

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

September 24, 2024
12:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 811 5445 4627

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Quorum = 6 Directors

Quorum Met: Yes No

	Name	Position	Present
1	Bidtah N. Becker	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Kari Olsen	Chair-elect / Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Melinda Branin	Past Chair / Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Zachary Ogaz	Secretary / Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Kristen Burby	Budget Officer / Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Steve Hernandez	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Thomas Paterson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Yarithza Peña	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Maslyn Locke	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	John Verheul	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Benjamin Ross	YLD Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Vanessa Springer	UNM Student Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Adrian Oglesby	UNM Faculty	<input type="checkbox"/>

Items:

1. Welcome - Bidtah
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Kristen moved; Steve second; unanimous approval
3. Financial Review – Kristen Burby
 - a. Still have money coming in! Another \$180 from people joining mid-year
 - b. \$1,180 over the Section's anticipated budget
 - c. Keep thinking about how to spend the Section's money
 - d. Membership has been flat at \$8,000; membership dues increased 15%; to determine how many new members, we need clarity on how much dues are

4. Old Business

- a. Volunteer for Attorney Achievement Awards: Zach volunteered in prior meeting as reflected in minutes
- b. Following discussion occurred on the two awards
 - i. Attorney of the year; it was noted that the last awarding of this award occurred in 2020; there has been one woman awarded in the last ten years and no person of color;
 - 1. The board discussed rebranding the award to address changing values, how and why it is challenging to nominate someone for one outstanding year;
 - 2. Kristen and Bidtah volunteered to run a poll of our members including incentives for completing the poll, understanding changing values, why nominations are few and sometimes non-existent, and ask whether NREEL should keep the award
 - ii. Lifetime achievement is someone who is near or at retirement to recognize their contributions; this seems easier to award and the board does not see a need to rebrand this award
 - iii. Discussion of the tangible award; perhaps jackets instead of Nambe
- c. CLEs
 - i. Third quarter; Kari will reach out to Adrian to see if UNM is hosting an event; if it is, NREEL will join, if it is not NREEL will forego a third quarter CLE.
 - ii. End of Year;
 - 1. Kari will send out a calendar invite for a meeting during the first week of October; Administrative Law Section is tracking what NREEL is planning on doing;
 - 2. Location: discussed various ideas of changing location or improving catering is stay at State Bar
 - 3. Discussed reducing the cost by \$50 to a certain number of members;
 - 4. Melinda will focus on finding and after event activity and maybe we can market as a time to celebrate the awardee(s)

5. New Business

- a. \$250 sponsorship to Young Lawyers Swearing Inn Reception
Kristen moved; Steve second; unanimous approval
- b. Review Board Membership
- c. Steve report out on Solo and Small Firm Section CLE (moved to October meeting)

6. Next Meeting Date: October 22, 2024