

**ISB GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES • JANUARY 3, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS**

President Cheri Ruch called the meeting of the Idaho State Bar Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section to order at noon on Thursday, January 3, 2013. Attending were Cheri Ruch, Jill Holinka, Emily Kane, Jerry Mason, Pat Braden Nancy Stricklin, Brian Benjamin, Phil McGrane, Ben Bjorkman, Brian Kane, Scott Spears, Scott Campbell, Ted Baird, Justin Fredin, Patrick Riceci, Bill Nary, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Lorna Jorgensen, Peg Dougherty, Art Macomber, Scott Keim and Ryan Armbruster.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **December 6, 2012 minutes.** Ben Bjorkman moved that the minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting be approved as prepared by Secretary Jill Holinka. Brian Kane seconded the motion. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- B. **Sponsorship of CLE for Annual Meeting in CDA.** President Cheri Ruch opened discussion on the section's interest in sponsoring a CLE at the annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene. It has been several years since the section has sponsored a CLE at the annual meeting. Pat Braden stated he was willing to participate in a panel CLE on the topics of real estate and land use. Art Macomber also expressed interest in participating. Cheri Ruch asked Msrs. Braden and Macomber to submit a proposal for the CLE to her by the end of the month.
- C. **CLE for September 2013.** Cheri Ruch asked for input on topics and possible presenters for the section's September 2013 CLE. Emily McMaster stated she would discuss presentation of a CLE on administrative law with Mike Gilmore.

**III. NEW BUSINESS – ELECTIONS**

- A. **Approval of 2013 Operating Budget.** President Cheri Ruch introduced the proposed 2013 operating budget, copies of which were available for attendees. She indicated she used conservative numbers in preparing the budget, and asked for input from the section members. Emily Kane moved to approve the budget as presented. Lorna Jorgensen seconded the motion. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- B. **Restoration of Catered Lunches at Meetings Beginning in February 2013.** President Cheri Ruch proposed that the section restore catered lunches at section meetings for the balance of 2013, beginning in February 2013, with a reassessment of the value of lunches in December 2013. This proposal was based on the results of the member survey completed in the fall of 2012. Pat Riceci moved to accept Cheri's proposal. Ben Bjorkman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jerry Mason asked if the survey results had been shared with the membership and suggested the proposal to restore lunches should not be based on the results of the survey alone. Emily Kane and Brian Kane stated they were not in favor of catered lunches. Scott Keim, Art Macomber and Jill Holinka suggested we look at other alternatives, including sponsoring lunches at one location outside of Boise on a rotating basis, or getting a law firm to sponsor a lunch at locations outside of Boise. Following this discussion, Jerry Mason made a substitute motion to continue with no lunches at section meetings and when the issue is revisited at a future section meeting to clearly identify the topic on the meeting agenda. Pat Braden seconded the substitute motion. A majority of votes were in favor of the substitute motion. Therefore, lunches at section meetings is tabled.
- C. **Formation of Committees for CLE, Newsletter, Social Event Planning.** President Cheri Ruch introduced the idea of having committees to assist with CLE planning, a section newsletter and social event planning to get more involvement with the section and reduce the burden on one individual being responsible for those activities. Emily McMaster, Jerry Mason and Jill Holinka volunteered to assist in planning CLE's, along with Emily Kane, as she transitions out of that role.

**IV. TODAY's CLE (APPROVED FOR 0.5 HOURS CREDIT)**

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden gave a presentation entitled "*Representing the Client, Representing the People: The Public Trust Government Attorney*"

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.