

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 09, 2004 MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE INDIAN LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Indian Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico was held at the State Capitol Building, Rm 411 on January 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Present were: Germaine Chappelle, Steffani Cochran, Aaron Frankland, Joan Kozon, Rosemary Maestas-Swazo, Pamela Ray and Larry Ruzow. Absent were: Karl Johnson, Marte Lightstone and Doug Nash. There being a majority of directors, a quorum was present. Christine Morganti, State Bar of New Mexico was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Ray, Chair. Germaine Chappelle, acted as secretary of the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Welcome**

The incumbent Directors welcomed the newly appointed Directors and introductions were made.

**Election of Officers**

Upon motion by Joan Kozon, which was seconded by Rosemary Maestas-Swazo, an election of Officers was held by the Board, resulting in the unanimous choice of the following Officers:

Secretary	Germaine R. Chappelle
Budget Officer	Larry Ruzow
Chair-Elect	Rosemary Maestas-Swazo

Chair Pam Ray declared these persons to be duly elected to office, and these persons entered upon the performance of their duties. In further discussion, Ms. Maestas-Swazo volunteered to assist Mr. Ruzow in the performance of his duties as Budget Officer.

**Endorsement of Tribal-State Judicial Consortium Appropriation**

The board finalized its endorsement of the efforts of the Tribal-State Judicial Consortium request for an appropriation from the state legislature. The membership was notified through publication in the bar bulletin of the board's decision to endorse the appropriation proposal and no comments were received regarding the endorsement. Upon motion by Steffani Cochran,

which was seconded by Rosemary Maestas-Swazo, the Board unanimously voted to endorse the Tribal-State Judicial Consortium Appropriation.

### **Election of Committee Chairs**

Upon motion by Pam Ray, an election of Committee Chairs was held by the Board, resulting in the unanimous choice of the following Committee Chairs:

Website	Karl Johnson
Newsletter	Larry Ruzow
Annual Reception	Joan Kozon
CLE	Rosemary Maestas-Swazo

Chair Pam Ray declared these persons to be duly elected to office, and these persons entered upon the performance of their duties.

Further discussion took place regarding the need to form a nominating committee. Joan Kozon and Germaine Chappelle also volunteered to assist Rosemary Maestas-Swazo on the CLE Committee. It was suggested that CLE efforts be coordinated with Christine Morganti of the State Bar and that efforts be made to include the Sutin and Thayer law firm in planning a CLE pertaining to Navajo law. Ms. Maestas-Swazo discussed the CLE survey and noted that the Interim Director of the Bar's CLE program is Jini Wimmer.

### **New Business**

Conference on Commonality: The Conference on Commonality was discussed. Steffani Cochran volunteered to attend and mentioned that the Honorable William Johnson, Acoma tribal court judge, may be interested in attending. Rosemary Maestas-Swazo stated that she planned attending the conference in her capacity as Chair of the New Mexico Indian Bar Association.

Discussion on Interaction with Bar: Christine Morganti presented the Board with information about the submission of information to the Bar Bulletin and stated specifically that the submission deadline for the Bar Bulletin is 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the printing of the Bar Bulletin, which usually occurs on Wednesdays. Ms. Morganti also presented information regarding the Board's newsletter.

Bar Bulletin Insert on Indian Law: Ms. Morganti also informed the Board that the Board of Editors of the Bar Bulletin intended to publish an insert in the Bar Bulletin on Indian Law. Ms. Morganti conveyed the Board of Editor's request that the Board participate in such publication. Upon motion by Pam Ray, which was seconded by Steffani Cochran, the Board decided to form a Special Insert Committee comprised of the following persons:

Chair	Germaine Chappelle
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Members                      Larry Ruzow  
                                     Rosemary Maestas-Swazo  
                                     Aaron Frankland

Chair Pam Ray declared these persons to be duly elected to office, and these persons entered upon the performance of their duties.

**Old Business**

Committee Reports: The Committee chairs had no news to report.

Writing Competition: Pam Ray presented the Board with information regarding the writing competition. Mr. Kevin Washburn, chair of the ILS Indian Law Writing Competition for 2004 has reported that flyers had been sent out to Indian Law Professors nationwide. Mr. Washburn specified that the deadline for submissions is February 15, 2004.

Budget: Ms. Ray presented the Board with the Budget she drafted. Upon motion by Germaine Chappelle, which was seconded by Larry Ruzow, the Board unanimously approved the Budget.

Next Meeting Date: Ms. Ray proposed that the next meeting date be March 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. and that the Board meet thereafter on the first Friday of every other month at 9:00 a.m. Upon motion by Germaine Chappelle, which was seconded by Rosemary Maestas-Swazo, the Board agreed to adopt this meeting schedule.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made by Ms. Maestas-Swazo and seconded, by Ms. Chappelle the meeting adjourned.

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Germaine R. Chappelle  
Secretary