

**American Indian Law Section  
State bar of Michigan  
Annual Meeting  
Friday, September 18, 1998**

*Council Members in Attendance*

Donna Budnick, Ron Douglas, Sheila Hackett Gaskell, Jacqueline Hand, Bruce Havens, Janes Keedy, Barry Levine, Melissa Pope, Thomas Silvia

*Adoption of Meeting Agenda*

The agenda was adopted.

*Approval of March 27, 1998 and June 13, 1998 Meeting Minutes*

The minutes were approved.

*Review of Financial Reports*

There is currently \$3,220.58 in our account.

*Award Presentation*

Ron Douglas presented the 1998 Tecumseh Peace Keeping Award to Bill James for his tireless efforts to assist American Indian communities in the quest for justice. A special thanks to Kathryn Tierney for her introduction of Bill James.

*Bylaws Review Report*

Donna Budnick presented to the Council a proposed amendment to the bylaws to change the Section's annual meeting from summer to fall, with a possible additional meeting being held at the Annual Upper Michigan Meeting of the State bar of Michigan. Pursuant to the bylaws, the Council voted to consider the amendment over the next year, with the final voting taking place at next fall's Annual Meeting of the State Bar.

*Elections*

The new AILS Council is as follows as nominated by the committee:

Donna Budnick	Chair
Jacqueline Hand	Chair-Elect
Thomas Silvia	Secretary-Treasurer
William Brooks	Member
Hansen Clarke	Member
Dawn Duncan	Member
Sheila Hackett Gaskell	Member
Bruce Havens	Member
Barry Levine	Member
John Lumiere	Member
Brenda Quick	Member

Melissa Pope	Student Representative
Jim Schuster	Member
Ron Douglas	Chairperson, Ex-Officio
James Keedy	Chairperson, Ex-Officio
Stephen J. Tresidder	Commission Liaison

Congratulations to the new Council members!

*Request to Authorize Reimbursement of Expenses for Award Recipient*

The Council voted to authorize reimbursement expenses for Bill James, the award recipient.

*Other Reports*

*AILS Newsletter*

The summer edition of the Newsletter went out before the Annual State Bar Meeting. Special thanks to Barry Levine and Jacqueline Hand for their excellent work!

*Legislative Committee*

Donna Budnick suggested that the Section become licensed by the State bar to lobby. Amy Stanette will head the committee. Thanks to Amy for volunteering!

*Continuing Legal Education*

Donna Budnick reported that State Bar Sections may become certified to hold seminars to fulfill the continuing legal education requirement. Jacqueline Hand agreed to chair this committee, with Deb Greenman, Ron Douglas, Catherine Scotta and Tim Garcetta assisting. Thanks to all who volunteered!

*ICWA Court Rule and Form*

Donna Budnick suggested that the Council create a committee to address possible ICWA court rule. Thanks to Catherine Scott, John Lumiere, and Tom Silvia for volunteering for this committee!

*Announcements and Notices*

The next Section meeting is tentatively scheduled for January in Mount Pleasant.

*Adjourned at 10:00 am.*