Minutes of Native Peoples Law Caucus  
Meeting of June 27, 2023  
(via Zoom)

Time: 11AM (Mountain Time)

In attendance were:

- Anne Lucke  
- Darla Jackson  
- Richard Amelung  
- Bonnie Shucha  
- Amber Madole  
- Rachel Chapman  
- R. Martin Witt  
- Rachel Nelson  
- Teresa Miguel-Stearns  
- Rebecca Plevel  
- Renu Sagreiya

Meeting called to order by NPLC Chair Anne Lucke.

1. Chair’s Report
   a. Welcome and thank you to officers:
      i. Amber Madole, secretary  
      ii. Marty Witt, webmaster
      iii. Scott Stevens, newsletter editor

   b. Job postings on NPLC email list
      i. As chair of NPLC, Anne has decided not to post requests from others because it takes a lot of time and ads traffic to NPLC member email load.
      ii. That being said, Anne encourages NPLC members to post jobs at their institutions or that they think would be of interest to NPLC membership – just not reposting all of the ones that come through that are more general-interest.

   c. Newsletter
      i. Thanks to NPLC members who sent in newsletter items;
      ii. Please submit content or ideas by Friday, June 30 to alucke@narf.org;
      iii. Seeking new editor for 2024.

   d. NPLC at AALL Annual Meeting
      i. CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians) – AALL Marketplace  
         1. Saturday July 15, 11:15am – 12pm EDT
2. Amber Madole, Rachel Nelson and Rebecca Plevel will represent NPLC and will have new NPLC stickers for attendees, feel free to stop by and say hello.

ii. AALL Annual Meeting Programs presented by NPLC members:
   1. Recognizing the Third Sovereign: Promoting Awareness of, Respect for, and Access to Native American Tribal Law (Deep Dive)
   2. Bonnie Shucha, Amber Madole, Rachel Nelson, Rebecca Plevel
   3. Monday, Jul 17, 9:30am – 12:00pm EDT

iii. Preconference Session – The Wonders of Data – Rachel Chapman will be moderating
   1. Several NPLC members will be in attendance.

e. NPLC Informal Meeting at AALL in Boston
   i. Amber Madole will send out a Doodle poll and more info about our meeting point, for another informal NPLC hangout.

2. NPLC Projects and Ideas
   a. The advocacy group Law Librarians for Indigenous Inclusive Citation (including Amber Madole, Rachel Nelson, and Sherri Thomas) has secured an institutional commitment from the Bluebook to work on adoption of Indigenous inclusive citation rules. This is an ongoing project with a projected publication date of 2025, when the next edition of the Bluebook is due to be published.

   b. Bonnie Shucha, Anne Lucke, Rachel Nelson, and others continue to work on the IMLS Digital Publication of Tribal Laws Pilot Project, which will create an open law library platform to enable libraries to improve access to tribal laws.

   i. Link to the grant: [https://www.imls.gov/grants/awarded/lg-246285-ols-20](https://www.imls.gov/grants/awarded/lg-246285-ols-20)

   ii. Partners: Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, the UW Law School Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center, the National Indian Law Library, and the Open Law Library

   c. Renu Sagreiya, chair of CARLIG (Customary & Religious Law Interest Group), is working on a webinar on the Doctrine of Discovery and wanted to check if NPLC is interested in helping plan/coordinate, since CARLIG and NPLC both have shared interests in this area.

   d. Teresa Miguel Stearns reported on the University of Arizona Law Library and Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library Preservation Project. The U of A law library has been helping preserve the collection of the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources Library, which they are housing on a temporary basis. This collection is being digitized and includes over 2000 maps. Many of the maps are color-sensitive and require special handling. Some of the documents are confidential and available for
viewing only by Navajo citizens. Over 60 titles will be available under the LLMC Navajo Nation Collection.

e. Richard Amelung, working with LLMC, has reorganized Native American collection into a broader and more inclusive Indigenous Law Resources page, which includes info about Indigenous peoples of Russia, Indonesia, and other jurisdictions.

f. Darla Jackson attended the Sovereignty Symposium earlier this month. The keynote speaker was Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, a peer and member of the House of Lords (UK) who has an interest in Indigenous Peoples Human Rights. She is doing research in UK materials and has current projects with the Iroquois and Chickasaw Nations.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12 PM Mountain Time.