

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

## Indian Law Section Executive Committee

### Meeting Minutes

*September 21, 2022*

*Remote: Zoom call in only*

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

The *Executive Committee Chair* called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Executive Committee Members Present (11):** *Danielle Bargala, Chair; Bree Black Horse, Chair-Elect; Brenda George, Secretary/Treasurer; Maryanne Mohan, Immediate Past-Chair; Dan Rey-Bear, At-Large Member; Mary Neil, At-Large Member; Cheyenne Sanders, At-Large Member; Derek Red-Arrow Frank, At-Large Member; Ethan Jones, At-Large Member; Stephanie Tsosie, At-Large Member; Andrew Pollom, At-Large Member.*

**Executive Committee Members excused:** *Jeremy Wood, Newsletter Editor\*; Hunter Abell, Board of Governors Liaison\*; Jessica Roberts, At-Large Member; Tom Schlosser, At-Large Member; (\*indicates non-voting member).*

**WSBA Representatives and Staff Present:** *None*

**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. Chair's Report (Discussion)

a. Mentorship Event: Bree and Dani reported that menu options were still under consideration. The contract between Kilpatrick Townsend and WSBA is being reviewed by WSBA for finalization. Bree explained that the event is a little over budget. Dani will look into if we have any expenses that can be pulled from the 2022 budget. Brenda stated that the budget is healthy and ILS could cover any budgetary overage. Bree requested a final headcount of Board members planning to attend the mentorship event and added that panels are still under development so Board members should let her know if they are interested in speaking. Andrew reported that alumni relations at Seattle University School of Law had reached out to him regarding what they can improve on and to schedule a meeting for October 5, 2022. Ethan Jones added that Monte Mills of University of Washington Law had also reached out to him regarding the same. Brenda stated that these issues have been presented to each of the schools repeatedly, but it's important to keep having the conversations. If anyone from the Board has discussion points, forward them to Andrew and Ethan. A discussion ensued on law school applicants and how to get more Native law students in all of the Washington law schools.

#### III. NIBA Donation (Action)

Dani explained that the Northwest Indian Bar Association donation is something that the ILS does every year. Brenda explained that this year the group has not been able to coordinate an event, but that the Executive Board feels it important to donate to the group anyway. Brenda elaborated that NIBA is currently seeking donations for scholarships for Native Law students and bar stipends. Brenda recommended, in line with the Executive Board's recommendation, to donate \$10,000 as budgeted despite the lack of a 2022 NIBA fundraising event.

On MOTION duly made by *Derek Frank* and seconded by *Dan Rey-Bear*, the Executive Committee approved by 10 for (BB, DF, AP, MM, BG, TS, DR, MN, CS, ST)-0-0 majority vote donating \$10,000 to the Northwest Indian Bar Association.

**IV. Approval of July 2022 and August 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Brenda presented the July and August 2022 meeting minutes for review.

On MOTION duly made by *Andrew Pollom* and seconded by *Dan Rey-Bear*, the Executive Committee approved by 10 for (BB, DF, AP, MM, BG, TS, DR, MN, CS, ST)-0-0 majority vote the July 20, 2022, and August 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

**V. Communications Committee / Newsletter Update (Discussion)**

Brenda stated that she had met with Jessica two times and discussed publishing a newsletter beginning in 2023 at least three times per year, or up to quarterly. Brenda stated that they had agreed setting a theme for each publication might help attract content so they had selected educating on Indian law, both in law school and outside of law school as the first theme. The call for articles will include sample topic ideas and a deadline of December 1, 2022. Further, Jessica proposed featuring a tribal citizen or ally working to advance Indian law for each publication. Newsletter design is still under discussion and will be brought to the Board once complete. Bree recommended asking a law firm to take on that administrative task. Brenda stated that she would check in with Jessica on her firm's ability to do that, noting that we would ultimately like a template that future Board members could modify and use without relying on someone outside of the Board to finalize. Brenda noted that prior newsletter publications had been sent to WSBA's contractor for finalization, which is an added expense to the Section.

**VI. Treasurer's Report (Discussion)**

Brenda stated that the most recent received budget report showed a healthy balance for the Section. Brenda added that the Section had not spent much money this year, but had brought in a great amount of revenue with the CLE.

Dani reported that the Executive Committee had circulated a draft of the Annual Report that is due October 17, 2022.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.