

MINUTES
Idaho State Board of Commissioners
December 7, 2007
Boise, Idaho

President Andrew Hawes called at the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Dwight Baker, Doug Mushlitz, Terry White, Newal Squyres, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Legal Education Director Terri Muse, and Executive Director Diane 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 10:45 a.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION RESULTS

Representatives of the 4th District Bar Association, Judge Mike Oths and 6th District Bar Association President, Jack Haycock, joined the meeting by conference call. The Commission and District Bar representatives discussed the results of the resolution process; resolution 07-01 *Amendments to Section V of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules, Rules for Review of Professional Conduct* passed with 96% of the votes in favor of the resolution. It was moved, seconded and passed to confirm the resolution votes as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Financial Reports – The Commission was provided with the November 30 financial reports. At the end of November, 101.42% of revenue was collected and 90.14% of expenses incurred.

2008 Budget – The Commission reviewed the proposed 2008 budget. The Executive Director requested that the Commission wait to approve the budget in January due to one staffing issue that needs to be addressed.

Public Employee Accountability Initiative – Justice Linda Copple Trout and Craig Meadows joined the meeting to discuss the Public Employee Accountability Initiative. President Elect White contacted Idaho Association of Cities Executive Director Ken Harward, who joined the meeting to discuss the initiative. The Commission and guests agreed that a group should be formed to address the initiative.

Proposed Code of Ethical Conduct – The Commission reviewed a proposed Code of Ethical Conduct for staff and board members. The Executive Director explained the code was developed in response to a recommendation by the auditors. The Commission recommended revisions to the code, which will be incorporated and resubmitted to the Commission in January.

Space Plan Proposal Costs – The Executive Director reported that the Idaho Law Foundation requested that the Bar pay part of the space planning cost. The Commission agreed to split the cost with the Foundation, in accordance with the time allocation percentages.

Diversity Section Website – The Executive Director and Legal Education Director reported on an issue regarding advertising on a section website. The Diversity Section wants to generate donations to fund the website and wants to list the donors on the website; however, the State of Idaho rules prohibit advertising on any state entity website. President Hawes agreed to meet with the Section chair to discuss how to accomplish the goals of the section with its website while complying with the rules.

The Executive Director and Legal Education Director stated they plan to generate section websites guidelines for the Commission’s review and approval to assist the sections and staff with these issues in the future.

College of Law Report – The Commission reviewed the proposed letter to the College of Law reporting on the visit. The Commission proposed amendments and President Hawes agreed to further review the letter and submit his proposed revisions to the ED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director