



## NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

**September 19, 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 Director: 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 7 Rep: Auston Jimmicum             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 1 Rep: Kandace Littlefoot            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 8 Rep: Ashalon Crowfoot Goodrich   |

### Absent:

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### Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Siena Kalina, President
  - a. Gaveled in at: 648 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C Barnett, Secretary
  - a. Completed, zero absences
3. Agenda Announcement & Any Amendments
4. Agenda Approval: 650 MT
  - a. Motion: PR Director
  - b. Second: Vice President
  - c. Approved
5. Announcements/Reminders
  - a. President - Committee Chairs, please finalize your budgets for your Committee for this year; just asking Chairs to provide rough estimates today
  - b. PR Director - Indigenous Peoples Day is Monday, October 10th and Native November is coming up soon thereafter - expect some NNALSA activities related to that
    - i. A few things coming up about these topics

- ii. PR Committee been busy
  - o Motion Picture Association of America reached out to express interest in having Native law students to become more involved in media law through MPA's legal fellowship
    - a. Three months in L.A., then D.C., then L.A. again, then to a partner of the MPA, wherever that partner may be located
    - b. Additional details in PR Committee update below
  - o Digital event for Indigenous Peoples Day, would give local chapters additional opportunity to recognize the day
  - o Several speakers scheduled for Native November, including a planned digital event after the *Brackeen v. Haaland* oral arguments on 11-9
- c. Treasurer - any thoughts to share on the recent University of North Dakota discovery of a substantial amount of indigenous remains and related materials across campus buildings
  - i. Went over recent developments about the public announcement that about 70 individual indigenous human remains found on campus; some of which appear to have been sold to the Anthropology department decades ago
  - ii. Very upsetting moment for the University of North Dakota faculty and student community; very grim mood on campus
  - iii. Lots of work that still needs to be done in the UND campus to improve indigenous involvement and representation; only four tribal member students at UND Law presently
  - iv. Had indigenous town hall recently; mixed feelings about the University's response overall
  - v. Thinking of new forms of advocacy that NNALSA can take directly in response to this development as well as NAGPRA-related developments more generally
- d. Any other announcements on other topics
  - i. Secretary
    - o Recent discovery at University of Kansas that old law school building of about 200 remains – the official announcement is expected tomorrow

## 6. Old/Recurring Business

- a. Presentations from selected Committee Chairs on updates with their work efforts (rest of Committee Chairs to present under New Business); "Tentative Budget" refers to Budget requests that Committee anticipates making and not already-allocated funds for that committee nor finalized budget
  - i. Mid-Year/Annual Conference -
    - o Mid-Year conference, Rep. Bilagody
      - a. Everyone can start booking their budgets, arriving October 27th, heading back on October 29th, hosting mixer on the evening of the 27th
      - b. People should plan on arriving either Wednesday evening (the 26th) or anytime on Thursday (the 27th)
      - c. Follow-up on confirming last week/weekend of October and location of Denver
        - i. Site confirmed, Airbnb confirmed

- d. General overview of plans for the Conference as of right now to be mailed to Board members shortly
    - e. Committee will send out official timeline of the event
    - f. No final tentative budget achieved, but Committee has good working understanding of the funds they need
  - Annual:
    - a. April 17th and 18th is when FedBar is being held in ABQ in 2023
    - b. NICA hosting event around that time and we will encourage NNALSA members to attend
    - c. Additional details on events to come
    - d. Tentative Budget: Not yet able to come up with rough estimate for Annual at this time
- ii. Moot Court Planning Update, Administrator:
  - Tentative Budget: N/A as OU School of Law covering expenses
  - Updates:
    - a. Expecting some pushback about significant decrease in number of total teams
      - i. This release will include information on the bid process for the 2024 competition; the team cap this year is, in part, due to the size of OU Law and fact that, given no other bids, OU decided to make its bid later into last year's school year
      - ii. Certainly understand the significance of this competition to many in the Native and Native law community but, ideally, this will be a learning experience for the 2024 competition bids
      - iii. Also important for everyone to keep in mind is that this is the first post-pandemic (i.e., in-person) competition since the 2020 competition
    - b. All of this being said, Administrator is confident this will be a great experience for those who do attend
      - i. But still Board members should still be prepared to get substantial pushback from schools that are upset about the two team cap per school
      - ii. Administrator working daily on this matter and keeping focused on making this an excellent competition
      - iii. Those who attend will come out with a great networking experience
    - c. By end of this month, will have press release from OU Law containing critical information related to the 2023 Competition
    - d. President: we, presently, only have the budget to send the Moot Court Committee to the Competition
      - i. Could be more if NNALSA secures additional funding prior to the Competition itself
- b. Model Local By-Laws Draft Update, President:
  - i. President: PR Director and I met about that and will be taking a different approach (i.e., not drafting model local by-laws) but taking the approach

of providing suggestions on how to start a chapter via how-to style documentation

7. New Business

- a. Updating Sponsorship Packet and what NNALSA Board anticipates each type of sponsor getting, PR Director & Secretary
  - i. Default is that each sponsor will be mentioned on all NNALSA social media sites, on our website, and in relation to the Annual Conference
  - ii. President: putting together the formal sponsorship packet for our Board members to hand out to potential sponsors
    - o Have an Excel sheet attached to everyone's NNALSA Gmail so that we can all track who has reached out to what potential sponsor to avoid duplicative efforts by our members
    - o Please reach out to President if have any issues with form
  - iii. Proposed Tiers:
    - o \$10,000 - Platinum Sponsor - the only tier that allows for the sponsor to give a talk at the NNALSA Annual Conference
    - o \$5,000 - Gold Sponsor
    - o \$2,500 - Silver Sponsor
    - o \$1,000 - Bronze Sponsor
    - o General Sponsor - Less than \$1,000
  - iv. Vice President: please update the excel form if contact information of potential sponsors incorrect; many of the sponsors listed have donated previously and Board wants to ensure information remains up to date
  - v. Treasurer: Finance Committee met yesterday and discussed providing actual sponsors with more personal expressions of NNALSA's gratitude, including, perhaps, data on various career paths present NNALSA members are taking, what tribes are represented with NNALSA members, etc.
    - o Will put updated finance letter (general donation-related form that donor fills out with their donation) on Google Drive
- b. Committee Updates from Chairs of Remaining Committees
  - i. Career Committee, Rep. Russell, Chair:
    - o Hoping to post job options once or twice a week
    - o Resume book, tight deadline of last week of October for people to solicit access to the resume book
    - o Committee discussed work on helping young lawyers deal with microaggressions and other issues they may encounter at work as an indigenous lawyer
      - a. A panel discussion with a non-student moderator seems the ideal approach for achieving this goal
  - ii. Election, Secretary, Chair:
    - o Tentative Budget for the Year: \$50 to \$150 –
      - a. Cost of Election Buddy Between \$30 and \$100 depending on how many NNALSA members there are potentially voting
      - b. Cost of printing flyers to give out at Moot Court Competition
      - c. Costs of hosting Candidate Meet and Greets Forums are incidental to the Annual Meeting costs and are not included in this total
    - o Proposed Timeline that Elections Committee went over

- a. Opening nominations up in early January
- b. Semi-frequent email reminders by Representatives to local chapters to remind people to run ahead of the nomination window opening as well as during the nomination window itself
- c. ZOOM Meet and Greet the week before nominations are due; the initial round of nominations are due 3-12 and the Meet and Greet is scheduled tentatively for 3-5
  - i. Each current Board member will attend so that anyone considering running can ask them directly what their work looks like
- d. Each Board member will be asked to submit a paragraph to Secretary by the end of January explaining what their time in their position has been like
  - i. Paragraph is meant to provide snapshot to prospective candidates about what type of work they could expect if they were to be in a given position
  - ii. Goal of reducing uncertainty of what each position entails work-wise
- e. Flyers to hand out at the Moot Court Competition
- o Proposed updates to the by-laws as the by-laws pertain to the National NALSA Annual Board Election
  - a. Adding Secretary as default Chair of Elections Committee moving forward
  - b. Revising tribal membership/descendant-of-tribal-member requirement for running for NNALSA Board to further
  - c. Eliminating any language that suggests that Board Elections, including the Election for the Moot Court Host, must be held in-person
    - i. Plan only to hold elections virtually but still during the Annual Conference
  - d. Adding proviso expanding nomination period for the host school
  - e. Adding proviso that the NNALSA Board will confirm the host school if no host school provides a bid in time for the General Membership to consider the bid at the Annual Meeting
- o President: clarification on when the nominating period for the Moot Court Host should close – Mid-March? – along with nominations for Board Members should be when last bids should be accepted
- o PR Director: keep in mind that there is a substantial amount of time that it takes to secure internal approval to submit a bid on behalf of the law school
- o Administrator: disagree that March is best time for bids to be submitted should be at the end of January, but the election of which Bidding School should still be the Annual Conference
- iii. Grants Committee, Rep. Welsh, Chair:
  - o Tentative Budget for the Year: would relate to amount of requests for grants that we receive

- a. But will necessarily include three separate scholarships each in the amount of \$1500 for summer job funding
        - i. Would be happy to offer additional scholarships with additional funding
    - o Committee believes it would be best for local chapters to fill out form to receive NNALSA grants
      - a. Prefer discretionary amounts, where applicant requests a certain amount and Committee uses discretion to approve a certain amount after a review of the request and in consideration of available funds
    - o Also plan on sending out direct notices to local chapters about existence of grants
- iv. Advocacy Committee, Vice President, Chair:
  - o Tentative Budget for the Year: No budget yet, thinking of earmarking a couple hundred dollars for the specific purpose of helping local chapters printing out advocacy-related materials
    - a. Budget certainly would increase if started a Speaker Series
  - o Advocacy Committee met shortly after August NNALSA Board General Meeting
    - a. Likely meeting in the coming weeks to respond to recently-suggested matters that the Committee can work on
    - b. Probably first week of October for next meeting
  - o Continuing to make progress on indigenizing the curriculum efforts, Rep. Jimmicum put Chair in contact with person who can assist in that endeavor
    - a. Rep. Jimmicum: will remind that Professor to reach out to Chair – expanded on *Johnson v. M'Intosh* event that Idaho Law recently held
      - i. Happy to attend next Advocacy Committee meeting and provide elaboration of the concept of indigenizing the curriculum – particularly in the *Johnson* area – the notion that tribes are not truly “conquered” despite what Marshall said
  - o Rep. SparrowSmith - recently asked by a faculty member (the only one who covered the Discovery Doctrine in her Property Course) and other entities at Washburn Law about whether Rep. SparrowSmith could provide some guidance or materials about navigating the Marshall trilogy of Indian Law cases in particular; believes this would be highly beneficial
    - a. Elaborated that those seeking this information do not wish merely to provide supplemental materials but want to substantially alter the curriculum to acknowledge the plain reality that contrast with Marshall’s conceptualization of the so-called “Conquered” Indian tribes
  - o Considering adding explanation of ICWA onto website/social media; pondering speakers for that topic in any potential forums/events NNALSA holds
- v. Bylaws Committee, President, Chair:
  - o Tentative Budget for the Year: \$0
  - o Had a meeting a few weeks ago

- Committee flagged numerous areas that do not make much sense as well as those that simply need to be deleted outright
- Probably will need special full Board work meeting (in addition to our General monthly meeting) to go through each proposed change with the full Board
- vi. Public Relations Committee, Director, Chair:
  - Tentative Budget for the Year: \$1300
    - a. We have \$300 in website maintenance fees alone
    - b. Also want to do some Facebook/Instagram (i.e., Meta-owned) advertising to promote solicitation of bids for 2024 Moot Court Competition as well as to promote swag sales
  - MPA Correspondence pertaining to Legal Fellowship for New Graduates (Discussed additionally in Announcements section above)
    - a. Somewhat constrained requirements as to what type of students qualify; mostly designed toward attracting Black and Hispanic recent law graduates
- vii. Finance Committee, Treasurer, Chair:
  - Tentative Budget for the Year: Probably small to zero for the Committee's own operating costs
  - Want Committees to finalize budgets as soon as possible to the extent practicable given each Committee's unique goals and needs
  - PayPal continues to be up and running, while Venmo account appears unable to be updated with current Treasurer's credentials
    - a. Anyone who needs reimbursement for NNALSA-related expenses should expect it through PayPal
  - Discussing rough amount of funds NNALSA presently has on hand at the present time
    - a. \$31,943 and some change in our bank account as of right now; this increased by a few thousand over the past few months as we've been receiving Individual Membership Dues
  - We anticipate finalizing our updating of the Sponsorship-related materials that Board members can provide to putative sponsors
  - President is able to monitor which Chapters have paid their annual Chapter dues and will send that information to all Board members
  - Will be crafting log about payments sent to Treasurer and received by her to keep everyone updated
  - Treasurer will provide her mailing address to Board members for purpose of Board members sending any payments to her for deposit in NNALSA account
- viii. Writing Competition Committee, Rep. SparrowSmith, Chair:
  - Tentative Budget for the Year: Probably \$0 given that awards covered by Washburn Law itself; so unlikely NNALSA will need to provide any funds to this Committee or for the Writing Competition itself
  - Haven't called Committee again because no updates for her to provide to the Committee

- Washburn's internal work group related to the Writing Competition is making steady progress on soliciting funds
    - Question that Washburn group has: are there any limits on nature of the Competition?; e.g., is there a particular theme Board would like?
      - a. President: No, topic just has to be indigenous law related
- ix. Approving Minutes from August 15, 2022 Meeting
  - Reading by Secretary
  - Motion: Administrator
  - Second: President
  - Result: Approved by unanimous consent
- c. Representatives' Updates on Communications with Chapter Leaders since last month:
  - i. Rep. Littlefoot (Area 1)
    - NYU reached out to her, unsure who to send that inquiry to
      - a. Should be referred to Area 6
      - b. Rep. Lesensee clarified he already met with NYU
  - ii. Rep. Welsh (Area 2)
    - No updates offered
  - iii. Rep. SparrowSmith (Area 3)
    - No updates offered
  - iv. Rep. Bilagody (Area 4)
    - No updates offered
  - v. Rep. Russell (Area 5)
    - No updates offered
  - vi. Rep. Lesensee (Area 6)
    - Going to have first virtual mixer with Area 6 law schools wanted to clarify if any specific issues with using NNALSA Logo
      - a. Secretary: no issue with using the logo
    - Also excited to be involved in NYC's large Indigenous Peoples Day celebration, expecting it to be with other NYC-based chapters as well
  - vii. Rep. Jimmicum (Area 7)
    - No updates offered
  - viii. Rep. Goodrich (Area 8)
    - Have reached out to University of St. Thomas (based in Twin Cities) about possibly setting up their own local chapter, working with that individual to involve them in MH-School of Law events if that individual unable to set up own NALSA local chapter
- d. Sponsorship Updates from Board Members
  - i. PR Director
    - Met with putative sponsor - they are waiting for their budget to be renewed before can actually cut a check
    - Recommended to other board members that they reach out early so law firms have sponsorship request on their radars
  - ii. Vice President: have numerous requests outstanding and hoping one or more pays off in the near future
  - iii. Rep. SparrowSmith: reached out to numerous Kansas area associations and awaiting responses
    - Will provide further updates when hear back
  - iv. Rep. Russell - reaching out to a few North Carolina area firms



- v. Treasurer: reaching out to own tribe for sponsorship
- vi. PR Director:
  - o Question for Treasurer
    - a. What if the sponsor asks for NNALSA to invoice their firm?
      - i. Firm should just email Treasurer's Gmail account
- e. Discussion Points Added During Agenda Approval/During the Meeting:
  - i. President added University of California at Irvine School of Law - need to approve their membership request to start a new local NALSA chapter
    - o Motion: PR Director
    - o Second: Rep. Russell
    - o Approved unanimously,
    - o Secretary will put together letter, sign it, send it to President for her signature
      - a. The President will then send it to Rep. Littlefoot to send to UCI Law's Dean
- f. Miscellaneous – Recap/ Other Discussion Points/Final Thoughts
  - i. Treasurer: we should engage in some advocacy efforts to raise awareness of Boarding Schools Day of Remembrance (9-30) through promoting people wear orange shirts on that day
    - o PR Director agreed and will ensure there are some NNALSA posts related to that Commemoration
  - ii. President: if driving we will provide mileage reimbursement
  - iii. Rep. Goodrich's updates:
    - o MH-School of Law hosting event on 10-10 to discuss relation of tribal sovereignty to ICWA
    - o If those who are flying to Denver area can update the relevant shared Google document to that effect, then we can keep better track of when to expect people to arrive
  - iv. Rep. Russell:
    - o Recommend doing carry-on bags given recent consternations at Denver Airport
  - v. Administrator:
    - o OU Law has 30 members of local chapter, which is hoping to bring back previous Presidents of the local chapter to offer their insights and perspectives to current members of OU NALSA
      - a. Planning/have already completed numerous events with the OU Chapter, including:
        - i. Tribal Roundtable with tribal leaders
        - ii. Visit to an Oklahoma-based Indian Legal Services organization
        - iii. Dedicating a room in the law school to the Chickasaw Nation (which funded that particular room's technology upgrades) - the Alternative Learning Center (AKA the ALC)
  - vi. Vice President:
    - o Community announcement for those in the Southwest region
      - a. San Geronimo Day at Taos Pueblo will be held on 9-30, Board members welcome to attend
      - b. First time Pueblo has opened in earnest since pandemic began
- g. Things to Cover during Next Meeting (President):

- i. No specific requests for what Committee Chairs need to have done by next meeting
    - ii. Agenda will be forthcoming from Secretary
  - h. Next Meeting Date Will Be On: October 17th at 645 MT (ABQ Time)
- 8. Adjournment: 821 MT
  - a. Motion: Rep. Welsh
  - b. Second: Rep. SparrowSmith
  - c. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded