



NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

August 15, 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 1 Rep: Kandace Littlefoot |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President: Emiliano Salazar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 2 Rep: Kelby Welsh |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Kevin C Barnett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 4 Rep: Robin Bilagody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Director: Clayton Fulton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 5 Rep: Justin Russell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moot Court Administrator: Palmer Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 6 Rep: Eldred Lesansee |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 8 Rep: Ashalon Crowfoot Goodrich |

Absent:

- Area 3 Rep: Yvonne Theresa SparrowSmith
- Area 7 Rep: Auston Jimmicum
- Treasurer: Vicki Alberts

Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Siena Kalina, President
 - a. Gaveled in at: 648 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C. Barnett, Secretary
 - a. Completed, three absences noted
3. Agenda Announcement by Secretary & Any Amendments
4. Agenda Approval: 651 MT
 - a. Motion: PR Director
 - b. Second: President
 - c. Agreed to without objection
5. Announcements/Reminders
 - a. Secretary -
 - i. Please be prompt in responding to emails from Committee Chairs and the Executive Board
 - ii. Please promptly fill out When2Meet polls
 - iii. Please update your email signatures for your NNALSA Gmail accounts

- iv. Double-check that names associated with emails (as in what name the recipient sees in their inbox) is updated with current position holder
- b. Vice President
 - i. Slack group awareness
 - o Trying to stay in better communication amongst NNALSA Board members - just Executive so far, but ready to add Representatives and Administrator
 - o Chairs should be creating dedicated Committee Groups
 - o Very helpful to disseminate information/serve as reference for members not in a given Committee on updates from the various Committees
- c. Brief Updates from each board member on how their summer internships are going/went
 - i. President
 - o Been back in Boulder for about two weeks
 - o Getting ready to get back to classes
 - ii. Vice President
 - o Still at internship with First Peoples Worldwide, continuing the internship into the school year to finish up major project and to likely expand into new projects
 - o Hopefully going to Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in U.N. at New York – Spring 2023, April or May
 - a. An indigenous-focused forum
 - iii. Secretary
 - o Wrapping up Clerkship with the Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor on August 26th
 - o Applying to Prosecutor position, hopeful that he is able to continue serving Navajo Nation in a prosecutorial-esque capacity
 - iv. Treasurer
 - o ABSENT
 - v. PR Director
 - o High point: going great, last week of work - got to do oral moot court against one of fellow clerks, thought it went well
 - a. Ready to have a little more flexibility in his schedule to work on National NALSA now that orienting toward school year
 - o Low point: UHAUL conundrums moving back to school year residence
 - vi. Administrator
 - o Finished internship on Friday, drove eight hours on Saturday, two on Sunday – Big Fire a newer law firm, should look out for new grad position, got soft offer for job after graduation
 - o Staying with parents for brief period, then getting back to law school area residence
 - o But also, conferred with National Council of Urban Indian Health, based in D.C., a nonprofit, the only nonprofit that advocates for urban Indian health; externing with this entity over the fall
 - o No vacation this summer, wish had taken more time for self-care
 - vii. Rep. Littlefoot

- Internship - Legal Aid in Northern Arizona - DNA Legal Services, do not like civil law; very flexible, which was nice with daughter to care for; nice that they accommodated her partial remote schedule
- Office of the Prosecutor - already have Navajo Nation Bar license and, like the Secretary, also applying to a Prosecutor position to work during the school year and afterward
- viii. Rep. Welsh
 - Wrapped up DOJ internship
 - Rose: getting to watch fireworks on DOI building in D.C. with Secretary Haaland
 - Thorn: right after finished internship, broke ankle, have walking cast
- ix. Rep. SparrowSmith
 - ABSENT
- x. Rep. Bilagody
 - Finished internship with Gila River Office of the Prosecutor, got to get ready to head back to Michigan - flying back tomorrow
- xi. Rep. Russell
 - High point: completed with U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado - don't want to do criminal law in practice - know that after this summer at the very least;
 - Low points: a lot of research in multi-million dollar civil case, settled a day before trial was supposed to start, was excited to see how that trial would have played out
 - a. Started 2L year, most excited for Copyright Law, which piques interest greatly - may pursue that in practice
 - i. Find investigation of illegally downloaded
- xii. Rep. Lesansee
 - Finished with American Indian Law Center Pre-Law Summer Institute, which is having its 55th Anniversary celebration with Secretary Haaland in near future
 - a. May ask for NNALSA Executive Board member to attend
- xiii. Rep. Jimmicum
 - ABSENT - school conflict
- xiv. Rep. Goodrich
 - Continuing research position with Prof. EagleWoman during school year
 - Low was MPRE, husband rear-ended shortly after she took that test;
 - Classes started yesterday
- xv. Any other announcements on other topics
 - None

6. Old/Recurring Business

- a. Presentations from selected Committee Chairs on updates with their work efforts
 - i. Mid-Year/Annual Conference -
 - Mid-Year conference
 - a. Rep. Bilagody:
 - i. Trying to figure out dates that would work well for everyone

discuss variety of topics specific to navigating any workspace, but especially non-tribal-governmental workspaces regarding micro-aggressions and other concerns new indigenous lawyers might face

- Administrator: very much preferable to lay out blueprint for future indigenous lawyers as it is quite difficult always having to ford out on path without much indigenous guidance, if any
 - a. That is, many new indigenous lawyers have to figure out their own paths in their new careers because the lessons longer-practicing indigenous lawyers have learned in their careers have not been memorialized for future new indigenous lawyers
 - iv. Advocacy Meeting, Vice President, Chair:
 - Matters to discuss at next Advocacy meeting:
 - a. Different responses to *Brackeen v. Haaland*
 - b. Indigenizing curriculum packet for first-year students, update - including advice for native students to be able to navigate certain legal discussions (e.g., boarding schools and related government-sponsored/sanctioned abuses)
 - c. Responses to recent SCOTUS Indian Law cases
 - If on Committee and have not responded to When2Meet link please do so promptly; can send out link again
 - Will confer with President before sending out any Advocacy matters before the Committee does so on NNALSA's behalf
 - Inviting those members not on committee to provide suggested topics/items for the Committee's consideration
 - v. Finance Committee Updates, Treasurer, Chair - ABSENT
 - President: committee members should look out for email this week that President expects Treasurer will be sending
 - vi. PR Committee, PR Director, Chair
 - Swag updates - have some design updates, moving forward
 - No additional PR updates
 - vii. By-laws Committee, President, Chair
 - Proposed changes so far:
 - a. Removing rule that a member of the NNALSA Board cannot be a member of their local chapter's board
 - i. Reasoning: discourages small start-up chapters from greater involvement in NNALSA
 - b. Removing distinctions of membership between law students who are members of tribes/descendants of members of tribes and non-Indians
 - c. Any other tentative proposed changes to by-laws
 - Meeting with Committee sometime this week ideally, another by-law we will seek to update is the remote participation protocol
7. New Business
- a. President's update on Bank of America bank account issues
 - i. Filled out relevant paperwork, anticipate becoming signer for NNALSA in very near future
 - b. Model Local By-Laws Draft, President:
 - i. Working with Clayton to draft model local by-laws

- c. New Ole Miss NALSA Chapter pursuant to that Chapter's request, President & Secretary
 - i. Passed unanimously
 - ii. President will draft letter accepting and Secretary will co-sign
- d. Absence Tracker Explanation, President & Secretary:
 - i. Keeping track of everyone's absences, only reason one gets strike is if they have an unexcused absence; will provide notice after two unexcused absences
- e. Google Sheet for Representatives to keep track of their communications with Chapter Presidents and to keep NNALSA Board apprised of best contact information for Chapter Presidents
 - i. Secretary explanation - contact information for each chapter key to keeping individual chapters engaged from year-to-year
 - ii. Rep. Goodrich: whether or not *chapter* dues have been paid; good to keep track ahead of Moot Court Competition
 - iii. Rep. Littlefoot: point of contact for faculty sponsor would be ideal, especially because law students are not going to be there as long as faculty sponsors
 - o Unclear if Board contact for local chapters up-to-date
- f. Approving Minutes from June 20, 2022 and July 18, 2022 Meetings
 - i. Reading by Secretary
 - ii. Motion: President
 - iii. Second: Rep. Lesensee
 - iv. Result: Approved unanimously
- g. Representatives' Updates on Communications with Chapter Leaders, if any
 - i. Rep. Welsh - University of Denver chapter and CU Boulder chapter jointly planning to meet federal court judges and Colorado Supreme Court for Indian law symposium
- h. Representatives sending welcome-back emails to chapter leaders, Secretary:
 - i. Contents of welcome-back should include, inter alia:
 - o Notice that NNALSA Board Elections for 2023 - 2024 school year will take place in late March
 - a. Nominations will be open in early March, exact date TBA
 - b. Chapter leaders should bring the opportunity of running for NNALSA Board to their members repeatedly throughout the school year
 - o Explanation of timeline of Moot Court Competition (details to be provided to Representatives by Administrator)
 - a. Goal of encouraging first-time and re-registrations as a NNALSA member - need to be a NNALSA dues-paying member to participate in NNALSA Moot Court 2023 Competition
 - b. Request that Chapter Presidents make sure their schools have re-registered as official NALSA local chapters
 - o Generally explain that Representatives are a resource for Chapter Presidents and they should reach out to Representatives with any questions they have during the year
 - o Encouraging local chapters to start considering now whether they would be open to hosting the NNALSA 2024 Moot Court Competition or Writing Competition

- Any other information that the Board recommends be included:
 - a. Administrator: idea of having local chapter moot court director to ensure institutional memory from year-to-year such that one person has role of communicating who local chapters' coaches were each year
 - b. Eldred: highlighting any NNALSA events over next semester in welcome-back email; some local chapters very interested in updates on that
 - i. President: clarifying that Midyear is for NNALSA Board while Annual is for everyone in NNALSA
 - ii. President: encouraged to host local mult-chapter meetings
 - iii. President: ask chapters to send photos and updates of events that they're hosting on local campuses for NNALSA to share
 - iv. Eldred: encouraging local chapters to piggy-back off of undergraduate indigenous students orgs.
 - c. Secretary: need to pay dues in order to attend Annual Conference as well as Writing and Moot Court Competition
 - d. President: grants only payable to dues-paying chapters
- ii. **President – membership dues update**
 - Some representatives have asked about the status of chapter dues having been paid by individual NALSA chapters in their areas; only eight chapters so far have renewed their registrations for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Big chunk of our funding is chapter and individual membership dues
- i. Discussion Points Added During Agenda Approval/During the Meeting:
 - i. President: reminder - all NNALSA board members need to get one sponsor during this year, need one
 - Exemption: Administrator, who encouraged other members to reach out to Big Fire Law Firm (at which he interned this past summer), which could be a potential sponsor
- j. Recap/ Other Discussion Points from other Board members
- k. Next Meeting Date Will Be On: September 19th at 645 MT (ABQ Time)
 - i. Next meeting's tentative focus (President)
 - Going to be a busy month for everyone; every Committee **shall** meet before next meeting and be prepared to provide an update for the full Board
 - a. All chairs should be ready to give that presentation
 - ii. Secretary: Mid-Annual Conferences will be standing discussion point as will Moot Court Administrator's updates

Adjournment: 801 MT

- l. Motion: Vice President
- m. Second: President
- n. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded