

LITIGATION SECTION GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting on February 21, 2014

1. **Attendance:** Proper notice having been given, the following Council members attended in person: Joseph Pirtle, Emil Berg, Theodore Reuter, and Howard Belodoff. Others in attendance were: Jacob (Kahle) Becker, Richard Fields, Jenny Grunke, Brady Hall, James Jacobson, Marc Koontz, Jason Mau, Kendal McDevitt, Lance Salladay, Walt Sinclair, Joy Vega, Paul McFarland, Mark Prusynski, Ben Ritchie, Mahmood Sheikh, and Shane Nope. By phone: Jeffrey Brunson and Victoria Olds. Hon. Barry Wood, Hon. Steven Dunn attended to make a presentation to the Section.

2. **Business Meeting:** Chair Joseph Pirtle conducted the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on January 17, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gene Petty was not present so Joseph Pirtle provided an overview of the Section's finances and budget. A copy of the actual expenditures for 2012 and 2013 budgets, the 2014 budget and the January 2014 Income Statement was distributed and discussed. The Section is in good financial shape. It was proposed that \$8,500 in donations be awarded in 2014.

4. **New Business:**

A. Jeff Harin has proposed sponsorship of a Section CLE on e-discovery issues and software. A motion was made and seconded to approve sponsorship of a CLE. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Sponsorship of August 2014 Advocate: Members of the section have agreed to write articles. The Section can submit up to five articles. If other persons are interested in writing articles they should contact Joseph Pirtle.

D. The Section has received five requests for funding this year including the standing requests from prior recipients.

5. **Section Meeting:** The Honorable Barry Wood and the Honorable Steve Dunn presented an update on "Advancing Justice: Model Time Standards." Judge Wood indicated the ISTARs system is obsolete and needs to be replaced. A new vendor, who has experience in ten states, has been selected to implement a web based system which will have the ability to electronically file court documents and case records. The Legislature is expected to approve the necessary funding starting in July 2014. A three year implementation schedule is planned. A ninety day pilot program in Twin Falls County will start in February 2015. Ada County will be the next county to implement the system. Three statewide deployments will occur thereafter.

Time standards for case processing will be adopted under Administrative Court Rule 57 based upon model standards from the National Center of State Courts. The goal is 90% of cases will meet standards. Interim case events will be measured to avoid unnecessary delay. Speed is not the goal. There will be a period of one year to monitor the standards before adopting the new rule. Judge Dunn indicated that there will be specific guidelines for different types of cases including criminal and family law cases. The standards will reflect the best practices. The Supreme Court will also adopt uniform orders for each case type.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

