

**Indian Law Section
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2007**

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Cynthia Aragon Stanaland (by phone), Aaron Franklin (by phone), Melanie Fritzsche (by phone), Bob Gruenig (by phone), Levon Henry, Karl Johnson, Georgene Louis, Pablo Padilla, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Tony Horvat.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved as drafted.

Election of 2007 Officers

Elections for Board officers took place and the following individuals were selected (motions and seconds by officers for accepting candidates are reflected in parentheses):

Chair-elect:	Georgene Louis (Aaron Frankland, Gloria Valencia-Weber)
Budget officer:	Melanie Fritzsche (Gloria Valencia-Weber, Pablo Padilla)
Secretary:	Bob Gruenig (Aaron Frankland, Gloria Valencia-Weber)

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 9, 2006 meeting minutes was tabled until the March 16, 2007 meeting.

2007 Goals & Objectives

Karl Johnson felt that 2006 went well and that a lot of important things were accomplished. It was his hope that the Board could replicate and grow on these accomplishments during 2007.

Karl expressed the need to staff committees for 2007. He recommended that committee members recruit other individuals to assist in the efforts of the committees. While committees do not have decisionmaking power with respect to the Board, they have been an ongoing conduit for recruiting future Board members. Also with respect to committees, Georgene Louis suggested addition of a new Membership Outreach committee as a means to get more section members involved with the activities of the

section.

With respect to outreach during 2007, Aaron Frankland mentioned that he had sent a request through Tony Horvat for soliciting written contributions for the next section newsletter (Tony was unsure if he received the request, so Aaron agreed to send it again). By making such solicitations, Aaron sees this as a great opportunity to get section members involved.

As a part of outreach, Karl concluded the discussion, indicating that he would work with Tony to discern what things could be done with respect to e-mails to the members.

2007 Committee Appointments

The Board discussed committee chair appointments and solicitation of committee members. Those individuals selected as committee chairs are duly noted next to the committee name. After discussion about the committees, Karl entertained and received a single motion for accepting the committees as listed.

CLE (Melanie Fritzsche and Helen Padilla)

Based on evaluations concerning the November 2006 CLE, attendees were pleased with the effort put forth by the Board. There was also some interest in seeing the evaluations firsthand for which Tony recommended contacting the CLE department to obtain copies.

With respect to 2007, the Board agreed to follow the approach used during 2006 which is to have a ½ day CLE in conjunction with the section's annual meeting and its scholarship awards. Karl was also contacted by Brent Moore with the Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law section who is interested in doing a joint meeting.

Bob Gruenig, Levon Henry, Georgene Lewis (2006 CLE chair), and Pablo Padilla agreed to serve on the 2007 CLE committee. It was also noted that William Bluehorse Johnson should be contacted as well to serve on the committee.

Media (Cynthia Aragon Stanaland, Aaron Franklin)

In the interest of combining efforts, the section newsletter and website have been combined under the Media committee. Aaron will be the primary overseer of newsletter activities whereas Cynthia Aragon Stanaland will focus her attention on the website.

With respect to the newsletter, a recommendation was made to defer inclusion of a Bar Bulletin insert. Levon Henry also noted that the section would need to budget for such an insert which would likely cost \$750. Karl felt, and Aaron agreed, that concentrating on the newsletter might be enough for the Board at the current time.

Aaron mentioned that if there was a lot of interest with the next newsletter, the Board could then revisit the matter of including an insert. Aaron also mentioned that the newsletter side of the Media committee was not labor-intensive so he did not foresee a large number of section members needing to be involved. Finally, Aaron agreed to obtain a blurb (100-150 words) about last year's CLE from Gloria to include in the next newsletter along with some associated pictures.

With respect to the website, it was noted that the Tribal Court Handbook had not been completed by the UNM Law School as yet. Once it was completed in January or February, Karl mentioned the need to include a link to it on the section's website. Cynthia and Tony also have a meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the website. She is hoping to meet with him regularly every other week or at least on a consistent basis as there is a lot of work to do. Gloria asked if any other section members would be helping Cynthia in her efforts. Cynthia commented that she would be willing to work with other members, even with a thought about dividing up responsibilities according to webpages.

Pablo Padilla agreed to serve on the 2007 Media committee, mentioning that he could help in securing articles for the section's newsletter. Karl also added Maggie as a member.

Nominating

As a former chair, Aaron commented that this was an easy committee to chair. Karl, also a former chair, mentioned that the committee consists of five members, at least one being a non-Board member, and none being candidates for office. Because the activities of this committee do not actually begin until August 2007, Karl suggested that subject of naming a chair be tabled for a subsequent Board meeting. Board members unanimously agreed to this suggestion.

Scholarship (Mark Baker - yet to be finalized)

The functions of this committee would be to conduct fundraising and oversee the section's scholarship process. Along with law firms, etc. being contacted about donating to the scholarship fund during 2006, Georgene and Gloria attended an All Indian Pueblo Council meeting and gave a joint presentation promoting the section's fundraising efforts. Georgene provided her own perspective, being a Pueblo member and having graduated from UNM Law School. Gloria had intended to conduct a follow-up with Joe Garcia but was unable to do so prior to the scholarships being awarded. Even though, Gloria still intended to get back with him. Gloria also suggested an early visit with the Pueblo Governors during 2007

Georgene mentioned that she is on a special projects committee of the ABA-Young Lawyers Division. The committee's intent is to get attorneys of color

involved through the creation of DVDs, a website, brochures, etc. that students can use (primarily high school).. Georgene suggested that the section might want to give a presentation to this committee about its fundraising efforts to raise fund for scholarships.

Maggie, Bob, Levon, Pablo, and Gloria agreed to serve on the 2007 Scholarship committee. With respect to a committee chair, Karl mentioned that Mark Baker did a lot of fundraising last year and felt that he would make a good chair. Karl therefore agreed to contact Mark about his interest in serving as chair.

Legal Aid

Larry Ruzow formerly served as the section's representative. It was made aware to the Board that Sean Flynn of the Indian Law Section had now been appointed to the NM Legal Aid Board. Karl mentioned that he could invite Sean to a few Board meetings to report on the Committee's activities. This could be done in lieu of having a section Legal Aid committee. By consensus, the Board agreed not to have a 2007 Legal Aid committee.

Membership Outreach (Georgene Lewis)

By consensus, the Board agreed to establish a 2007 Membership Outreach committee.

Melanie agreed to serve on the 2007 Membership Outreach Committee. There was also mention of asking Janice Hof to be part of the committee.

Georgene moved to accepted the aforementioned 2007 section committees; Aaron seconded the motion. Board member unanimously agreed to accept all committees noted above.

2007 Budget Preparation (2/28 submission deadline)

Levon submitted a 2006 carryover request which was subsequently approved by the State Bar. Karl agreed to work with Melanie on preparing a budget which would then need to go before the Board for approval. It was agreed that Board members would be canvassed by e-mail concerning the budget. In preparing a budget, it was mentioned that a line item would need to be added for the Membership Outreach committee.

2007 Meeting Schedule

Karl suggested that the third Friday every other month be the regular meeting date for the Board meeting. Board members subsequently agreed to this suggestion.

With respect to other Board activities, it was suggested that the section CLE be listed on

the State Bar's calendar early. Currently, the section CLE is listed as November 8th which Board members agreed to retain for the time being. Aaron also suggested adding newsletter target dates on the Bar calendar. He anticipates having two newsletters each year, Spring and Fall, with an April 24th submission for the former, and an undetermined September date for the latter.

The Bar's Annual meeting is scheduled July 12-15, 2007 and will have five tracks. Karl should be receiving a letter about it shortly which includes mention of Sandra Day O'Connor as the main keynote speaker. Unless the Board decides otherwise, a section CLE for the Annual Meeting will not be listed.

Old Business

NM Coalition for Justice

Levon suggested that the NM Coalition for Justice item be dropped from future Board agendas as he never heard anything back. The Board unanimously agreed to take the item off of future agendas until such time that the NM Coalition for Justice made contact again with the Board.

Law Student Representative

Karl agreed to draft a letter to be sent out to Board members for their review. Subsequent to this review and approval of the letter, he would make sure that an invitation would be extended to UNM law students with the intent of bringing in one student representative for future Board meetings.

New Business

Karl thanked Levon for the section's 2006 annual report and carryover request.

Karl received an e-mail from the Defense Lawyers Association through the New Mexico Bar e-mail, seeking out any interest in publishing civil cases in Indian court. Karl would tell the Association that both sections might be able to publish the same articles. Karl will forward the Association's request to the Media committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.