

MINUTES
IDAHO STATE BAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 13, 2006
Boise, Idaho

President Rick Carnaroli called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:40 a.m., at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition to President Carnaroli, in attendance were Commissioners Tom Banducci, Jay Sturgell, Terry White and Andy Hawes, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews (by telephone), Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland and Executive Director Diane K. Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per Idaho Code Section 67-2345, the Commission, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, moved into executive session at 8:40 a.m. The executive session concluded at 9:40 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the following agenda items.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

Boise Business District Disclosure explains that The Law Center is located in the Boise Business Improvement District and a yearly fee is paid by the Foundation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

December 31, 2005 Financial Report – The Commission reviewed the December financial report. At the end of December, the revenue collected was at 102.49% and expenses incurred at 101.85% of budget.

Staff Update – The Executive Director reported that Terri Muse, formerly IVLP Case Manager and Assistant Bar Counsel, was hired to replace Dana Weatherby as the Legal Education Director. She also reported that Connie Wold, Bar Counsel Investigator, would retire at the end of the month. The search for replacements for Terri and Connie are in progress.

Auditors Engagement Letter– The Commission reviewed the engagement letter submitted by Stanton, Urbush & Co. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the engagement of Stanton and Urbush to do the audit of the 2005 Idaho State Bar financial records.

Reciprocal Admission – The Commission reviewed a proposed reciprocal admission rule in response to the affirmative vote on the resolution process. The Commission recommended several amendments to the rule, staff agreed to revise the rule and submit it the Commission. Once the rule is submitted to the Court, the Commission asked the staff to write a letter to current states in the reciprocal admission rule explaining the proposed changes in the rule.

Annual Meeting – Litigation Section secretary Jim Davis and Legal Education Director Terri Muse joined the meeting to report on a speaker, Terrence McCarthy, that the Section has committed for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Davis also requested that the Commission contract with a musical group he is familiar with, Jim Morris. The cost to have the group play at the 2006

annual meeting would be \$2,600 plus flight expenses and hotel for the band members. He also suggested that the Trail Creek dinner where the band would play be a theme night, perhaps a cruise and island theme. The Commission asked Legal Education Director Terri Muse to follow up on contracting with the Jim Morris band.

Parking Lot/Building Proposal – The Executive Director reported that the developer Clay Carley has decided to delay the construction on the parking lot next door for at least a year. He is still interested in either leasing or buying the parking lot or possibly buying the entire building. He and developer Gary Christensen agreed to explore possible other locations to house the Bar and Foundation.

ABA Report –State Bar Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates Larry Hunter reported on the issues on the agenda for the upcoming ABA House of Delegates midyear meeting.

Bar Exam Review Committee – President Carnaroli and Larry Hunter reported on the January 12 committee meeting. They reported that Dean Burnett was disappointed in the Commission’s decision to not add Indian law issues to the bar exam. They reported on the applicant survey; the committee plans to redraft the survey with broader questions regarding preparation for the bar exam. The Commission also needs to readdress the topics list; discussed the deletion of two issues from the list.

Public Information Committee – Larry Hunter and Jeanne Barker joined the meeting to discuss a proposed program with KBOI to have lawyers answer the public’s question on the air. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of doing this kind of program. Bar Counsel suggested that the bar be involved in more specific topic presentations rather than a call in-show with no screening of the calls. The Commission expressed its concern about the concept and asked Mr. Hunter and Ms. Barker to express its concerns to the Public Information Committee.

Kids Chance Project – The Commission discussed a proposed program of the Workers Compensation Section to provide scholarships to children of industrial accident victims. The Commission expressed its concerns about using section funds for scholarships because it is only tangentially related to the law.

Diversity Initiative – The Commission reviewed emails regarding joining with the Idaho Supreme Court and UI College of Law to explore a diversity initiative. It was moved, seconded and passed to express our interest to the Chief Justice and College of Law Dean in exploring the concept.

Proposed LAP Rules – The Commission again discussed the licensing and discipline rule changes drafted by the LAP Committee. It was moved, seconded and passed to inform the Committee that the Board of Commissioners has decided it will not sponsor the proposed rules as a resolution as presented. The Commission is supportive of educating the membership about the program, the problem, the services, but not supportive of using the licensing or discipline process to deal with the issues.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commission was provided with the following, January 4, 2006 membership statistics – 4,708; *Miscellaneous Letters/Info*; Thanks letters, and news clippings for the past month.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at out at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director