

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
September 9, 2022
Boise, Idaho

President Kristin Bjorkman Dunn called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Place, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Gary Cooper, Laird Stone, Jillian Caires and Bar Counsel Joe Pirtle, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code §3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code §74-202(4)(a), it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. It was also moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the July 20, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Committee Appointments – It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Andrea Adkins and Jenna Furman to the Advocate Editorial Advisory Board.

Committee Liaison/Section Appointments – The Commissioners reviewed and approved the liaisons to the sections and committee.

Magistrate Commission Appointments – It was moved, seconded, and failed, 2-3 to appoint the slate of nominees to submitted to the Commissioners. It was moved, seconded, and passed, 3-2, to appoint the slate, except Chuck Stroschein, to the District Magistrate Commissions.

Pro Bono Tour – The Commissioners were provided with the information about the Pro Bono Tour in October.

Meeting with Dean Kalb – President Dunn and Commissioner Stone met with Dean Kalb about the relationship and collaboration between the bar and the law school. Diversity, rural practice, pipeline projects, speakers' bureau.

ABA Annual Meeting Report – Jonathan Shirts, Anne Henderson, and Jen Jensen joined the meeting to discuss the August ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Jonathan reported on major issues – ABA day, rural practice, leadership pipeline

ABA State Bar Delegate – Jonathan Shirts expressed his interest in continuing to serve as the ABA State Bar Delegate. It was moved, seconded, and passed to reappoint Jonathan Shirts as the ABA State Bar Delegate.

Strategic Planning/Bar Governance Structure Review – Size of governing, what we should do, Chris Newbold from ALPS, he will facilitate a session in October. Discussion of governance at resolution. Meeting – Association of general counsel, court input

2022 Resolution Process – review of schedule. Visit other areas of state that are far away from main areas. Support for Judicial Council. Coordinate other entity leaders at meeting. Judicial Council resolution create a draft.

July Bar Exam Update– Associate Director Maureen Braley reported on the July Bar Exam, 183 test takers, highest number of July test takers.

2022-23 BOC Meeting Schedule – provided

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the July 31 financial reports. At the end of July, 85.8% was collected and 58.1% of expenses incurred.

Capital Expenditures – The Commissioners considered a request for additional capital funds to pay for a new router and computer switches. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the expenditure of up to \$13,000 to replace the router and switches.

MEMBER SERVICES

2022 Annual Meeting – Teresa Baker provided the survey results from the 2022 Annual Meeting in Twin Falls.

The Commissioners discussed how to encourage attendance at the Annual Meeting and locations for future meetings. 2023 in Boise – approved – look for options in 2024, north Idaho or Sun Valley, 2025 maybe north Idaho – Spokane an option

Employment and Labor Law Section – On behalf of the Employment and Labor Law Section, Teresa Baker presented proposed changes to the Section’s bylaws. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed changes to the Employment and Labor Law Section’s bylaw’s that increase the potential number of members on the Governing Council.

Advocate Submission and Selection Policy – The Commissioners were joined by Advocate Editorial Board Chair Brian Kane and Communications Director Lindsey Welfley. Brian and Lindsey presented proposed Advocate Submission and Selection Policies for consideration by the Commissioners. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the Advocate Submission and Selection Policy as submitted.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director