



## NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

**June 20, 2022**

**5:45 p.m. (PST); 5:45 p.m. (AZ); 6:45 p.m. (MT); 7:45 p.m. (CST); 8:45 p.m. (EST)**

### Present

- Vice-President Emiliano Salazar  
(Chair Pro Temp.)
- Secretary Kevin C. Barnett
- Public Relations Clayton Fulton
- Moot Court Coordinator: VACANT
- Area 1 Rep: Kandace Littlefoot
- Area 3 Rep: Yvonne Theresa SparrowSmith
- Area 4 Rep: Robin Bilagody
- Area 5 Rep: Justin Russell
- Area 6 Rep: VACANT
- Area 7 Rep: Auston Jimmicum
- Area 8 Rep: Ashalon Crowfoot Goodrich

### Absent:

- President Siena Kalina
- Treasurer Vicki Alberts
- Area 2 Rep: Kelby Welsh

### Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Emiliano Salazar, Vice President
  - a. Gaveled in at: 652 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C. Barnett, Secretary
  - a. Three absences
3. Agenda Announcement & Any Amendments
4. Agenda Approval: 656 MT
  - a. Motion: PR Director Fulton
  - b. Second: Rep. SparrowSmith
  - c. Agreed To
5. Announcements
  - a. Brief Updates from each board member on how their summer internships are going
    - i. Vice President: First Peoples' Worldwide, Dakota Access Pipeline Study, involving analysis of the social risks that are inherent when tribal lands are crossed.

- Potential Job Offer at the end of the summer
      - Enjoying the work doing with the organization
    - ii. PR Director: Pacific Legal Foundation in Sacramento Office;
      - Going well, interesting case work dealing with; various types of matters addressed by Foundation
    - iii. Secretary: Navajo Nation Office of the Chief Prosecutor, working on data analysis for prosecutions
    - iv. Rep. Littlefoot: DNA Legal Services - Civil Litigation for lower income persons, particularly on Navajo Nation; not exclusive to tribal court matters; including state court matters, such as evictions, child welfare, etc.
    - v. Rep. SparrowSmith: federal District Court judge in Kansas City; commute isn't favorite; but overall very interesting, Civil Rights cases, compassionate release, SSA-related matters, listening to Judge and observing trials (learning what NOT to do in trial practice) is particularly insightful; listening to voir dire process intriguing as well
    - vi. Rep. Bilagody: Gila River Office of the Prosecutor; Community Protections' Bureau - property crimes, drug-related crimes
    - vii. Rep. Russell: going well, in Denver for the summer; Interning for Federal District Court Judge; MSJs, antitrust, loving the Colorado environment
    - viii. Rep. Jimmicum: Indian Estate Planning Project, based at University of Idaho law school, working with Tulalip Tribe among other tribes; similar to work with Nez Perce Tribe last summer; very nice tribal offices
    - ix. Rep. Goodrich: taking some classes, working as a research assistant for Prof. EagleWoman at Mitchell-Hamline; enjoying family time
  - b. Any other announcements on other topics
    - i. None
6. Old Business
  - a. Email Accounts Follow-Up
    - i. Has Rep. Russell been able to access Area 5 Rep. email account?
      - Yes, was able to; all members now have access to their NNALSA email account
  - b. Area 6 Representative Vacancy Follow-Up
    - i. Update from President via Vice President
      - Eldred Lesensee; about to start as a 1L, was involved in NNALSA as an undergraduate
      - Vote to Confirm Eldred Lesensee as the Area 6 Rep.
        - a. Motion: Vice President
        - b. Second: Clayton
        - c. Without objection, agreed-to
  - c. Job announcements outside entities have sent our way update
    - i. PR Director Fulton: goal is figuring out how to set up job announcement board, whether Career Committee will take lead or whether we should disestablish the job board
    - ii. Getting about five per week for legal jobs; Career Committee Chair Russell ready to become more involved in that process
  - d. Moot Court & Writing Competition Updates
    - i. President via Vice President and Rep. SparrowSmith respectively
    - ii. Moot Court:
      - Oklahoma University Law School remains sole bid for Moot Court Competition

- President has the bulk of the information on the bid, Palmer Scott is potential Moot Court Administrator if bid accepted
- Motion to accept Oklahoma University as the Moot Court host
  - a. Motion: Vice President
  - b. Second: PR Director
  - c. Passed Unanimously
- VP will reach out to OU, will hopefully have Moot Court Administrator involved in next meeting
- iii. Writing Competition:
  - Only bid is from Washburn, good bid overall; Dean has approved; Washburn Journal of Law will sponsor the competition; prize money put forward; can look toward additional funding from Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations, among other potentially interested Bar Associations
  - Just believe need Board's approval to finalize the process
  - Secretary could contact person he knows in Foulston law firm re: prize money contributions
  - Motion to accept Washburn as the writing competition host school
    - a. Motion: Vice President
    - b. Second: Rep. SparrowSmith
    - c. Passed unanimously
  - Rep. SparrowSmith will pass news along to Washburn
- iv. Any updates from Representatives on other potential bidders?
- e. Confirming shared Google Drive plan worked
  - i. Did everyone get access: yes
- f. Treasurer Update on Venmo account issues
  - i. Postponed until next meeting since Treasurer absent
- g. PR Director Updates:
  - i. PBS News Hour matter
    - Never heard back from PBS News Hour people after he emailed them back following last meeting
    - Can ping them again in the future; keeping in mind that their initial communication noted that this was a preliminary phase of the process

## 7. New Business

- a. Approving Minutes from April 17, 2022 Meeting & May 16, 2022 Meeting
  - i. Motion to approve: Vice President
  - ii. Second: Rep. Russell
  - iii. Passed unanimously
- b. Presentations from each Chair on Correspondence or Meetings (if applicable) with their committee members for respective Committees
  - i. Advocacy Committee: Vice President
    - Good discussions in first meeting; discussing what advocacy looks like
    - Goal of empowering chapters to request more Indian Law related classes
    - Goal of pushing law admissions offices to be more active in recruiting native students
      - a. Colorado, for example, offers in state tuition for members of tribes that have historical connections to that state

- Creating database of sorts to help inform Native students to be better able to readily discern what, if any, Indian law related courses are offered by various law schools
- A native perspective based primer/informational packets for first year of law school targeting the needs of indigenous students
  - a. How to bring up native issues in, say, a Property course (e.g., Johnson v. M'Intosh)
- Final piece: want to help create resource bank for those who have experienced trauma related to colonization; compiling list of resources to help
- Rep. Jimmicum's thoughts on incorporating Indian law into core curriculum
  - a. Idaho did a Johnson v. M'Intosh symposium last academic year
  - b. Director of Indian Law at Idaho held indigenizing the law series
  - c. More than happy to assist in this effort
- Rep. SparrowSmith's thoughts:
  - a. Agree with Auston that; the residual trauma that reverberates with the reading of these cases is difficult for anyone with indigenous heritage
- ii. Mid-Year/Annual Conference - varying chairs, presentation by Rep. Bilagody and Rep. Littlefoot
  - Mid-Year conference
    - a. Questions for larger board: strictly in person? Hybrid? What venue? In DC with Federal Indian Law Conference? MSU?
    - b. Want to ascertain amount of funds have access to for this process from Treasurer
    - c. Want to work with Career committee to see if
    - d. Rep. Littlefoot: can get some funding from Federal Indian Bar
  - Annual:
    - a. Albuquerque or somewhere in Arizona?
    - b. By-laws require Albuquerque as location
  - Vice President shared thoughts on costs-benefits of in person versus hybrid or virtual
- iii. Fundraising & Finance - Treasurer Absent so will postpone until next meeting
  - Vice President, who is on the committee, noted need for Committees to get budgets together
- iv. Career
  - Reaching out to alumni for resume and diversity statement bank to help upcoming graduates articulate their backgrounds in a self-advocating manner
  - Mentor programs a possibility to consider
  - Happy Hours via Zoom with prospective employers
  - Rep. Littlefoot offered thought about seeking assistance from indigenous professional in the legal field to figure out how to respond to racist interactions in the workplace

- a. Issue of career centers not being able to speak from an indigenous perspective and thus, even when well-intentioned, not being as supportive as they'd need to be
      - o Discussion on incidents where prospective employers/employers ask for CDIB cards
  - v. Election Committee:
    - o Secretary summarized his email sent to the Committee members
  - vi. Grants Committee: Treasurer Absent so postponed
  - vii. Writing Competition: points already addressed in this meeting
  - viii. Moot Court: inapplicable because no Administrator yet
  - ix. PR Committee - PR Director
    - o Had a live meeting
    - o Working on getting access to other members
    - o Motion to adopt swag as a portion of PR, with recognition that final approval by Board on designs
    - o Motion: PR Director
    - o Second: Vice President
    - o Passed unanimously
    - o So PR Committee will be in charge of proposing swag items
    - o Student spotlight is in the works, encouraging board members to shoot emails to PR Director on potential students to be featured
    - o Posting about Indian Law SCOTUS cases as they've been decided
  - x. Bylaws: President absent - Secretary noted she sent email asking committee members to read by laws
- c. Presentations from each Area Representative on what correspondence they've had with the chapters in their respective areas
  - i. Area 1: Rep. Littlefoot - contact with all of the upcoming leadership boards, got all of their information
    - o Need to be members to reach out for funding?
    - o Should push for NNALSA membership
  - ii. Area 2: Treasurer absent
  - iii. Area 3: Rep. SparrowSmith hasn't been able to get ahold of everybody
    - o University of Kansas - Secretary is main contact
    - o Arkansas - have the person there who restarted NALSA chapter
    - o Washburn - checked in
    - o Oklahoma City University - no response
    - o Tulsa - no response
    - o Washington University in St. Louis - no response
    - o Will send another round of emails; if no present membership can get chapters reignited?
    - o Predecessor had reached out to some schools in Texas, UT-Austin, Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Baylor - have yet to hear back
    - o Drake School of Law - no response
    - o Will reach out to U of Iowa
  - iv. Area 4: Rep. Bilagody - only one that has not responded is University of Michigan; summer time issues, Clayton can help with Michigan issue
  - v. Area 5: Rep. Russell - lot of chapters have fallen off to wayside; reaching out to Deans

- UNC has only three members, tedious process to get confirmed as official UNC student org. Is
- NNCU - defunct; reached out to academic deans with no response
- University of Maryland - no response; hoping to get new chapter established
- Georgetown - got into contact with academic deans, who will plug NALSA chapter, more details to unfold
- vi. Area 7: Rep. Jimmicum:
  - Gonzaga no chapter since 2016
  - U of O none for several years
  - Willamette - no chapter
  - Idaho of course established
  - U of Washington - awaiting response
  - Seattle U. awaiting response
  - Lewis and Clarke - unsure who will be new President, as outgoing President said they have elections in fall
- vii. Area 8: Rep. Goodrich
  - Last year's rep not especially active so having to engage in some extra legwork for reestablishing contact
  - Mitchell Hamline obviously good
  - University of Montana, UND got info back
  - U of SD not back because elections have not yet occurred
    - a. Will get it from members once elections occur
  - Want to reach out to disestablished NALSA chapters, including two in Minnesota, including University of Minnesota and St. Thomas
- d. Indigenous Fellowship: Organization would like NNALSA's view on their fellowship
  - i. President will send email with more information on this topic
- e. Discussion Points Added During Agenda Approval/During the Meeting:
  - i. None Added
- 8. Recap/ Other Discussion Points from other Board members
  - a. Next Potential Meeting Date Will Be On: July 19th at 645 MT (ABQ Time)
  - b. Next meeting's tentative focus (President)
    - i. Secretary will correspond with President to establish meeting points
    - ii. Will include presentations/matters not addressed today due to absences
    - iii. Will include welcoming new Board members, Area 6 and Moot Court Administrator

Adjournment: 827 pm MT

- c. Motion: Vice President
- d. Second: PR Director
- e. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded