

ISB Professionalism & Ethics Meeting Minutes
11/02/10

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
 - a. Members in attendance: Ammon Hansen, Sherry Morgan, Brad Andrews, Bob Aldridge, Julia Crossland, Jim Dickinson, Richard Dredge, Ax Yewer, Cheryl Lynn Woffard, Mahmood Sheikh
 - b. Members participating via telephone: none
- III. Announcements
 - a. CLE – November 9, 2010 – 8:30-9:30
 - i. A. Hansen passed around registration forms, but the easiest way to sign up is online. He thanked B. Andrews for contacting Justice Jones and setting up the CLE.
 - ii. M. Sheikh reported that so far, 54 people have registered.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair
 - i. Idaho Legal History Society’s Request for Donation
 - 1. The Section received a request for a donation to the Society’s “Tents to Towers” project. A. Hansen contacted the group regarding allowing them a few minutes at the beginning of the 11/09/10 CLE to discuss their project, but he has not received a call back. If the group calls back, they will be given that time.
 - ii. Donation Request from Idaho Partners Against Domestic Violence
 - 1. The Section received a written request for a \$1,000 or \$5,000 donation. While this is a worthy organization, given the Section’s financial status, no money can be donated to any organization at this time. A. Hansen will contact them and explain.
 - iii. The Advocate – Discussion About Plan for Bi-Monthly CLEs and Advocate Articles

1. The Section's Board held a conference call on October 28, 2010. It was discussed that the monthly articles and CLEs should not become projects for B. Andrews – they should be taken off his plate and transferred to the Section members. Also, the Section should strive to become more of a resource for B. Andrews.
2. A. Hansen proposed that the members come up with a list of CLE topics and assign a member to do quick research and put together basic ideas, then that member would present his/her research to the Section as a CLE. Then, the member can write a short article regarding the topic and Section discussion for the Advocate. A draft of the article can be sent to A. Hansen for initial review and edit by the Board. Once there is a final version, it can be sent to B. Andrews for final review before printing.
 - a. A general discussion was held by the members regarding this plan, and all were in favor.
 - b. The article does not need to be in depth – ½ to 1 page. There are a lot of ABA opinions on ethics issues – the purpose is to get people thinking about the issues and then point them in the right direction.
 - c. B. Andrews will write the first article based on last month's CLE on "Lawyer Website Ethics."
 - d. A. Hansen asked for volunteers and topics. Richard Dredge volunteered, and it was decided the topic will be Rule 1.8(f) regarding third party offers to pay fees.
 - e. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the December meeting, which will allow members to pick a month that works best for them.
 - f. B. Andrews will pick out some rules that may be good for topics/discussion.

b. Vice-Chair

- i. G. Petty was absent, so this report will be postponed until the December meeting – however, A. Hansen will provide a shortened report.
- ii. Plans for Funding for 2011 U of I Program
 1. A. Hansen reported that a meeting has been set for January 27, 2011 with representatives from the U of I to discuss funding. The

goal is to get the funding resolved prior to conducting the program. The greatest expense for the program is travel (airfare and hotels).

iii. Funding the 2010 U of I Program

1. The Section must decide on an amount to donate to the U of I for the 2010 program that was held in August 2010. The U of I will be asked to pay for the remaining expenses. It appears that the Section may be able to donate approximately \$1,700.

c. Secretary

i. Meeting Minutes Now on the Web

1. Members were encouraged to visit the Section's website and review the minutes.
2. A. Hansen stated that the minutes were useful during the Board's conference call on October 28, 2010.
3. B. Andrews suggested posting the Section's financial statements on the website – the members agreed.
4. It was also suggested that the articles written for the Advocate can be posted. S. Morgan will email the documents to be posted to the ISB.
5. A. Yewer pointed out that the meeting minutes should be approved at the start of each Section meeting. This will be added to the Agenda. The members can review the minutes posted on the website.

d. Treasurer

- i. As V. Bilyeu was absent, the Treasurer's report was postponed until the December meeting.

V. Meeting Adjourned