



## NNALSA General Board Meeting Agenda

**March 20, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. (PST); 5:00 p.m. (PX, AZ); 6:00 p.m. (MT - ABQ); 7:00 p.m. (CST); 8:00 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: Michaela Parks            |
| <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 Lesansee           |
| <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:

### Agenda -

1. Call to Order, Siena Kalina, President
  - a. Gaveled in at: 602 MT
2. Roll Call, Kevin C Barnett, Secretary
  - a. Completed, zero absences
3. Agenda Announcement & Any Amendments
  - a. None offered
4. Agenda Approval:
  - a. Motion: Director
  - b. Second: Rep. Russell
  - c. Result: Passed at 605 MT
5. Announcements/Reminders
  - a. Any other announcements on other topics
    - i. None offered
6. Old/Recurring Business
  - a. Annual Conference Committee, Rep. Goodrich:
    - i. Overview of the 2023 Annual Conference Agenda as it currently stands (rough notes—not comprehensive account of agenda as presented):

- Rep. Goodrich pulled up schedule via ScreenShare for everyone to view during the meeting
- Saturday night into Sunday morning have AirBNB reserved for full Board
- Earliest start time is 1230 PM on Sunday April 16th and is a joint NNALSA–UNM-NALSA mixer
- NABA meeting on Sunday evening requires \$30 ticket purchased in advance
- Annual 501(c)(3) meeting is Monday morning
- ii. Anything that full Board can do to assist?
  - Nothing at this time
- iii. Any logistical questions Board members have regarding
  - None

## 7. New Business

### a. Treasurer Updates:

- i. Ordering phone from MintMobile this week that will allow NNALSA to use Venmo and PayPal and transition to new Board use with no hiccups
- ii. Sponsorship updates
  - Getting down to the wire with needing sponsors
  - Reach out to Vicki if need primer for how to find sponsors
- iii. Making progress with Mental Health/Mindfulness-in-the-law efforts to be offered virtually - hour-long session will be offered there;
  - Professor Angelique EagleWoman will be providing a seminar/workshop on leadership training also in an event in early April (separate from Annual Conference)
- iv. Anything the Board might be able to assist Treasurer on?
  - No
- v. Individual Board member questions
  - None offered

### b. IFA Scholarship Follow-up, President:

- i. We did this at the beginning of last year; the International Fiscal Association is partnering with us to send one student (all expenses included) to send one NNALSA Member interested in Tax Law to attend their Conference by the end of the month
- ii. No member has applied as of yet; the Conference itself is at the end of April
- iii. Just putting that on the radar, Area Reps. reach out to chapters and all Board members should reach out to those they think might be interested

### c. PR Director Updates:

- i. Merchandise for Sale at Annual Conference
  - Final T- Shirt pricing confirmation with Board
    - a. About to order the shirts and have them delivered to the President's residence so she can bring them to the Annual Conference
    - b. Same design discussed previously (Director showed Board image of design during meeting)
    - c. Discussed having only a decal on the front of the shirt and not on the back or the sleeves to keep costs down while making sure T-Shirt is distinct from last years
    - d. Will cost just under \$1,000 for the roughly 100 T-Shirts
    - e. Discussed pricing options for the shirts

- ii. President – ordering more Indian Law hats for Conference
- d. Vice President/PR Director
  - i. Google Workspace Changeover Updates
    - o No major updates; everything has basically been squared away and settled
    - o Three members still haven't signed onto new emails
    - o Secretary needs to change New Mexico Secretary of State login needs to use the nationalnalsa.org email for the Secretary
- e. Approving Minutes from February 13, 2023 Meeting, Secretary:
  - i. Reading by Secretary
    - o Motion: Rep. Russell
    - o Second: Rep. Parks
    - o Result: passed unanimously
  - ii. Following discovery that there was a key error on the minutes that the Secretary asked about, the Board gave the Secretary permission to correct that specific error and submit the corrected minutes to the PR Director
- f. Review of the 2023 NNALSA Moot Court Competition, Administrator:
  - i. House destroyed during tornado and lost quite a bit of money during that process; transitioning to new home prior to the NNALSA transition; having to find new place to live during that period
  - ii. All Competitors okay but had rough experience sheltering in law school during competition
  - iii. 32 teams from various schools competed from all over the country
  - iv. Think the Competition was an overall success all things considered; the 1L involvement was outstanding and hosting the Competition appears to have increased the OU NALSA membership
  - v. Judges reported that they sincerely enjoyed their time and liked spending their weekend there
  - vi. Inspired four to five different schools to submit a bid this year; Administrator has met with every chapter who has reached out about hosting the 2024 Moot Court Competition
  - vii. Thanked Board for their support throughout the year; looking forward to FedBar
- g. Grants Committee Update, Rep. Welsh:
  - i. Announcing scholarships and chapter grant awards at Annual Conference; membership has been made aware through mass email sent via JoinIt function
  - ii. Grants Committee will be reviewing the applications after deadline and before Annual Conference
  - iii. Will be pushing this more on social media; Area Reps. please share with local chapters
- h. Elections Committee, Secretary, Chair:
  - i. Nomination window closed yesterday, March 19th for NNALSA Board nominations; Moot Court bid window still open until April 1st
  - ii. Will Secretary have to re-open any positions for new candidacy submissions? (This would need to occur if a position has no candidates running or only one candidate running) (Note: Secretary, who was absent from last meeting, learned that there was a typo on the February minutes that incorrectly indicated that positions with only one person running—as well as those with zero persons running—would be reopened for a second

round of nominations. Up until today's meeting, Secretary was operating under an incorrect understanding of the Board's preferences as to which positions could be eligible to be reopened, if any. The Board clarified to the Secretary that it had decided that any position with at least one candidate running by the initial deadline would **not** be reopened for new nominations during any subsequent second nomination process. The Board further clarified to the Secretary that the only positions that would be reopened (if any needed to be) would be positions with zero candidates running after the deadline. Secretary amended update to the Board based on this key information).

- Answer: Yes, *at least* two positions
    - Has ZERO applicants to run: Areas 2 and 6
  - iii. Not re-opening President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, PR Director, and Areas 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 presuming Elections Committee confirms all candidates.
    - Final list of reopened positions might change if Elections Committee rejects any applicant's candidacy submission
  - iv. Next nomination period begins tonight/tomorrow (depending on when we send out email) for those six positions
    - Elections Committee will determine when the new nomination period ends after conferring
  - v. Purchasing ElectionBuddy in the upcoming week or soto facilitate election and will likely be using the JoinIt email listserv to send out link to Election during Annual Conference
    - Will determine when exactly to send out Elections link; 24 hours sending out Sunday evening
- i. Superlatives Awards:
  - i. Chapter of the Year; 1L/2L/3L of the Year:
    - President requested that Area Reps. need to submit any outstanding chapter reports to her tonight so that the link to vote can be sent out for the NNALSA Board to vote on the superlatives tomorrow morning
    - Board members have ability to abstain from any individual vote as necessary
  - ii. Winners will be shared at Annual Conference and will only be known by President prior to then
- j. ALL Board members must begin updating their transition memos, President & Secretary
  - i. Many, but not necessarily all, Board members received transition memos last year from the prior position holders
  - ii. Whether we have one or not, we need to start drafting (**before our next meeting on April 10th**) transition memos so that we can make sure, when we meet—whether virtually or in-person—with our successors, that we are covering everything we need to cover
  - iii. Spending a few moments for Board members to review their Google Docs to see if they have a transition memo and noting which ones do not, if any; those, if any, who do not have a transition memo should get one from another officer—particularly Area Reps.
  - iv. Basic matters to include are:
    - Email account switchover, including providing login information for the old gmail accounts for ensuring that new Board members can

- find any older documents that may not have fully transitioned to the nationalnalsa.org email accounts
- Group Discussion about what specifically to include:
  - a. Administrator suggested writing own transition memo from scratch because his he received last year hadn't been changed in six years
  - b. Treasurer accounting after new Board
  - c. Getting on top of Annual Conference funding as early as possible
- k. Sponsorship Updates from Board Members, if any
  - i. Secretary would like to receive list of prior NNALSA sponsors
  - ii. MHA Nation giving \$5,000 - Treasurer
  - iii. Link in Slack to provide list of prior NNALSA sponsors
- l. Discussion Points Added During Agenda Approval/During the Meeting:
  - i. None added
- m. Miscellaneous – Recap/ Other Discussion Points/Final Thoughts
  - i. None added
- n. Things to Cover during Next Meeting (President):
  - i. Transition memos
  - ii. General wrap-up of 2022-2023 Board, wrapping up plans for Annual Conference
- 8. Next Meeting Date Will Be On: April 10th at 6:00 MT
  - i. This will be the **last** normal meeting prior to the transition to the 2023-2024 NNALSA Board at the Annual Conference in mid-April
    - Originally there was possibility today's meeting would be final but we're now planning on having a final meeting the Monday before the Annual Conference to resolve any final details/miscellaneous matters
    - Please ensure you attend this important final formal Board meeting of the 2022-2023 NNALSA Board
- 9. Adjournment: 709 MT
  - a. Motion: Rep. Welsh
  - b. Second: Rep. Bilagody
  - c. Secretary noted adjournment and meeting concluded