

INDIAN LAW SECTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 22, 2004 @ 9:00 AM
State Bar of New Mexico, Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM 87501

MINUTES

Call to Order Time: 9:05 A.M.

Roll Call: Present were: Steffani Cochran (by telephone); Aaron Frankland (by telephone); Robert Gruenig; Karl Johnson; Joan Kozon; Marte Lightstone (by telephone); Pam Ray; and Gloria Valencia-Weber. Absent were: Doug Nash; Rosemary Maestas-Swazo; and Larry Ruzow.

Also present was Keith Thompson from the State Bar of New Mexico.

I. Approval of Agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.

II. Minutes

Minutes for the August 05, 2004 and May 14, 2004 meetings were adopted.

Gloria Valencia-Weber made the motion to adopt the minutes and Joan Kozon seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted as presented.

III. Old Business

A. Nominating Committee Report: Karl Johnson reported on the nominations of the nominating committee. There were four positions:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Levon B. Henry	Two years (2005-2006)	Remainder of Pam's term
Aaron B. Frankland	Three years(2005-2007)	Incumbent
Bob Gruenig	Three years(2005-2007)	Incumbent
Helen B. Padilla	Three years(2005-2007)	Position being vacated by Joan Kozon

The biographies of the nominees were published in the October 7, 2004 Bar Bulletin. If the State Bar receives no additional nominations by November 1, the nominees are elected by acclamation and take office on January 1, 2005. If additional nominations are made, the State Bar will conduct a mail ballot election on or before November 10.

B. CLE Committee Report: A brief discussion of the CLE was held. Rosemary Maestas-Swazo, chair of the CLE committee, was not in attendance but Gloria Valencia-Weber was able to give some general information about the CLE. More detailed information will be sought for the December 17 meeting. Professor Valencia-Weber moderated at the CLE and felt there was good attendance and high audience participation, especially at the economic development discussion. It appeared to be a good discussion for generating questions and comments and should be kept in mind for future CLE's that we offer.

C. Insert Committee Update. Larry Ruzow was unable to attend the meeting and has asked to be removed as chair of the Insert Committee. Aaron Frankland agreed to become chair of the Insert Committee. The committee has received Dan Jarrett's article. Pam will contact Kip Bobroff and Alex Beattie to see if they will be presenting their article soon. Joan Kozon has an ICWA discussion that she has permission to have reprinted and will send to Aaron for review. Aaron suggested that he might be able to secure an article from Paul Spruhan, Clerk for the Navajo Supreme Court. The discussion by Steve Greetham presented at the CLE was received well. We will contact him to see if he has a hard copy that he is willing to include in the insert.

D. Writing Competition Alternative. Bar fee scholarships were discussed as an alternative to the writing competition. In May the board decided that the money expended on the writing competition should be used to help students in New Mexico. We have never received an entry from a New Mexico student. Currently the Hispanic Bar gives a scholarship for bar fees and bar courses. Professor Valencia-Weber will email information about the manner in which awards are made for the Hispanic Bar Award. The board questioned whether we wanted to limit the pool of applicants to NM

tribal members or make it for any Native American student. Aaron questioned whether the bar would allow awards to have a racial preference. It appears that race cannot be part of the criteria for awarding the scholarship. Although a vote was not taken, the consensus was that the purpose should be to increase the number of New Mexico tribal members becoming lawyers in New Mexico.

E. Section Newsletter. It was decided that the board will concentrate on completing the insert then discuss how to approach institutionalizing the section newsletter. Karl Johnson suggested that the section could get important cases from the law school and then each member of the section could write a summary of a case or two and have them printed in the newsletter.

II. Financial Report.

Pam Ray noted that there was a balance of \$69 in the account of the section as of the end of September.

III. Other Business - Announcements

There was no other business or announcements.

IV. Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 17, 2004 at the State Bar Center at 9:00 A.M.

V. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 A.M.