

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

Indian Law Section Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Remote: Zoom call in only

I. Call to order and establish quorum, (Action)

The *Executive Committee Chair* called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Executive Committee Members Present (10): Bree Black Horse, Chair; Brenda George, Chair-Elect; Drew Pollom, Secretary/Treasurer; Andrew Fuller, At-Large Member; Mary Neil, At-Large Member; Derek Red-Arrow Frank, At-Large Member; Jessica Roberts, At-Large Member; Dillon Spiess, At-Large Member, Danielle Bargala, Immediate Past Chair *; Agatha Erickson, Young Lawyers Liaison*(*indicates non-voting member);

Executive Committee Members excused: Ethan Jones, At-Large Member; Dan Rey-Bear, At-Large Member; Cheyenne Sanders, At-Large Member; Tom Schlosser, At-Large Member; Lauren Boyd, Board of Governors Liaison*(*indicates non-voting member);

WSBA Representatives and Staff Present: Carolyn McGregor, Sections Program Specialist;

Others Present: None.

Meeting Quorum: A majority of the thirteen (13) voting executive committee membership constitutes a quorum needed for action, which is a total of seven (7) or more voting members.

II. Introductions (Discussion)

Chairperson Black Horse opens up meeting by welcoming new committee members to the board. The new members include:

- Agatha Erickson: Agatha is the section's young lawyers representative. She is a litigation associate at Foster Garvey and originally from Alaska.
- Dillon Spiess: Dillon is a new At-Large Member and is currently in the Interim Legal Director for the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe.
- Andrew Fuller: Andrew is a new At-Large Member and currently works at Ogden Murphy Wallace practicing tribal and environmental law.

III. Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action)*

Chairperson Black Horse call for a motion to approve the September 2022 minutes. Motion made by Derek Frank and seconded by Dillion Spiess. Those voting favor: Brenda George, Drew Pollom, Andrew Fuller, Mary Neil, Derek Red-Arrow Frank, Jessica Roberts, and Dillion Spiess. None voting against. Motion passes 7-0.

IV. Chair's Report (Discussion) **

Chairperson Black Horse recapped the Indian Law Section Mentorship program held on Thursday, October 13th. Committee

members Drew Pollom, Derek Red-Arrow Frank, and Jessica Roberts attended the event. Pre-law students included five tribal members from Central Washington and one non-tribal member who are participating in the LSAC Pipeline program through Heritage University. Also in attendance were several law students from Seattle School of Law and University of Idaho School of Law. University representatives included Monte Mills from the University of Washington School of Law and Deans Tony Varona and Gerald Heppler from Seattle University School of Law. Dean Heppler specifically asked for assistance from SU alums to help persuade and support native students to attend Seattle University School of Law.

Chairperson Black Horse also mentioned we may be under budget for the event but her firm needs to send her the final receipts. Immediate Past Chair Danielle Bargala Sanchez expressed her thanks and gratitude for a great event.

Finally, Chairperson Black Horse let the Committee know about the UW NALSA mentorship event which is happening next month. Members interested in the event will be contacted.

V. Treasurer's Report (Discussion) **

Treasurer Pollom explained that the Board Officers allocated funds from the Scholarship budget to pay for hotel rooms for mentorship participants from Central Washington. The Executive Committee will see a budget amendment to increase funds in the scholarship budget to meet the traditional \$10,000 donation to the Northwest Indian Bar Association. Treasurer Pollom also informed the Board that as of August 31, 2022, the Section had over \$70,000 in reserve.

VI. WSBA Report – WSBA BOG Liaison and WSBA Sections Program Lead (Discussion) **

Carolyn let the Committee know about the WSBA Section leaders conference that will occur on November 14, 2022. It is a hybrid event and members are encouraged to attend in person at the WSBA offices.

VII. Committee Reports

a. CLE Planning (Discussion) **

Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt is interested in hosting the Indian Law Section CLE next year. Foster Garvey may also be interested in hosting and Agatha Erickson will check in on their interest. The CLE Committee will be reformed with new members at the November 2022 meeting.

b. Newsletter (Discussion) **

Communications Committee (Brenda George and Jessica Roberts) Indicate next step is a call for submissions. They are also seeking help from law firms with designing the newsletter to make it look polished. Jessica Roberts will look into if Davis Wright Tremaine can assist with newsletter publication; Chairperson Black Horse will look into whether Kilpatrick Townsend can assist.

VIII. For the Good of the Order/New Business (Discussion)**

Chairperson Black Horse let the Committee know she will look into whether the November meeting date conflicts with Thanksgiving and will adjust that meeting if necessary.

IX. Adjourn (Action)*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved: On November 16, 2022