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 State Bar of New Mexico  
 Natural Resources, Energy  
 and Environmental Law Section  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

August 23, 2022  
 12:00 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting ID: 823 9906 0824**  
**Passcode: 2022**

**Quorum = 6 Directors      Quorum Met: Yes   No**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>
1	Steven Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Christopher Shaw	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Bidtah Becker	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Sunnie Richardson	Director/Budget Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Melinda Branin	Director/Chair Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Kari Olson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Mark Rosebrough	Past Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Joseph Schremmer	UNM Faculty Rep/Secr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Paula Vance	YLD Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Louis Rose	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Maria Trujillo	UNM Student Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Moved, seconded, unanimously approved.
2. Approval of July 2022 meeting minutes (Joseph Schremmer)
  - a. Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved
3. 2022 budget/expenditures update (Sunnie Richardson)
  - a. Sunnie reviewed the financials dated 7-31-2022. She pointed out that the section spent money for judicial clerkship support and miscellaneous expenses relating to the retreat.
  - b. Chris asked about the potential for the section to rollover surplus budget into subsequent years. Morgan said information on this point is forthcoming from the Bar.

4. CLE update, including CLE, proposed water issues CLE, annual meeting CLE, and December 2022 CLE (Melinda Branin)
  - a. Melinda provided the following update:
    - i. Water Law Webinar
      1. Adrian Oglesby is waiting on confirmation about a water law webinar, which is on hold because we are still waiting on the state's water task force report on needs, infrastructure, and funding.
    - ii. Annual CLE
      1. Prof. Cliff Villa is no longer able to speak on the wildfire disaster law topic at the annual CLE. He gave Paula names of possible alternative speakers:
        - a. Bret Phelps is a criminal attorney who was personally affected by the fires
        - b. Lauren Riley organized the free legal services hotline as president of YLD
        - c. Antonia Roybal is plaintiffs counsel in a suit against the forest service
      2. Waiting for speakers on a couple of other topics, but Prof. Suzuki and Bill Slease are confirmed for the tort claims act and ethics presentations, respectively.
      3. Regarding the watershed management topic, the potential speakers include Kyle Harwood, Lynn Trujillo, and Stephanie Russo-Baca. Lou suggested considering adding a knowledgeable legislator to the panel.
    - b. Discussion was had regarding water law topics affecting the western U.S. in general. Chris pondered whether such a discussion could be done through a podcast or series of podcasts.
      - i. Tom, Bitdtah, Steve, and Chris will work up a proposal before the next board meeting.
5. NREEL Board Retreat follow-up (Chris Shaw/Paula Vance)
  - a. Chris and Morgan reported that Paula followed-up with the state bar regarding populating the section's website with reference materials and the board's recent meeting minutes.
  - b. Morgan reported that she has an existing podcast that we could use for an episode for \$250 per episode. She also mentioned that the website forum/discussion board could be ready to go when and if the board is ready.
  - c. Mark asked whether the board addressed the law student mentorship program and the mixer event at the law school. Lou reported that those topics were not addressed. Mark volunteered to contact Maria regarding mentorship and the mixer to coordinate the events. Maria will send Mark and Kari the materials that she has from previous years.
6. Board elections (Addie Sanchez/Morgan Pettit)

- a. Morgan reported that Tom, Steve, Chris will be rolling off, in addition to Mark as past chair. They are free to re-apply. That is a total of four positions open. She has prepared an e-blast to the membership regarding running for open slots, which is to be sent in September. Lou asked the folks who are rolling off to consider re-applying. Steve stated that he would like to stay on. Chis did, too.
7. Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law programs (Louis Rose)
  - a. Lou reported that the Foundation has asked our section to disseminate information about its upcoming renewable energy special institute as well as possibly co-sponsoring Foundation special institutes planned to be held in New Mexico in the next year. There were no objections.
  - b. Mark said he would support co-sponsoring an event with the Foundation, since the Foundation has been a good partner in sponsoring the mixer and it would apparently not cost our section anything to co-sponsor. Joe and Tom signed on.
  - c. Kari reported that the state's utility attorneys would appreciate our e-blasting the membership about the upcoming renewable energy special institute.
8. New business
  - a. None
9. Next meeting September 27, 2022
10. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn.