

State Bar of Michigan
American Indian Law Section
February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm EST

Welcome –Call to Order at 12:01 pm EST

Roll Call:

Stacey Rock
Peter Schinkai
Anna Bruty
Kaitlin Gant
Kathryn Petersen
Katrina Kapture by proxy
Hon. Tina Yost Johnson
Sarah Zlotnicki by proxy
Yasmeen Farran by proxy
Robin Bilagody
Amy Wesaw

Approval of January Meeting Minutes (01/10/2024)

- i. Motion to approve (KP); Seconded (PS); Approved (8-0-0)

Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to approve (AB); Seconded (PS); Approved (8-0-0)

I. Unfinished Business

a. SB 0498 (2023)

- i. Read the language of Children Law Section's comment; support our position to remove ICWA cases altogether; JTYJ was working on a draft; tribal reps have been working on this with the state and have made additional suggested changes. Will have to check on deadline for comments.

b. Section Events

i. Annual meeting

1. Topics

- a. Education Sovereignty would go well if we had Dr. Martin as a speaker; Could have a general theme of sovereignty and touch on both education and food sovereignty; Goes hand-in-hand; discuss grants, policies, and importance.

Half day v whole day: will impact budget. Should we focus on either sovereignty or cannabis. Cannabis could be a joint event with the cannabis law section; Have Dr. Reinhart as a speaker and then two additional speakers and a panel afterwards with all three; plan for 5-6 hours. Reach out to SZ and EP;

2. Nominations for Tecumseh Peacekeeping

- a. Dr. Martin Reinhart: established lead on education and food sovereignty; Could start ordering speaker gift/award gift: eighth gen blanket or basket.

ii. Joint Events:

- 1. ADR: sending out a survey to ask how members would like to participate in an event.
 - a. Motion to set aside \$1,000 for ADR (PS); Seconded (KG); Approved (8-0-0).
- 2. Other events: PS attended insurance section event, had a low-key event with food and drinks for members to meet. We should try to plan these types of events to move the section forward, would like to plan something for June. Could do the cannabis section. PS will take the lead, SZ and EP to possibly help and follow up next month.

c. Bar Scholarship:

- i. No new applicants; the insurance law section is also having trouble getting applicants. Is there a reason we are having trouble; RB shared that the Michigan licensure requirement has been a reason why MSU students have not applied.

d. AILS webpage content:

- i. SZ working on RFP for artwork; requirements for upload artwork; Contract will be between AILS and artist but will have to be approved by SBM. Set deadline for submission for July 5.
 - 1. Motion to approve RFP as amended (KP); Seconded (PS); Approved (8-0-0).

e. Submissions for Supreme Court historical society's journal:

- i. Fred Baker requested articles on tribal/state court cooperation and coordination. Potential topics: VAWA; Mcquirt decision and comparison between OK and MI tribal/state relationship; Fletcher is discussing ICWA decision; keep this on our radar; Jasmin and Robin are interested in possibly drafting an article.

II. New Business

a. High School Mock Trial volunteers

- i. SR to post to discussion board

b. Proposed Amendment to MCR 3.967

- i. Fully support with no changes; make a position statement. SR will draft statement and bring it to next month's meeting.

c. Administrative Assistance for AILS

- i. Not sure of process, but as we attempt to get the section more involved, the more work we'll have. PS will follow up the admin assistant he's meet for the insurance section and report back.

III. General Updates

a. Updates from Committees

- i. SR to send request to membership for participation.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. State Bar Income Statement amounts are reading wrong. Will ask AB to follow up with SBM.

Motion to adjourn at 1:37pm EST (Hon. TYJ); Seconded (KP); Approved (9-0-0).