



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

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

March 28, 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 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 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 February 2023 meeting minutes (Joseph Schremmer)
 - a. Unanimously approved upon motion duly made and seconded.
3. 2023 Budget Update (Kristen Burby)
 - a. Kristen advised that the State Bar had not provided a timely budget update that she could share with the Board. The \$4,000 check to the law school for summer stipends was cut and Joe has received it.
4. UNM Environmental Law Society Bosque Clean-Up Event request (Melinda Branin)
 - a. Melinda reviewed a request from UNM Environmental Law Society to share an email invitation with the Section membership to join the ELS for its weekend clean-up event.
 - b. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to email the announcement to the Section membership.

5. CLE update (Paula Vance)
 - a. Paula updated the Board on CLE planning. The date is confirmed for the Legislative Update: May 5 from 12-1 pm. The update will be offered for CLE credit and advertising is supposed to start immediately.
 - b. Discussion was had regarding the speakers for the legislative update. Several members mentioned that it would be good to have actual members of the legislature rather than only lobbyists.
6. Retreat 2023 planning
 - a. Melinda will send a survey to the Board to find agreeable dates for the annual retreat, probably in July.
7. New business
 - a. On behalf of the lawyer-of-the-year committee, Tom reported that the Board of Bar Commissioners have approved installation of our Section's plaques for lawyer of the year and career achievement at the Bar offices.
8. Next meeting April 25, 2023