

American Indian Law Section
June 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm ET

Conference call number: See Microsoft Teams information

Welcome – Roll Call

Lauren called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

- a. Present:
 - a. Voting Members: Amy Wesaw, Lauren Mulhern, Jennifer Saeckl, Anna Bruty (by proxy to Jennifer Saeckl), Sarah Zlotnicki, Katrina Kapture, Jessica Scutt, Judge Tina Yost Johnson.
 - b. Non-Voting Members: Peter Schinkai (Law Student Advisor)
- b. Absent:
 - a. Voting Members: Nazune Menka, Erika Weiss, Tanya Wanageshik, Jacqueline Hand
 - b. Non-Voting Members: Stanette Amy (ex officio), Cami Fraser (ex officio), Stacey Rock (Law Student Advisor)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (4/21/22)

Judge Tina Yost Johnson moved to approve minutes, Sarah seconded. Motion passed (7 for, 0 against, 1 abstain).

Approval of Agenda

Lauren moved to approve the agenda, Tina seconded. Motion passed (8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain).

I. Unfinished Business:

- A. Updates from Committees –
 - a. Advocacy and Education Committee (John Morseau and Stacey Rock)
 - i. Graduation Regalia Issue
 - 1. No updates.
 - b. Communication and Membership Engagement Committee (Jen Saeckl and Erika Weiss)
 - i. No updates.
- B. Annual Meeting – September 9, 2022
 - a. Schedule.
 - i. Lauren announced a draft schedule.
 - b. Speaker/Topic Ideas and Update

- i. Expungement Panel –
 - a. 3 confirmed panelists.
 - b. Lauren has not heard from judiciary representatives. We are looking for state or tribal judiciary.
 - c. Judge Tina Yost Johnson is going to reach out to some local judges.
- ii. HB 5706 – MI cannabis legislation
 - a. 3 confirmed panelists
 - b. Waiting to hear from Whitney Gravelle.
- c. Funding (honorarium and travel costs) and Treasurer update.
 - i. Lauren said we received our latest financial report today. Scholarship funds have not been removed yet, balance is currently at \$19,120.99.
 - ii. Amy suggested waiting to find out the expenses before agreeing to pay honorarium/travel costs. Lauren stated that room rates at Firekeepers are \$109 per night, and some speakers are attending virtually.
 - iii. Judge Tina Yost Johnson explained that judges are not typically supposed to accept gifts, honorariums have to be reported after a certain amount and judges don't like doing the paperwork. Gifts for judges would need to be like a plaque, certificate, or small symbolic item to avoid that.
 - iv. Judge Tina Yost Johnson already received a response from Judge John Halasee and is giving him Lauren's contact information.
 - v. Amy made a motion to set a max price limit at \$400 to equal \$50 per person. Lauren seconded. Motion passed (8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain).
- d. Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award
 - i. Lauren hasn't received any nominations yet, we are extending the deadline.
- C. AILS/MSU ILPC Annual Conference.
 - a. Lauren's call with Winona Singel was cancelled, Lauren is going to reach out to her again and try to have an update for the next meeting.

II. New Business

- A. No new business.

III. General Updates

- A. Judge Tina Yost Johnson had a meeting with Judge Pope about court rule changes. Several judges have been meeting to discuss the Juvenile Justice Task Force. Tribal judges are having some issues – status offenses, funding for services, testing. ICWA/MIFPA issues are still moving forward and they want to conduct a large training session this year.

Motion to adjourn by Lauren, seconded by Judge Tina Yost Johnson. Motion passed (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstain).

Meeting adjourned 12:42 PM.