



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

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

June 28, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Bidtah Becker	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Sunnie Richardson	Director/Budget Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Melinda Branin	Director/Chair Elect	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Addie Sanchez	NMSB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
2. Approval of May 2022 meeting minutes (Joseph Schremmer – not present)
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3. 2022 budget/expenditures update (Sunnie Richardson)
 - a. The Board reviewed the Statement of Activities for the months ending May 31, 2022, provided by the State Bar, and discussion was had.
 - b. Sunnie: The only money spent was on law school grant. We received more in membership fees.
 - c. The question was asked whether we are going to fund CLE credits. Lou responded that we would talk about this proposal at the retreat.

4. CLE update, including 2022 Legislative CLE, proposed water issues CLE, annual meeting CLE, and December 2022 CLE (Melinda Branin – not present)
 - a. An open discussion took place regarding the various CLEs/short-course ideas that the section is proposing for the remainder of the year.
 - b. Water Issues CLE
 - i. Likely postponed until October/November timeframe.
 - ii. Mark: The Governor pushed back the date of finalizing (legislative proposals?) that will influence the timing of when we will conduct the CLE.
 - c. Annual Meeting CLE
 - i. Likely timeframe will be July/August.
 - ii. Ideas:
 1. Mark: We should focus on wildfire/climate change as a topic to discuss, even though last year we did a CLE on drought.
 2. Lou: Practice CLE's? People maybe not as interested in public interest topics. Rather, focus on significant agency or rulemaking decision that might necessarily make it on the state register. A topic like that could be short and digestible. Would agencies be interested in?
 3. Tom: We should absolutely talk about the fires. What about the report from Professor Phillips that was used during the Drought at last years' institute? What about discussing what the supply of water will be like in the future? What happens next with the report? What has happened/who gets the water? Is that a topic for a CLE? Who makes recommendations (state, federal, advocacy group and/or delegation)? Tom stated he was astonished that there isn't a New Mexico group taking the findings from that report and using to make decisions.
 4. Steven: Discussed the unprecedented amount of money being thrown at water projects. We could possibly discuss New Mexico's plans for water conservation.
 5. Chris: Various topics water related topics, e.g., Federal and state issues; hydro issues; case in CA that may address issue on States' rights v. federal rights as applied to water issues/conservation; how projects & appropriation are approved; infrastructure.
 6. Mark: There are two new water related bills; we could discuss what the state is doing, and this is what the state is asking the feds to do. Other ideas:

wastewater, drinking water, more discrete issues related to wat. LFC (?) invite to talk about what's happening.

7. General discuss about how to bring info to membership. Unanimous decision to kill the newsletter.

d. New Ideas (possibly for the December CLE)

e. Sept – deadline for new CLE

i. Lunch / Short

1. Lou's preference is to do more of these
2. Even if not CLE, could be a free. We can discuss this type of programming more at the Retreat.

ii. Chris:

1. Financial – small portion of fee paid for by NREEL for members / \$5 ; for annual CLE pay for larger amount "scholarship".

5. NREEL Board Retreat

i. Discussion about what the agenda will look like for board meeting.

1. Mark, Lou and Addi have copies of past annual board meetings and will distribute.

ii. Lou: We do not have a draft agenda yet. It will probably be drafted and distributed the week of July 12.

iii. Chris: The Board can send topics/agenda ideas to him, and he will help draft.

iv. Addie: The logistics are set up for both online and in-person. NREEL can order food and get reimbursed or have the bar order food. The bar can also pay for overnight cost for anyone coming in from out of town. The bar just needs a weeks' notice to get accommodation set up. She will help determine which line item the cost comes out of in the budget.

6. New business

a. None raised

7. Next meeting July 26, 2022