



NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

July 18, 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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Siena Kalina | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 2 Rep: Kelby Welsh |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice-President Emiliano Salazar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 3 Rep: Yvonne Theresa SparrowSmith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Vicki Alberts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 4 Rep: Robin Bilagody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Kevin C. Barnett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 5 Rep: Justin Russell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Clayton Fulton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 6 Rep: Eldred Lesensee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moot Court Administrator:: Palmer Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 8 Rep: Ashalon Crowfoot Goodrich |

Absent:

- Area 7 Rep: Auston Jimmicum
- Area 1 Rep: Kandace Littlefoot

Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Siena Kalina, President
 - a. Gaveled in at: 648 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C. Barnett, Secretary
 - a. Completed, two absences
3. Agenda Announcement & Any Amendments
4. Agenda Approval: 705 MT
 - a. Motion: President
 - b. Second: PR Director
 - c. Agreed To
5. Announcements
 - a. Welcoming New Board Members
 - i. Eldred Lesensee Area 6 Representative - introductory statement
 - o Columbia - Pueblo Tribes of Zuni and Jemez
 - o Entering as 1L; transitioned from his Policy Analyst position at the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

- This summer, Eldred participated in the Pre-Law Summer Institute at the University of New Mexico School of Law where he has completed several law courses in preparation of the 1L year.
 - Volunteered as NNALSA Moot Court worker at the 2022 competition
 - Glad to be joining the NNALSA Board
 - ii. Moot Court Administrator - Introductory statement
 - Muscogee Creek, grew up in Oklahoma, grew up on grandmother's allotment in Oklahoma
 - Go to OU College of Law
 - Rising 3L
 - On the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's Reservation working for Big Fire Law, working on American Indian Law Review - OU
 - Hoping to intern at NARF in the fall
- b. Brief Updates from each board member on how their summer internships are going
 - i. President
 - Almost done with summer, then two more weeks, then back to Boulder
 - Enjoying her work at a firm focusing on Indian Law
 - Enrollment as one big issue
 - ii. Vice President
 - Going well
 - Interning until start of school year - switched gears and focusing on an event study, which is different than the work he's done thus far
 - iii. PR Director
 - Good summer, since last meeting, transitioned to being remote for rest of summer
 - On Cherokee reservation for rest of summer
 - Attended sister's wedding which was enjoyable
 - Section 1983 suits - appellate briefs in 9th and 2d circuits
 - iv. Secretary
 - Continuing work with the Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor to work on improving prosecution efforts on the Navajo Nation through comprehensive analyses of relevant data
 - v. Treasurer
 - Getting ready to start 2L year
 - Working remotely for Spirit Lake Reservation
 - Happy to announce that she completed Master's Degree in English and Rhetoric
 - vi. Rep. Bilagody
 - Continuing to work for Gila River Prosecutor - community protection matters - DUIs, joyriding, interfering with law enforcement
 - Arraignments
 - vii. Rep. Welsh
 - Enjoying time at Justice Department in Indian Resources Section - including reservation boundaries
 - Working on ICWA matters
 - In D.C. having a lovely time exploring the area

- viii. Rep. Goodrich
 - o Research assistant for Professor EagleWoman - working on some upcoming matters, including updating her book to the third edition
 - o Rewarding work
 - o Finishing second of two classes taking this summer
 - o Getting ready to take MPRE in August
- ix. Rep. SparrowSmith
 - o Commuting three hours a day to clerk for federal judge Crabtree
 - o Working on SSA stuff among other appeals
 - o Son is taking LSAT in August, one daughter getting medical school interviews
 - o Summer class - Local Government Law
- x. Rep. Russell
 - o Federal District Court of COlorado, with Judge Jackson
 - o Working on copyright cases
 - o Until here for first week of august, then three days later starting classes
- xi. Rep. Lesensee
 - o Transitioned out of job working for policy groups in New Mexico
 - o Have some starting law school classes for summer start at Colombia
- xii. Moot Court Administrator
 - o 10 week long, four weeks left
 - o Took federal indian law on friday, lunch break for past six weeks was the class which meant daily
 - o On board of Native AMERICAN Law review, grading write-on submissions
 - o Big Fire - client inventory, then some other assignments, some complex legal research projects
 - a. Updates for Winnebago Tribal Council
 - b. Reading many mass tort litigation documents
- c. Any other announcements on other topics
 - i. None
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Presentations from each Chair on Correspondence or Meetings (if applicable) with their committee members for respective Committees
 - i. Mid-Year/Annual Conference -
 - o Mid-Year conference
 - a. President
 - i. Would prefer in person conference to ensure better productivity
 - ii. Would prefer to do it in fall a date in late October or earlier November
 - iii. Could do in DC, potentially Colorado
 - iv. Encourages a meeting with conference committee in next few weeks to determine approximate date
 - b. Board members expressed general preference for Colorado
 - c. Administrator recommended Oklahoma as potential venue because OU planning an event roundtable at time problem is released

- d. Vice President noted that Colorado's MPRE are 11 -14 or 11-15 so worth keeping in mind - won't make it weekend before
 - o Annual:
 - a. No discussion on this point
- ii. Fundraising & Finance -
 - o Nothing especially noticeable to report hoping to schedule formal meeting soon; happy to assist the Grants Committee, to help local chapters do fundraising
- iii. Grants Committee:
 - o Rep. Welsh
 - a. Planning meeting with board members to discuss plans on reaching out to firms for grants
 - b. President requested form we can give to chapters about how to get funding for their local chapters - e.g., Notre Dame Law School - where they should reach out to
 - c. Vice President has small list of potential sponsor ideas - to get money for NNALSA, but could also have local chapters utilize
 - d. Doesn't need to be ultra-specific, but a more abstract how-to to provide some basic levels of guidance for local chapters
 - e. President indicated she'd be happy to sit in on next Grants Committee meeting
 - f. Goal of being a helpful resource for local chapters
- iv. Moot Court (Presented by Administrator):
 - o Met with last year's Administrator and spoke extensively with him
 - o Then had meeting with NNALSA moot court committee
 - o 2023 is 200th anniversary of Johnson v. M'Intosh
 - o The Moot Court Courtroom in OU has two paintings
 - a. One of John Marshall
 - b. And the other of Sequoia
 - c. An interesting juxtaposition to say the least
 - o 50th anniversary of OU's American Indian Law Review
 - o Hoping to include members of the leaders of the following Oklahoma-based tribes: Seminole, Choctaw, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw
 - o Timeline given to problem authors - two of the faculty at OU who will be drafting the problem
 - a. The professors know their dates, when should have ready for peer review; when peer review needs to be done
 - b. Official release will be November 4th
 - c. Will livestream roundtable event on that date as well
 - o Working on logo and website design for 2023 competition to outsource it to a class at UCO
 - a. Excited for the logo - going to get the costs done for free
 - b. Flyer to send out to announce official dates
 - c. Need to amend rules to change when certain dates fall on for deadlines
 - o Coordinations with administration - Run by OU Board of Advocates

- Getting compliance with fundraising expectations
- Working on planning rooms setup
- United front as OU Law against mistreatment of Natives historically and recently by the State of Oklahoma
- Already secured one final round judge
 - a. One a prominent litigator - working on Mt. Rushmore fireworks litigation
 - b. Other is potential right now but is long-established in Indian law field
 - c. Need five at minimum for final round
- Administrator would like to sit in on fundraising committee to get better ideas on how to proceed on that front
- v. Bylaws:
 - Overhaul of by-laws some of the relic bylaws that are out of date;
 - Want to update specific matters to better reflect our functionings
 - No meetings yet but each member reviewing the bylaws and ready to get revisions in coming months
- b. Any update PR Director may wish to share regarding the proposed Student Spotlight and the “Swag” design ideas
 - i. Member spotlight
 - Form on website - to nominate spotlight candidates, opening up door to help encourage recognition of students
 - ii. Social media
 - Made Google form for board members to drop potential links to issue statements, announcements
 - Easier way to encourage idea-sharing by Board members to PR Director
 - PR Committee - hoping to create some artwork by/during next committee meeting
- c. President’s discussion on the Indigenous Fellowship
 - i. Someone reached out to her from organization in Oregon about nonprofit environmental law work; they want to create an indigenous fellowship for Native students specifically
 - ii. President will send outline to board members for them to consider

7. New Business

- a. A discussion on *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* and any thoughts we have on that case; whether we wish to issue any statements or anything
 - i. Secretary offered his thoughts on the decision and his criticism of Supreme Court decisions that viewed tribal courts as inherently inferior/incompetent and having created, in part, the criminal jurisdiction problems in Indian Country today
 - ii. Vice President said would schedule advocacy meeting to focus on this moving forward
 - iii. Treasurer:
 - discussed history of violence implicit in SCOTUS cases, among other areas of law, and the antagonism against the existence of tribal sovereignty - especially by states
 - We as tribal people are unique and different and there shouldn’t be judgment on how we run our societies

- Trying to provide indigenous perspective on tribal law from an actual indiegnous perspective; being Native 101 involves having to learn these complex schemes that are parts of this culture of contumaciousness against
 - iv. Eldred provided link regarding NARF's event in relation to the *Castro-Huerta* decision
 - Could benefit from roundtable discussion on effects of decision
 - v. Administrator
 - To advocacy point: it doesn't stop here; we're going to have to advocate in response to *Brackeen* - possibly Court reform
 - b. Updates from Area Representatives (with the exception of Area 6) on any updates they may have on communications with their chapters
 - i. Presentations from each Area Representative on what correspondence they've had with the chapters in their respective areas
 - No new updates, but Rep. SparrowSmith contacted by school interested in new NNALSA chapter, put it into discussion point d.
 - c. Indigenous Fellowship: President - discussed earlier
 - d. Process for starting a new NALSA chapter
 - i. Obviously this varies from school to school on how to start such a chapter
 - ii. Secretary offered logistical frustration with re-registering KU NALSA last year
 - Perhaps creating a rough template/sample bylaws applicable for local NALSA chapters?
 - iii. President - we could take that under by-laws and be able to provide them to local chapters or prospective new chapters
 - President will work to circulate rough sample local chapter by laws to by-laws committee before next meeting
 - Pro forma approval by NNALSA Board to admit new chapters
 - iv. Rep. Russell - Duke Law wants to start new membership - but Duke requires 15 members signing charter in order to start new group
 - Could they join a nearby law school and have a dual organization that meets NNALSA's expectations?
 - Could update by-laws to allow for two schools to form joint groups? Keeping in mind that one does not need to have a local chapter in order to be a member of NNALSA/compete in competitions
 - v. Rep. SparrowSmith - SACNAS
 - Group for advancing Chicano/Latino interests - they have guidelines on draft local by-laws, ideas for membership recruitment
 - vi. Administrator discussed Ashley Williams who started a chapter at NYU - want impetus on this year's NNALSA Board to increase assistance that we provide to new prospective chapters
 - vii. DISCUSSION POINT for Next By-laws meeting: providing sample bylaws for local chapters and adjusting the membership fee for chapters
 - e. Funding sources we can recommend to local chapters
 - i. Discussed throughout the meeting thus far
 - f. 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: August 15th at 645 MT (ABQ Time)

- b. Next meeting's tentative focus (President)
 - i. Before next meeting Committees encouraged to meet if Chairs view as useful
 - o But not every committee chair needs to schedule meeting necessarily
 - ii. Updates on Swag ideas
 - iii. Filling out PR Director's forms for ideas to post

Adjournment: 804 pm MT

- c. Motion: President
- d. Second: Rep. SparrowSmith
- e. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded