



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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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 type="checkbox"/>
4	Paula Vance	Director/Chair-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Bidtah Becker	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
10	Prof. Joe Schremmer	UNM Faculty Liaison/ Secretary	<input 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 a motion duly made and seconded.
2. Approval of the May 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Unanimously approved upon a motion duly made and seconded.
3. 2023 Budget Update (Kristen Burby)
 - a. Expenses expected and no new expenses incurred.
 - b. Notable difference of \$200 in member fees.
 - c. Questions about whether plaque will be paid for through NREEL budget.
Melinda Branin to follow up with state bar.
4. CLE Update (Melinda Branin on behalf of Paula Vance)
 - a. Admin Law 101 CLE
 - i. Paula Vance has reached out Hearing Officer Joshi, but has not heard back yet.
 - ii. Has confirmed that William Brancard is willing to participate.
 - iii. No date scheduled yet.

- iv. CLE Committee will coordinate with Young Lawyers Division who can provide funding.
 - b. Annual Institute
 - i. Still in the works.
 - ii. Possible idea of earth, wind and water theme.
 - iii. Plan to focus on range of topics rather than one topic per element.
 - iv. Paula planning to present list of ideas during retreat.
 - c. FNREL Permian Basin CLE
 - i. Well attended.
 - ii. Raffle successful.
- 5. Retreat (Melinda Branin)
 - a. Melinda will circulate agenda for Retreat.
 - b. Likely to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - c. Students may attend for lunch, but Melinda will confirm with Prof. Schremmer whether students are interested in attending.
 - d. Melinda will request that State Bar sends out survey for food order.
 - e. Discussion of whether Reed Benson could take over Prof. Schremmer's spot on the Board.
 - f. Board agrees that we should continue to add minutes to website each month.
- 6. New Business
 - a. None