

**AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION  
State Bar of Michigan  
September 18, 2008**

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2008 Meeting
- IV. Report from the Chair, Lynnmarie Johnson
- V. Treasurer's Report, Melissa L. Pope
- VI. New Business
  - A. Proposal for Monthly Phone Conferences
  - B. Donation to Michigan Indian Legal Services
- VII. Old Business
  - A. House Bill 4650
  - B. Tecumseh Peacekeeping Awards - Record of Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award Recipients

1997:	None Given	1998:	Bill James
1999:	Congressman Dale Kildee	2000:	Justice Michael F. Cavanaugh Judge Michael Petoskey
2001:	Helen Hornbeck Tanner	2002:	Ronald Douglas
2003:	Kathryn Tierney	2004:	James Keedy
2005:	Donna Budnick	2006:	Beverly Clark
2007:	William Rastetter	2008:	Bruce Greene
  - C. 2007 Donation to Michigan Indian Legal Services
  - D. Bylaws
  - E. Archive
- VIII. Elections
  - A. Expiring Terms: Stanette Amy; Ronald Douglas; Thomas Myers; Jeffrey Wojnecka
  - B. Chair: Bill Brooks; Chair-Elect: Melissa Pope (declined); Secretary/Treasurer: Open
- IX. Committees
  - A. Spirit Fund
  - B. Legislative
  - C. Programming
  - D. Nominating
  - E. Newsletter
- X. Announcements
- XI. Presentation of the Gavel

**2008 Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award Presentation to  
Bruce Greene to Follow the Annual Meeting**

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**MINUTES**

Council Members Present: Lynnmarie Johnson, Chair; Bill Brooks, Chair-Elect; Melissa Pope, Secretary-Treasurer; Ronald Douglas (Council Member); James Keedy (Council Member); Thomas Myers (Council Member); Stanette Amy (Council Member); Jeffrey Stone (Council Member)

*Call to Order*

Chair Lynnmarie Johnson called the meeting to order. There was a quorum.

*Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2008 Meeting*

Melissa Pope presented the minutes which were unanimously approved.

*Report from the Chair*

Lynnmarie Johnson discussed the importance of increasing membership. Upon review of the membership, Lynnmarie noted that there are not many younger attorneys who are involved with the Section. She suggested outreach efforts to young lawyers. This was unanimously approved.

*Treasurer's Report*

Melissa Pope presented the Treasurer's Report which was unanimously approved.

*New Business*

Proposal of Monthly Conference Calls

Melissa Pope proposed holding monthly conference calls. The Council unanimously approved holding a monthly conference call on the first Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m.

*Old Business*

House Bill 4650

Bill Brooks reported that the bill moved forward and that any tribal court whose judgments are recognized under the Michigan Supreme Court, will be recognized.

Bylaws

Melissa Pope reported that she reviewed the Section Bylaws as they appear on the website in comparison to meeting minutes and found one discrepancy. Melissa will contact the State Bar to correct this error.

Tecumseh Peacekeeping Awards

Melissa Pope presented the list of all Tecumseh Award recipients to present:

1997: None Given	1998: Bill James
1999: Congressman Dale Kildee	2000: Justice Michael F.Cavanuagh Judge Michael Petoskey

2001: Helen Hornbeck Tanner	2002: Ronald Douglas/MIJA
2003: Kathryn Tierney	2004: James Keedy
2005: Donna Budnick	2006: Beverly Clark
2007: William Rastetter	2008: Bruce Greene

Now that the list is complete, Melissa will purchase plaques for all living recipients as approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

#### Donation to Michigan Indian Legal Services

Melissa Pope reported that the \$500 donation approved in 2007 was not made to MILS and made a motion to make a \$1000 this year. The Motion was unanimously approved.

#### Bylaws

The Section unanimously agreed that the Bylaws should be reviewed this year. The officers will review the Bylaws for any proposed changes.

#### Archive

Melissa has put together minutes and programming information since the beginning of the Section. When converting all of these documents to an electronic format is complete, she will post everything on the website.

#### *Elections*

The American Indian Law Section 2008-2009 Council is as follows:

Chair	William J. Brooks
Chair Elect	Ezekiel J. N. Fletcher
Secretary-Treasurer	Melissa L. Pope
Council Member	Stanette Amy (Term Expires in 2010; Second Term)
Council Member	Donna L. Budnick (Term Expires in 2009)
Council Member	Ronald G. Douglas (Term Expires in 2010; Second Term)
Council Member	Matthew L. M. Fletcher (Term Expires in 2010)
Council Member	Sally Lee Foley (Term Expires in 2009-Filled a Vacancy)
Council Member	James A. Keedy (Term Expires in 2009)
Council Member	Thomas Myers (Term Expires in 2010; Second Term)
Council Member	John F. Petoskey (Term Expires in 2009)
Council Member	Jeffrey Joseph Stone (Term Expires in 2009)
Law Student	Andrea Korthase
Law Student	Chris Ross

#### *Committees*

##### Spirit Fund

Angela Sherigan reported that she received a letter from inmates in Jackson Prison. New rules have been put into place that prohibit the use of tobacco and matches. The inmates have created a group to respond entitled the Native American Traditional Ways circle. The Section unanimously agreed to look into the issue. Angela Sheriga, Stanette Amy and Melissa Pope will serve on the Spirit Fund Committee.

Angela Sherigan also reported that Jim Gibson has not received his Spirit Fund honorarium. The Section unanimously agreed to authorize this payment.

#### Legislative 4650

Bill Brooks will head the Legislative Committee for the 2008-2009 year.

#### Programming

Bill Brooks reported that he made contact with the Labor Law Chair regarding holding a joint program in 2008, but they had already finalized their program. Bill will head the Committee with Matthew Fletcher and Angela Sherigan for the 2009 program, including making efforts to hold a joint program.

#### Nominating Committee

It was unanimously agreed that the Officers will serve as the Nominating Committee.

#### *Newsletter*

Melissa Pope reported that she negotiated an agreement with the Native American Rights Fund to reprint the regular Memorandum of the NARF Tribal Supreme Court Project. This will increase the number of newsletters sent out on an annual basis.

#### *Announcements*

- MSU Indigenous Law Conference: Theme: Indian Civil Rights Act

#### *2008 Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award*

Incoming Chair Bill Brooks presented the 2008 Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award to Bruce Greene.

#### *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.