

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION
State Bar of Michigan
Meeting without a Quorum
March 30, 2007

RECORD OF MEETING
Submitted by Melissa L. Pope

Present: Melissa L. Pope (Chair); James Keedy; Thomas Sylvia; Tom Myers.

As there was not a quorum for this meeting, members had a general discussion about the Section.

- James Keedy reported that Michigan Indian Legal Services is interested in developing a pilot project with tribal courts. Melissa expressed interest in assisting with this effort.
- It was agreed that the Membership needs step-by-step instructions on how to join and utilize the listserv.
- It was agreed that there should be an article in the Newsletter that highlights the MSU Indigenous Law and Policy Center.
- It was suggested that the Section may want to contact the State Bar regarding conducting an on-line survey of the membership.
- Participants suggested that a program on art, artifacts and skeletal remains may be of interest to the membership. We may want to contact the Art and Entertainment law section to co-sponsor this event.
- Participants suggested that a general program about American Indian Law may be of interest to the membership. A suggested title was, "50 Things You Don't Know about Indian Law." Another person suggested involving tribal courts in this program.
- Participants suggested contacting the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to find out who is handling Block Grants now that Donna Budnick no longer works there.
- Participants agreed that William Rastetter is an excellent choice for the 2007 Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award.
- Participants asked that we take to the membership whether directors of Indian organizations are eligible to receive the Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award.