

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
General Session
January 13, 2012
Boise, Idaho

President Reed Larsen called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Paul Daugharty, Molly O'Leary, Robert Wetherell and William Wellman, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the December 9, 2011 General Session minutes as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per Idaho Code Section 67-2345, the Commission, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commission, moved into executive session at 11:00 a.m. The executive session adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – The Commissioners were provided with the agenda for the Idaho Supreme Court meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The Commissioners and Supreme Court Justices discussed the following: State funding for ILAS, 2011 resolutions, recruitment and retention of judges, pro bono commission, UBE update, advancing justice project, Court legislative and budget priorities and the ISB Leadership Academy.

2011 Resolutions – The Commissioners were provided with the information presented to the Idaho Supreme Court regarding the 2011 resolution process and proposed rules changes related to the implementation of the UBE.

Legislative Funding for ILAS Meetings Update – The Commissioners were provided with the proposed legislation agreed upon by the Legislative Funding Committee. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed letter to ILAS President, Mary Huneycutt, in support of the legislation. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the letter to ILAS as amended. The Commissioners directed the staff to circulate the letter to the practice section counsel so the section is clear on the bar's position.

Rules Review – The Executive Director requested approval to establish a committee to review IBCR Section IV MCLE and prepare recommendations for the 2012 resolution process. After

discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the formation of a committee to review and revise IBCR Section IV.

Access to Justice Fund – The Commission agreed to recommend to the Idaho Law Foundation Board of Directors that the funds collected through the Access to Justice Fund check off on the license fee notice, be split 50/50 between IVLP and ILAS. Commissioner Wellman agreed to attend the ILF Board meeting to present the recommendation.

Military Spouse Resolution – The Commissioners considered a request to cosponsor a resolution of the ABA House of Delegates supporting the adoption of Military Spouse Rules, similar to the rule approved by the Idaho Bar membership during the 2011 resolution process. It was moved (by Bob Wetherell), seconded and passed to cosponsor the ABA resolution.

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation – It was moved, seconded and passed (4-1) to approve the appointment of Murray Feldman as a proxy for Bill Myers at the 2012 Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation annual meeting.

Informational Reports – The Commissioners discussed the information provided.

Administration and Support

December Financial Report – The Commissioners were provided with the December 2011 unaudited financial report. The unaudited end of year reports 100.7% of budgeted revenue was collected and 97.4% of expenses incurred.

2012 Proposed Budget – The Commissioners considered the proposed 2012 budget. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the budget as amended.

Member Services

2012 Annual Meeting – The Deputy Director provided information about the 2012 Annual Meeting. He requested the Commissioners views on potential keynote speakers. It was moved, seconded and passed to invite, in order, Justice Alan Page, Dewey Bozella and Thompson/Cotton. The Commissioners then discussed the fee structure for the 2012 Annual Meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to allow attorneys who have practiced three years or less or are unemployed from outside of the districts, to receive a waiver of the CLE fees. Those in the 4th district would pay a reduced fee if they have practiced less than three years.

Idaho Lawyer Benefit Plan – The Executive Director requested ideas for attorneys that might serve as additional trustees for the Idaho Lawyer Benefit Plan. The Commissioners recommended Tim Hopkins, Jim Meservy or members of the Health law section.

International Law Section Bylaws – The Commissioners considered a request from the International Law Section to amend its bylaws. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the recommendation to approve the proposed International Section bylaw amendments.

ABA Law Day Chair – The Commissioners considered a request from the ABA for the Bar President to serve as the chair of a statewide law day committee. The Commissioners decided not to form a statewide law day committee but to continue with the current structure of the District Bar Associations serving as the Law Day activities planners.

Practice Section Update –The Deputy Director provided an update on member services; and the new member benefits, local hospitality.com and office max.

MISCELLANEOUS

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director