

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners**  
**December 12, 2014**  
**Conference Call**

President Paul Rippel called the conference call business meeting of the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners to order at 8:35 a.m. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Trudy Fouser, Michelle Points, and Dennis Voorhees, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes** – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 18, 2014 (as amended).

**District Bar Association Budgets** – The Commissioners were provided with the 2014-15 budgets submitted by the District Bar Associations. The Commissioners discussed whether or not to request further financial information from the DBA's. The Commissioners directed the staff to ask the auditors if additional DBA financial information should be submitted or reviewed.

The Commissioners discussed the current process of collecting funds for the DBA's as part of the licensing process. The Commissioners discussed whether the formula and amount disbursed is reasonable. The current process was established through a resolution so a change would require a resolution. The Commissioners agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

**2014 Resolution Results** – The Commissioners were joined by the following District Bar representatives: First District – Melanie Baille; Second District - Ashley Rokyta; Third District – Yecora Daniels; Fourth District – Terri Muse; Fifth District – Brian Hilverda; and Seventh District – Jonathan Harris. The group reviewed the attached results of the 2014 resolution process – all three resolutions were approved by the membership. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the voting results of the 2014 resolution process as provided.

President Rippel noted to the DBA representatives that the Commissioners will ask the ISB auditors if any additional information or financial review is necessary for the funds collected by the Bar and distributed to the District Bar Associations.

**Law School Visit Report** – The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the draft letter to Dean Mark Adams, reporting on the 2014 visit to the UI College of Law. The Commissioners requested that the Executive Director make several revisions to the letter. President Rippel asked that the revised letter be submitted to the Commissioners for their final review.

**Idaho Code Commission Appointment** – The Commissioners considered the appointment to the Idaho Code Commission. The current attorney in the position, Dan Bowen, submitted a letter indicating he is interested in continuing to serve in the position. He also noted that although he has already served two terms he seeks reappointment so there will be a historical perspective and

continuity on the Commission. His request is supported by Chief Deputy Tim Hurst of the Idaho Secretary of State. It was moved, seconded and passed to reappoint Dan Bowen to the Idaho Code Commission. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Bowen be invited to meet with them at the next Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss the work and future of the Idaho Code Commissioners.

### **ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

**Financial Reports** – The Commissioners were provided with the November financial reports. At the end of November 2014, 100.53% of revenue was collected and 91.44% of expenses incurred. Commissioner Gresback requested ISB's rate of return on its investments.

**2015 Budget** – The Commissioners were provided with a first draft of the 2015 budget. The Executive Director reviewed the budget and budget process. She also reported that the final proposed budget will be presented at the January meeting.

**Lease Agreement** – Bar Counsel reported that he and Commissioner Fouser have reached an agreement with the Idaho Law Foundation on the terms of the building lease. They are working to finalize the lease in the next few weeks.

**Waiver of ABA Accreditation Rule** – Bar Counsel reported that the Idaho Supreme Court denied the recent request from a newly admitted Washington attorney to waive the ABA accreditation requirement to sit for the Idaho Bar examination.

### **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS**

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director