

MINUTES
IDAHO STATE BAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 6, 2007
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

President Tom Banducci called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In addition to President Banducci, in attendance were Commissioners Dwight Baker, Andy Hawes, and Terry White, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, 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 9:00 a.m. The executive session recessed at 11:10 a.m., reconvened at 2:45, and adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

The minutes of the February 23, 2007 meeting and March 6, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2007 Awards – Distinguished Lawyers – The Commission considered candidates for the 2007 distinguished lawyer awards. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select Ted Pike of Idaho Falls and Ken Howard of Coeur d'Alene as the 2007 distinguished lawyer award recipients.

Legal Education Conclave – Commissioner Banducci reported on the March conclave-planning meeting. The dean and faculty plan to discuss the concept with the Law School Advisory Council in April to assess the ideas that would be discussed at the conclave. At the March meeting, the group also generated potential invitees to the conclave.

Quad State Meeting – The Executive Director reported that a one-day meeting is scheduled with representatives from Idaho, Washington, Utah and Oregon on April 26 in Seattle. Commissioner White volunteered to attend along with the Executive Director.

Bar Commissioner Retreat – The Commission discussed scheduling a retreat for the Commission to discuss significant issues and new ideas in more depth.

Request to Survey Idaho Bar Members about Violence in the Profession – It was moved, seconded and passed to inform Mr. Kelson that the Commission is taking the issue of surveying the Idaho bar members about violence in the profession under advisement.

Bar Group Health Insurance Update – The Commission agreed to have the ALPS and Allegiance representatives attend the next meeting to discuss the progress and next steps in the process.

Long Term Care Insurance Member Benefit – The Commission discussed a proposal to offer long term care insurance as a member benefit to the Idaho State Bar membership. It was moved, seconded and passed to not accept the proposal.

Business and Corporate Law Section Proposal – The Commission was provided with a proposal from the Business and Corporate Law Section to host its website independent of the Idaho State Bar site. The staff has communicated with the section that the bar must still have access to the site.

Casemaker Passwords – The Commission discussed the issue of attorney passwords and how the bar can facilitate more attorneys knowing their passwords so they can access judicial surveys as well as Casemaker. The Commission requested that this issue be included on the next meeting agenda.

Expenses Policies – The Commission discussed whether to implement a gift policy as part of the ISB/ILF expenses. Commissioner White noted that there is statutory language regarding gifts and he suggested we incorporate the statutory guidelines in our policy.

2007 Annual Meeting – The Executive Director briefly discussed the schedule and programs for the Annual Meeting. She agreed to have Terri Muse email the commission the potential speakers and programs. The Commission discussed adding a meeting of larger law firm managing partners at the Annual Meeting to discuss common issues.

Licensing Update – The Commission was provided with the list of lawyers whose licenses were cancelled for nonpayment of license fees and a list of those attorneys that have been reinstated as of March 30, 2007.

Electronic Reporting of District Court Opinions – President Banducci reported that he would make a presentation about district court opinions online to the Judicial Administrative Conference on April 20.

Supreme Court Report – The Commission was provided with the Supreme Court Oral Conference minutes for February 20 and the agenda for the March 27 oral conference.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commission was provided with the following, March 2, 2007 membership statistics – 4,861, 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 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director