

**American Indian Law Section
State Bar of Michigan
Friday, March 27, 1998**

Council Members in Attendance

Donna Budnick, Ron Douglas, Dawn Duncan (via conference call), Jacqueline Hand, James Keedy, Barry Levine, Melissa Pope

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was adopted

Review of September 19, 1997 Meeting Minutes

The September 19, 1997 Meeting Minutes were adopted

Review of Financial Reports

There is currently \$2,041.47 in our account. Donna Budnick is checking with the State Bar of Michigan regarding the phone bill, as it is at \$285.70 for 1998, which appears to be higher than what has been spent to date.

Committee Reports

AILS Newsletter

The Newsletter has not been prepared for distribution. Barry Levine hopes to have it out in June. Jacqueline Hand said she would once again provide case information for the newsletter. Donna Budnick suggested adding clip art for this year's edition. Barry Levine said he would discuss this with the State Bar.

Other Committees

There were no reports from any of the other committees.

Award

The Section would like to recognize an individual's work in the area of Indian law through the presentation of an award. Suggestions should be sent to Ron Douglas, along with a synopsis of the contributions of the nominee.

By-Laws

Donna Budnick will review the Section's by-laws to determine if any changes need to be made. She will present her findings at the Annual State Bar of Michigan meeting in September.

Annual Bar Association Meeting Activities

Mackinaw

There will be an annual meeting on Saturday, June 14, 1998 at Mackinaw. James Keedy will notify council members.

Lansing

The AILS will once again host “Day in Tribal Court” at the Annual State Bar Meeting in Lansing on Friday, September 18, 1998. The theme will be “Doing Business with an Indian Tribe.” Jacqueline Hand will contact the Business Section to see if they have a newsletter in which we can advertise our program. Details will be finalized at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes approved on September 18, 1998.