



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

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

April 25, 2023

12:00 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 811 5445 4627

Passcode: 2023

Quorum = 6 Directors

Quorum Met: ☒Yes ☐No

	Name	Position	Present
1	Melinda Branin	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Steven Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Zachary Ogaz	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Paula Vance	Director/Chair-Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Bidtah Becker	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Kristen Burby	Director/Budget Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Kari Olson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Louis Rose	Past Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Prof. Joe Schremmer	UNM Faculty Liaison/ Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Vanessa Springer	UNM Student Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Chandler Farnworth	YLD Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Unanimously approved upon motion duly made and seconded.
2. Approval of the March 2023 meeting minutes (Joseph Schremmer)
 - a. Unanimously approved upon motion duly made and seconded.
3. 2023 Budget Update (Kristen Burby)
 - a. Kristen reviewed the statement of activities for the three months ended March 21, 2023. She pointed out that we have taken in less money than budgeted in section membership fees (by approximately 12 people).
4. CLE update including Legislative Update scheduled for May 5th (Paula Vance)
 - a. Paula gave an update on the May 5 legislative update CLE. Most speakers are confirmed. Paula will give an overview of legislation that was passed and signed before the speakers comment. It will be a 2-hour CLE. It has been advertised once by email and more advertisement is planned after all the speakers are confirmed.

- b. Melinda mentioned that she would like to convene the CLE committee soon to discuss submitting a proposal for a CLE at the State Bar Annual Conference.
 - c. Alexandria from the State Bar provided the important deadlines for our Annual CLE, currently scheduled for December 15, 2023: the save the date goes out in May, the final agenda is due August 1, and speakers and materials are due by November 30.
- 5. Retreat 2023 planning (Melinda Branin)
 - a. Melinda reported that the most popular date for the retreat is July 8. The State Bar is reserving the meeting space for our meeting. Melinda requested that the section pay for a hotel stay the evening before given that she has to drive in from Roswell. Bitdah mentioned that the section has done that in the past.
 - b. Biddah also raised the idea of inviting law students to join the board for lunch on the day of the retreat.
 - c. Melinda called a vote fund breakfast and lunch for the annual retreat and to fund the travel and room and board expenses for members traveling out of town. Upon a motion duly made a seconded, the proposal was approved unanimously.
- 6. New business
 - a. Paula raised the topic of eligibility for the section's two annual awards and suggested that we table the discussion until the annual retreat, where the board should flesh out any ambiguities in the eligibility terms.
 - b. Paula also noted the Permian Basin Special Institute held in May in Santa Fe co-sponsored by our Section and the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law. She raised the idea of doing something for our section members at the event, like a raffle or reception. Melinda mentioned that we have leftover NREEL gifts.
- 7. Next meeting May 23, 2023