

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

IN RE: the Amendment of Supreme
Court Rules and Procedures

SC-AD-2018-01

ORDER

The Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation hereby amends and adopts a new provision to the Appendix: Supreme Court Procedures. The amended provision is to Article VIII, 8.1 of the CNBA By-Laws, known as the Supreme Court Rule No. 140, codified in the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated as 20 CNCA App. Rule 1, et seq., and is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.1 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President; by majority vote of the Executive Committee, or at the request of the Supreme Court as needed to carry out the business of the CNBA, but not less than quarterly. With the exception of the Association Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee may meet in person, by telephone, or by computer electronic mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 12th day of March, 2018


John C. Garrett, Chief Justice


James G. Wilcoxon, Justice


Angela Jones, Justice

Lynn Burris, Justice



Mark Dobbins, Justice

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION BAR ASSOCIATION**

COMES NOW Deborah A. Reed, the duly elected President of the Cherokee Nation Bar Association ("CNBA"), on behalf of the CNBA Executive Committee and pursuant to Article IX, 9.1 of the CNBA By-Laws, respectfully brings the following recommendation for changes to said By-Laws contained in Supreme Court Rule No. 140, codified as 20 CNCA App. Rule 1, et.seq.

The current meeting schedule required by the By-Laws is for the Executive Committee to meet quarterly, in person. At a special meeting, the Executive Committee voted to allow the required quarterly meetings to be held in person, by telephone or by computer electronic mail. The minutes of this meeting are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The proposed changes will allow greater participation of CNBA members in the quarterly meetings. It will also afford the CNBA Executive Committee greater flexibility to schedule meetings, as CNBA Executive Committee members are physically located in three different cities and towns in Oklahoma. CNBA Executive Committee members would have to devote several hours each quarter for travel in addition to the time set aside for the meeting. CNBA Executive Committee members would also incur travel expenses to attend quarterly meetings, the business of which may be effectively conducted via telephone or electronic mail.

The proposed change will require revisions to Article VIII, 8.1 of the CNBA By-Laws.
A redline showing the proposed revisions is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of January, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. Reed", is written over a horizontal line.

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EXHIBIT 1

Minutes Cherokee Nation Bar Association

Executive Committee Members 2017-2018

Deb Reed – President
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John Young – Vice President
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Alayna Farris – Treasurer
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Christopher Garner – Secretary
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Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Time of Meeting: 12:00 PM

Place of Meeting: Phone Conference

In Attendance:

Deb Reed, President
John Young, Vice President
Alayna Farris, Treasurer
Christopher Garner, Secretary
Stacy Lee, Member
Susan Huntsman, Member

1. **Meeting called to order.**
2. **Conference Call Meeting Times.**
 - 2.01. Noon is agreed as good time for phone meetings.
3. **Law Day 2017**
 - 3.01. Law Day will be held on November 30, 2017 at the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa, OK. 3.5 hours of CLE credit offered with lunch.
 - 3.02. Need a 3rd speaker to present CLE on Indian Law update – John Young stated he would make inquiries and provide an update on finding someone to speak.
4. **Motions**
 - 4.01. Motion made by Deb Reed to amend CNBA bylaw 8.1 regarding quarterly executive meetings.
 - 4.02. Discussion: Amending the bylaw 8.1 to allow executive committee to hold the mandatory quarterly meetings over the phone, except for the Annual meeting in May and the annual Law Day event (i.e. two quarterly meetings via phone conference, two meetings in person during Annual Meeting and Law Day).

4.03. Vote taken:

4.03.01. 4 in favor of motion

4.03.02. 0 Against the motion

4.04. Result: Motion passes – Deb will draft proposed amendment for presentation to Supreme Court

4.05. Motion made by Deb Reed to set up CNBA as a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization

4.06. Discussion: With respect to CNBA's budget, organizing the Bar into a non-profit entity would allow Bar to roll over unspent budgetary funds from year to year as opposed to a set annual budget each year (i.e. unspent funds in the budget are reabsorbed by Cherokee Nation if the funds are not spent). Setting the CNBA up as a non-profit would require setting up a bank account for the Bar. Concern over Executive Committee Members who are not employed by Cherokee Nation having control of the bank account – or that Supreme Court may not approve on that basis.

4.07. Vote taken: No formal vote taken.

4.08. Result: Motion continued for further discussion/consideration. Deb will draft amendment to bylaws for further review and consideration before formal vote is taken.

4.09. Motion: Annual Meeting Location

4.10. Discussion: Annual Meeting Location in Tahlequah, OK at Tribal Complex.

4.11. Vote Taken

4.11.01. 4 in favor of motion

4.11.02. 0 opposed

4.12. Motion to set up CNBA Sections & Committees

4.13. Discussion: Setting up various sections within CNBA such as Arbitration and Family Law sections.

4.14. Vote Taken: No formal vote taken.

4.15. Result: Decided to hold off on formally establishing sections and committees until Law Day 2017 when more members can be present. Will revisit at that time.

5. Budget

5.01. Current annual Budget: \$14,000.00

6. Open Meetings Act

6.01. Cherokee Law – 10-day notice to Bar Members of planned meetings

7. Announcements

7.01. Deb Reed to post Handbook for U.S. Department of Homeland Security on CNBA Facebook site.

8. Social Media

8.01. CNBA has a Facebook account. Deb Reed and John Young to be given administrative access. John Young to establish Twitter account for CNBA.

9. CNBA LOGO

9.01. Determine ability of CNBA to continue using current logo – confirm whether or not we have permission from logo designer.

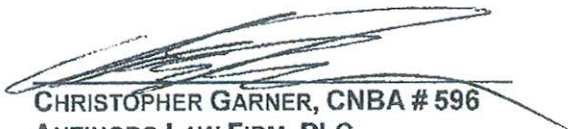
9.02. Discussion held regarding logo redesign. Discussed setting up a competition for local artists to participate and give a cash prize to the winner. Also set forth ownership of logo with CNBA.

10. Next Conference Call Meeting

10.01. January or February 2018 – will select date at Law Day 2017.

11. Adjournment.

APPROVED:



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EXHIBIT 2

8.1 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President; by majority vote of the Executive Committee, or at the request of the Supreme Court as needed to carry out the business of the CNBA, but not less than quarterly. With the exception of ~~quarterly meetings and~~ the Association Annual Meeting, the ~~Board-Executive Committee~~ may meet in person, by telephone, or by computer electronic mail.