



## NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

**October 17, 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"/> Treasurer: Vicki Alberts                  | <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 Lesansee           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moot Court Administrator: Palmer Scott    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 7 Rep: Auston Jimmicum           |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area 8 Rep: Ashalon Crowfoot Goodrich |

### Absent:

- Area 3 Rep: Yvonne Theresa SparrowSmith

### Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Siena Kalina, President
  - a. Gaveled in at: 647 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C Barnett, Secretary
  - a. Completed, two absences
3. Agenda Announcement & Any Amendments
4. Agenda Approval: MT
  - a. Motion: Director
  - b. Second: Rep. Welsh
  - c. Approved unanimously
5. Announcements/Reminders
  - a. Any other announcements on other topics
    - i. None offered
6. Old/Recurring Business
  - a. Presentations from selected Committee Chairs on updates with their work efforts – only covering these two as many other committees have not met such last time, President:

- i. Mid-Year/Annual Conference -
  - o Mid-Year conference, Rep. Bilagody
    - a. No major updates to offer during this meeting; logistics of travel will be worked out as we approach the date
  - o Annual: No updates offered
- ii. Moot Court Planning Update, Administrator:
  - o Registration updates, including when registration will open: November 4th
  - o Registration closes December 2nd
  - o Problem release date: November 4th
  - o Day briefs must be submitted: January 6th
  - o Other relevant updates ahead of Problem Release
    - a. Problem in peer review right now; Professors, without disclosing contents, have noted they have picked one well-established topic and one less established topic
    - b. Website will be live before problem goes out
    - c. Hotel Room blocks secured
    - d. Have some luminaries in the tribal/Federal Indian law field secured as judges
    - e. Logo completed
    - f. Logistics of registration and payment of dues and confirmation of membership to be discussed at next meeting
  - o Rep. Lesensee Question on disbursement of problem:
    - a. Administrator will have problem in hand on November 1st and will send prep emails to the Area Representatives

## 7. New Business

### a. Treasurer Updates

- i. Google Form for Committee Budgets Update
  - o Screenshared the now-live Google Spreadsheet with each Committee listed
  - o Matters covered on Spreadsheet include:
    - a. Anticipated Income for Committee
    - b. Total Income
    - c. Committee Expenses
    - d. Notes about any specific additional fundraising NNALSA could undertake in relation to a specific expenditure for a Committee
    - e. Totals from each Committee will be added to total Board-wide numbers by Treasurer
    - f. Committee Chairs should treat this as a living document
    - g. Spreadsheet will be stored in Finance and Fundraising Committee folder on Google Drive
- ii. Travel Updates for Mid-Year Conference
- iii. Fundraising Sheet Update
- iv. Possibility of Purchasing a Phone for Continuity of Access to NNALSA Venmo Account
  - o Treasurer has to use previous Treasurer (from two or three Boards ago) to sign into current Venmo account

- Issue is that a dedicated phone number must be associated with a business Venmo account; that number cannot be changed
  - Need greater continuity and sustainability of use of our Venmo account - one that does not involve rely on asking previous Treasurers for assistance
  - As a non-profit we should be using a personal Venmo account but we will still need a dedicated phone number to use it – given the flexibility and ease of sending and receiving payments with Venmo specifically having a phone that passes from Treasurer to Treasurer is more practical than giving up Venmo entirely
  - Administrator Request for Clarification: would we need a plan with this or would it be a Wifi-only phone? Would it stay with the Treasurer each year?
    - a. Answers: Yes and Yes
    - b. Administrator follow-up: we should make some note in the responsibilities of the Treasurer that stewardship of the phone is one such responsibility
  - Request for Board Approval to Purchase Phone for this purpose:
    - a. Motion: Secretary
    - b. Second: Rep. Goodrich
    - c. Result: Passed unanimously
- v. Fundraising updates more generally
- b. Career Committee
  - i. Resume Book updates
    - We have gotten five submissions so far; will work with Clayton to push additional social media notifications about the existence of the Resume Book
    - Director: NNALSA website is updated to reflect how to submit to resume book
- c. Concerns about an unnamed local chapter, President:
  - i. Intentionally vague about which chapter we are referring to in the agenda
  - ii. The Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director) will be planning to meet with the Board of the local chapter to discuss these concerns in the next week and a half
  - iii. This led to a discussion about the available sanctions NNALSA has about disciplining local chapters
    - Currently only can suspend for a year; a bit drastic when a less severe sanction could be appropriate
- d. Discussion about NNALSA's alcohol policies more generally, including expectations for local chapters, President
  - i. The local chapter issue led to the additional question
  - ii. Administrator:
    - While recognizing how harmful issues with alcohol are in our community, it seems to be a bit of an overstep to have NNALSA dictate that policy for local chapters
    - Enforcement by NNALSA would be difficult
    - Prefer to adopt an approach of being a model for the local chapters rather than compelling them to follow our lead
  - iii. President:
    - Focus is more on what local chapters are doing for the NNALSA Board members

- Not to dictate policy but to
- iv. Director;
  - We will usually do a happy hour at U of M every now and then, as a very informal thing – these events are off campus
  - But we will limit our formal meetings to no alcohol and only use local chapter funds for those events
- v. Rep. Jimmicum
  - My local chapter is similar
  - We have very little interest as a local chapter in involving alcohol with our events generally
  - In a rare event where we might be at a place for an informal meeting no local chapter funds may be used for alcohol purposes
- vi. Rep. Goodrich:
  - Discussed how at Annual Meeting alcohol was available for purchase at one NNALSA event
  - President: that event was a cash bar and no NNALSA funds were used to support the purchase of that alcohol
- vii. Rep. Lesensee:
  - Might be limited to Northeastern area of country, where there are fewer Native organizations, but many other events hosted by other student organizations make alcohol available
  - But in his experience so far local NALSA chapter has not followed that practice
- viii. Administrator:
  - Considering the focus of the question more fully, I would support advising local chapters to not provide alcohol at formal events, there should be no entwinement of NALSA-sponsored events with alcohol
- ix. Rep. Russell:
  - I would also echo the Administrator and support having a healthy wall of separation between formal events and alcohol
- e. Approving Minutes from September 19, 2022 Meeting
  - Reading by Secretary
  - Motion: President
  - Second: Rep. Jimmicum
  - Result: passed unanimously
- f. Representatives' Updates, if any, on Communications with Chapter Leaders since last month:
  - i. Rep. Jimmicum:
    - Going to have a Presidents' Roundtable on Friday – all the local chapter Presidents from all Area 7 law schools with NALSA chapters
    - Excited for the first meeting of its kind
    - Will be hosted on Zoom
  - ii. Rep. Lesensee:
    - Area 6 just had its first virtual mixer and will have next one in November
    - People really enjoyed that and were happy to discuss what they were doing for Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native November
    - Will be hosting in-person meeting for the NYC schools in the near future

- iii. Rep. Goodrich
    - o Through social media tracked down a local chapter and added their President to her contact list
    - o Also participated in UND local chapter meeting to discuss NNALSA, which Treasurer deeply appreciated
  - g. Sponsorship Updates from Board Members, if any
    - i. None to discuss
  - h. Discussion Points Added During Agenda Approval/During the Meeting:
    - i.
  - i. Miscellaneous – Recap/ Other Discussion Points/Final Thoughts
    - i. Treasurer: For those traveling via air please make me aware of your flight costs
      - o For those driving, please send a Google maps itinerary of your driving path or just measure your odometer so we can keep track of your mileage
  - j. Things to Cover during Next Meeting (President):
    - i. None specific to offer at this time
    - ii. Agenda will be forthcoming from Secretary
  - k. Next Meeting Date Will Be On: November 21st at 645 MT (week of Thanksgiving) (ABQ Time)
    - i. Does the Board wish to move this up to the Monday prior (November 14th)?
      - o No
8. Adjournment: 731 MT
- a. Motion: President
  - b. Second: Administrator
  - c. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded