students Climate Challenge
  - Encourage law schools to participate
  - Can seek recognition
  - Programs include: waste wise program; purchasing renewable energy through EPA’s Green Power Partnership program, reducing electricity use 10%, etc.
  - Is this something ELS should participate in? Or encourage VLS to participate in?
- 350.org 10.10.10
  - President Obama to put solar panels on the White House!
  - Letters for the global work party
    - Only 280 letters so far, goal of 350
    - Sending next week
    - Take some now and get friends to sign, etc.
    - Can sign online
- National ELS Societies – Lisa Campion
  - National conference every year
  - Held at VLS in 2008
  - Lisa Stevens went to New Orleans for last year’s conference
  - Next year in Boston – so close, can’t say no
    - Date to be posted on website
    - Maybe in March? During spring break last year
  - National governing board is defunct
    - No national leadership? Whaaat?
    - Talk to Lisa Campion or see her recent email for info about how YOU could be involved in the national governing board of Environmental Law Societies
      - Simple application process

Event Planning Coordination

- Katie Thomas, 1L Senator, taking on role in event planning coordination
  - Need to know about upcoming ideas for better coordination and efficient access of student body
With Katie’s help we will improve coordination with VLS event planning staff
Katie will send email out with her contact info
  - send out ideas, brainstorms, etc. about upcoming events
  - email will include a link for a google calendar to check for dates and make updates
  - include detailed update about what’s going on
Help Katie Help You!
  - She is looking for help in conceptualizing how to be useful, helpful, etc.
  - Send her ideas about how she can be helpful
questions/suggestions
  - good idea; will be helpful!
  - VLS admin revamping event planning; b/c ELS is so active it’s hard for admin to coordinate all events
  - event coordination will help us be able to plan more events and will make event planning easier
  - google calendar is helpful
New ELS facebook group
  - join group; post events
  - keep events consistent with what is posted on our website

Idea Proposals

Mulch Fest – Michelle Donnelly
  - Idea to coordinate with Arborist Society for a Christmas tree mulching event in January
  - Idea was successful in NYC
    - could take mulch home or leave for park service to use
  - application at VLS
    - open up to community/students; work with community groups
    - woodchipper?
      - maybe get resources through partnerships with local groups
    - incorporate fun events to attract people
      - music, kids events, enviro lesson, etc.
    - if no VLS support, can try to do it elsewhere in SoRo, like the town green.
    - Proposed Date: Saturday before classes start in January

Idea proposal: Greenhouse
  - Idea is flexible depending on interest
  - location will depend on size
    - depending on where the new gym ends up being, the greenhouse could be located nearby
  - whether to move forward with a formal business proposal to VLS administration. Ideas:
    - use compost from café
    - use produce to supplement café’s needs
- would reduce demand from local farmers (so need to focus on foods local farmers don’t produce; seedlings; individual plots, etc.)
- would take a lot to supplement cafe
  - who would oversee/manage?
  - hope for work study and summer program for MELP students
  - volunteer at this point
  - several professors also interested
  - collaborate with SoRo Highschool/incorporate educational component
    - Open to different uses
    - look for email from Ashley Romeo

### Upcoming Events

- **10.10.10 Event**
  - Learn more here: [http://www.350.org/oct10](http://www.350.org/oct10)
  - Tree Planting (Saturday, October 9 @ 10:00 am)
    - Sharon Elementary School, at Exit 2
    - tree planting for outdoor classroom
    - building solar oven
    - Contact Dierdre Gish: DGISH@vermontlaw.edu
  - VLS letter writing
    - See Bryan Mornaghi about signing a letter or writing your own

- **NYU Arctic Law Symposium (October 22)**
  - Arctic/Enviro issues
  - Email Jacqueline Feil (jfeil@vermontlaw.edu)

- **Telluride Mountain Film Festival (Nov. 10)**
  - great ELS tradition
  - really cool short films
  - theme: Zero Emissions Tour

- **Deepwater Horizon Event @ Boston College (Nov. 12)**
  - Email Lisa Campion (lcampion@vermontlaw.edu)

- **Environmental Activist Summit (Nov. 13)**
  - Details to follow
  - In Randolph, VT
  - great networking opportunity

### General Announcements/Open Mic