



State Bar of New Mexico
 Natural Resources, Energy
 and Environmental Law Section

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

July 26, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 823 9906 0824

Passcode: 2022

Quorum = 6 Directors

Quorum Met: Yes No

	Name	Position	Present
1	Steven Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Christopher Shaw	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bitdah 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Louis Rose	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Maria Trujillo	UNM Student Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously
2. Approval of June 2022 meeting minutes (Joseph Schremmer)
 - a. 4.C.2.A of the draft minutes was deleted
 - b. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously as amended
3. 2022 budget/expenditures update (Sunnie Richardson)
 - a. Sunnie reviewed the budget through June 30 and explained that we have not made expenditures other than the law school grant and for the webpage. We still have more than \$11,000 budgeted to spend this year
4. CLE update, including CLE, proposed water issues CLE, annual meeting CLE, and December 2022 CLE (Melinda Branin)
 - a. Water Webinar

- i. Melinda: Adrian Oglesby and Mike Hammond appear willing to do an hour-long CLE regarding the water infrastructure situation (even though the report won't be out yet). She is awaiting email confirmation by members of the CLE committee
- b. Annual CLE
 - i. Melinda: Regarding the annual CLE, Adrian Oglesby has suggested a follow-up of the water law CLE because the report is likely to be out by then. Adrian also suggested Atherton Phleger (a current UNM law student) as a speaker on tribal climate adaptation efforts, and this is awaiting CLE committee discussion. We need to have the agenda set and delivered to the State Bar by September 1.
 - ii. Lou: Asked that CLE committee members respond to Melinda's email by early next week.
 - iii. Steve: We had a thorough discussion of the annual CLE at the board retreat, as memorialized in Tom's email.
 - iv. Melinda: Here are the topics we discussed at the retreat:
 - 1. Wildfire Disaster Relief
 - a. Paula is happy to coordinate
 - b. Proposed speaker: Clifford Villa
 - 2. Federal Agency Issues
 - 3. Federal Tort Claims Act
 - 4. Infrastructure Task Force and Funding
 - a. Potential speakers: Kyle Harwood, Lynn Trujillo (task force), Stephanie Russo Baca (Utton Center)
 - b. Watershed Management
 - i. Potential speaker: Atherton Phleger (USGS tribal liaison)
 - v. Mark: Professor Suzuki of UNM has commented on the viability of Federal Tort Claims Act relief against the US Forest Service.
 - 1. Joe is willing to ask Professor Suzuki
 - vi. Steve: In addition, we discussed an ethics presentation regarding the ethics of attorneys offering legal assistance in emergency situations, including malpractice and insurance coverage issues.
 - 1. Lou: We haven't discussed a possible speaker. Bill Slease is a possibility.
 - 2. Morgan: Any attorney who volunteers with a State Bar program is covered by the State Bar's malpractice policy. Morgan will contact Bill Slease about speaking on this topic.
- c. Webinars

- i. Lou: A webinar on West Virginia v. EPA would be timely. We could involve professors at law school or merely cosponsor an event lead by the law school. It could cover implications for federal and state environmental law;
 - 1. Joe will talk to Reed to gauge the school's interest and the possibility of our section co-sponsoring a webinar.
 - ii. Sunnie: One idea for a webinar would be the supply chain and regulatory issues that have greatly increased the costs of drilling for oil and gas and thus kept gasoline prices high.
 - 1. Kari: Renewables developers are having major supply chain issues, too. It is also connected with gas prices in the sense that it increases electricity costs and the desirability of EV alternatives.
 - 2. Joe: We might be able to make this our first traveling CLE roadshow.
 - 3. Melinda: This would make a great one-hour webinar/CLE. Melinda will task the CLE committee to come up with a recommendation before the September board meeting.
- 5. NREEL Board Retreat follow-up (Chris Shaw/Paula Vance)
 - a. Paula: Reviewed and summarized the notes from the retreat and the after-action report. She reiterated that we wanted to focus on communication with members; pre-planning CLEs and webinars the year in advance (to the extent possible); and developing podcasts, webinars, and keeping our website current.
 - b. Website
 - i. Morgan: The State Bar just needs the content sent to them and they will update the website. She recommends reviewing the family law section's website, which that section has made a high priority. The tax section previously hired out the development of content for its website (possibly law students).
 - ii. Lou: We talked about approaching the Utton Center or Institute for Public Law at UNM to potentially lead students in developing content for hire.
 - iii. Paula will put together a task force to work on a proposal for the website.
 - iv. Sunnie: Suggested that we start by creating a bank of hyperlinks to useful resources. Each committee member could send to Paula the links they use most frequently.
 - 1. Paula shared a preliminary outline for the link bank.
 - 2. Lou asked every member to send something to Paula by early next week.
 - c. UNM SOL

- i. Mark volunteered to work with Maria (law student liaison) on the UNM SOL socials—the ELS mixer and the speed-dating event.
 - ii. Kari also volunteered to help with these events.
- 6. New business
 - a. Morgan: Board election season starts in the first week of September. The following members' terms are ending: Steve, Chris, and Tom. Lou will roll into past chair status. Mark will roll off entirely. That gives us four positions to elect for next year.
 - i. Applications are due September 30.
 - b. Lou will consider appointing a committee to make recommendations for people to recruit to run for election.
- 7. Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 8. Next meeting August 23, 2022