

WSBA ILS Board Meeting
11/17/2021 at 12:00 p.m.

1. Attendees:

Dani Bargala, Chair
Bree Black Horse, Chair-Elect
Brenda George, Secretary-Treasurer
Cheyenne Sanders
Andrew Pollum
Ethan Jones
Tom Schlosser
Stephanie Tsosie
Mary Neil
Daniel Rey-Bear
Carolyn MacGregor

2. Committee Updates:

- *CLE Committee*
 - Report: Tom Schlosser presented a memorandum memorializing the CLE Committee's proposal to host a fully virtual two-day CLE on June 16-17, 2021. The Committee recommended hosting in-person happy hour sessions on one of those dates in two locations in Washington State – one in the Seattle area and one in Eastern Washington. Danielle Bargala reported that WSBA hosted CLE's are a 50/50 split of profits with WSBA covering costs if the CLE is not profitable. Last year's CLE had 83 attendees.
 - Board Decisions: The Executive Board approved by consensus the fully virtual CLE being held on June 16-17, 2021. The host of the CLE is TBD based on cost and capabilities of the host. The Board requested that Juneteenth be recognized at the start of the second day of the CLE.
 - Next Steps: The CLE Committee will carefully review the topics and proposed speakers again, specifically the Hemp topic and increasing the ethics portion to a 1-hour session, and report back with a final list to the Board at the next meeting. Regarding hosting, Drew Pollom will reach out to Eric Eberhard at UW, Brenda George will continue discussions with Brooke Pinkham at SU. Each will report back at the next meeting for Board decision. Bree Black Horse recommended pursuing recruitment and retention of indigenous law students as an ethics topic.

- *Mentorship Committee*
 - Danielle Bargala and Bree Black Horse reported that the committee is working on outreach to law schools on indigenous student enrollment. The committee plans to move forward with in person networking events with law students; outreach to law schools on enrollment and retention of indigenous students; and assistance to students in pre-law school, law school, post-law school, and job search processes. Some of this is being explored with Davis Wright Tremaine as a potential partner.

- *Communications Committee*
 - Danielle Bargala reported that Jeremy Wood is the Newsletter Editor. He plans to reach out to Lauren King for a potential article. The committee hopes to have a monthly e-newsletter inclusive of job announcements, new hire announcements, and one article.
 - Several Board members emphasized support of an article topic of recruitment and retention of indigenous law students at the three Washington law schools. Further, support for the Indian Law programs at these law schools and a call to action for the law schools to commit to improving their Federal Indian Law offerings.

3. **Next Meeting date:** November Meeting December 15, 2021