

State Bar of Michigan
American Indian Law Section
January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm EST

Welcome- Roll Call- call to order at 12:02 p.m.

Present:

Kathryn Petersen
Stacey Rock
Hon. Tina Yost Johnson
Peter Schinkai
Sarah Zlotnicki
Kaitlin Gant
Rory Wheeler
Robin Bilagody
Yasmeen Farran (by proxy SZ)
Anna Bruty

Approval of Meeting Minutes (12/13/2023)

- i. Motion to approve by (Hon. TYJ); Seconded by (KP); Approved (7-0-0).

Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to approve by (Hon. TYJ); Seconded by (KG); Approved (7-0-0).

I. Unfinished Business

a. Section Comment on Legislation

- i. SB 0498 (2023): SR: Correspondence sent to Children's Law Section regarding writing a joint comment. They are discussing this week. Interest in beginning our statement to keep moving along. Unsure of comment period expiration date. TYJ: Do we have a representative for legislative to keep us informed of status of bill? Likely that things are not moving very fast currently because of legislative makeup. We can wait to see how Children Law Section wants to proceed and then begin drafting. If they do not agree with us, let us put something out. Family law section is waiting for our statement.

- b. Section Events: SR: working with the ADR section for joint event in the spring. Considering expanding to half day event. Typically discuss peacekeeping and interesting in doing a talking circle. Annual event updates? KP: not yet but we will begin picking up pace as new year starts. SR: Cannabis compact/state law? Does anyone have a contact who does this work? PS: John Fraiser. AB: currently negotiating a cannabis compact for a tribe. Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award

information for consideration. Looking at the past recipients, there doesn't seem to be a limit on the number of times an awardee can receive award. Doesn't need to change much, just the date. SR: will take a motion to approve changes and distribute. AB motion. SZ second. Approved (8-0-0).

- c. Bar Scholarships: TYJ: rollover to next period and grant larger amount. SR: the award was drafted that way. Where have we posted? Sending to law school financial aid offices. We've sent to NALSA groups. Wanye: TYJ, SR: Cooley; MSU; Rory; Detroit Mercy: Prof. Singel; Sending to Tribal Education Departments. SR: Motion to roll scholarship amount over to June period. Motion made by Hon. TYJ; Seconded SZ; Approved (8-0-0).
- d. Updating AILS Webpage Content: SR: Working on uploading past years meeting minutes. SZ will draft RFP to work for artwork.

II. General Updates

a. Updates from Committees

- i. Advocacy and Education Committee: no engagement, how do we get more people involved? Post to Facebook page, post to section page, sent out survey to membership to gauge needs and wants of membership.
- ii. Communication and Membership Engagement Committee:
- iii. Treasurer's Report: current numbers are above average to normal.

Motion to adjourn Hon TYJ, Second AB. Approved (8-0-0).