

NREEL Meeting Minutes
8/26/2025 Meeting

- 1) We have a quorum
- 2) In attendance, Kristen Burby, Steven Hernandez, Adrian, Cliff Villa, Kari Olson, John Verheul, Caitlyn Tullar, Spensor Lotz, Yari Pena, Sam Catalano, Zach Ogaz, Anne Minard
- 3) Kristen Burby moved to approve the July minutes – approved
- 4) Financial – Budget doesn't include hotels for the retreat. Dues revenue has continued to increase, now \$10,160.
- 5) Cliff Villa – update on NREEL program/UNMSOL
 - a) He will be the director of NREEL
 - b) Will have a program on career pathways
 - c) Environmental moot court, in February 2026, has not sent students in past 2 years. Will be reaching out for volunteers. By end of October will set a schedule. Discussion of including a stipend in the Board's budget for travel.
 - d) "Summer camp" for environmental law professors in Albuquerque next summer
 - e) Would love to hear about what topics UNMSOL should be offering, also options for adjunct teaching. Possibility of disaster law.
 - f) Bill Brancard will be teaching an oil and gas law class in the Spring. Water law and advanced water law will be offered.
 - g) Discussion of need for PRC/utility attorneys
 - h) Discussion of need for faculty seat on Board, or Liaison position.
 - i) Language:
 - (1) "A representative of the University of New Mexico Law School faculty, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year."
 - (2)
 - i) Discussion of long time for State Bar to get out info on CLEs, request to get information 10 days prior.
 - j) Discussion of NREEL/ELS mixer, usually in October
 - k) Cliff would like to stay on the invite list for now.
- 6) EIJ CLE update- Sept. 25
 - a) 41 registered, 3 in person for CLE. Not sure if we want to provide lunch if just a few in person. 10 scholarships still available. Ask Bar to send e-blast in next couple of weeks, if we can send around info to our networks.
 - b) Students can send for free.
- 7) End of year CLE institute
 - a) Have a rough agenda. Topic – regulations, rulemakings, rules related to NEPA, ethics and EIJ topic
 - b) Discussion of having it in Santa Fe to encourage attendance. We could use the Capitol, or a hotel, also need to have a place for holding the mixer. Discussion of using CLE budget to pay for space, food, speaker.
 - c) Venue agreements have to be approved by the State Bar
 - d) Kristen Burby moves to allow Zach authority to spend \$5000 with a \$1000 buffer to \$6000 to spend on planning the annual CLE to include: a venue; speaker, potential social and supporting services from our CLE expense and miscellaneous expense line.
 - i) Zach seconded motion
 - ii) Motion passes

- 8) Will YLD distribute the EIJ flyer to YLD membership, free CLE if join our section
- 9) Kari will send spreadsheet with terms on language for faculty representative.
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm