

MINUTES
IDAHO STATE BAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 23, 2007
Boise, Idaho

President Tom Banducci called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:35 a.m., at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition to President Banducci, in attendance were Commissioners Jay Sturgell, Dwight Baker, Andy Hawes, and Terry White, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, 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 8:35 a.m. The executive session adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Requests to Change from Affiliate to Active Status – The Commission considered three requests to transfer to active status.

Anne-Marie Fulfer - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Anne Marie Fulfer's request to transfer from affiliate to active status with the requirement that she attend the Practical Skills seminar this year.

Brenda Meier – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Brenda Meier's request to transfer from affiliate to active status.

Carol Keating Mills - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Carol Keating Mills' request to transfer from affiliate to active status.

Bylaw Requests – The Commission considered requests from the Young Lawyers Section and the Intellectual Property Section to amend their section bylaws. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the bylaw amendments submitted by the Young Lawyers Section and the Intellectual Property Law Section.

Idaho Judicial Council – The Commission discussed the Judicial Council position opening due to Judge Randy Smith's appointment to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Smith joined the meeting by phone to review the qualifications needed for the position. The Commission agreed to send an email to the District Judges announcing the opening, with a short time frame, and then schedule a conference call to discuss the candidates and make a selection.

Diversity in the Legal Profession – Judge Gutierrez, Rick Boardman, and Wes Meyring joined the Commission and presented a proposal to form a section to promote diversity in the bar. The

Commission was supportive of the concept of promoting diversity in the Idaho State Bar and will provide how to establish a section information to the group.

Pro Bono Resolution – IVLP Legal Director Mary Hobson joined the meeting to discuss the proposed Supreme Court Resolution on Pro Bono. The Commission discussed the resolution; it's purpose, the pros and cons of the concept and language in the resolution. It was moved, seconded and passed to support the concepts in the resolution, with the caveat that more detail be developed regarding the proposal.

2007 Annual Meeting – The Commission discussed speaker options provided by Legal Education Director Terri Muse for the annual meeting. The Commission determined a keynote speaker with broad appeal was needed for the opening session.

Legal Education Conclave – President Banducci reported on meeting to discuss the conclave, which included: He and Commissioners White and Hawes, Dean Burnett, Maureen Laflin, Richard Seamons, and Lee Dillion. The planning group discussed main topics to be addressed at the conclave, which include the skills, location, and resources required to provide the best quality legal education. The group also discussed who should be invited to participate in the conclave. Each committee member agreed to submit potential names to Michele Bartlett.

2008 Annual Meeting – The Executive Director reported that Terri Muse contracted with Sun Valley for October 2008 in conjunction with the Judicial Conference.

Electronic Reporting of District Bar Opinions –President Banducci reported that he and Diane Minnich met with Idaho Supreme Court Director of Information Systems John Peay in January to discuss the possibility of putting district judge opinions online. Mr. Peay stated that the technology to do this is available. He suggested that the bar meet with key district judges to present the concept.

Bar Group Insurance Report, Group Health Survey – The Commission discussed the survey results. It was moved, seconded and passed to further pursue MEWA concepts.

Supreme Court Report – The Commission was provided with the Supreme Court Oral Conference minutes for December 18, 2006 and January 24, 2007.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commission was provided with the following, February 2, 2007 membership statistics – 4,876; 2006 LRS Statistics, LAP Committee Meeting Minutes, updated expense report form, Letter from Lieutenant Governor Risch confirming the appointment of Anne Solomon to the Idaho Judicial Council, *Miscellaneous Letters/Info*; ABA Information, and news clippings for the past month.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at out at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director