

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
January 14, 2011
Boise, Idaho

President Jim Meservy called at 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 addition to President Meservy, in attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Deborah Ferguson, Reed Larsen, Molly O'Leary and Paul Daugharty, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

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 12:05 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2010 Commission meetings as amended.

ILAS Funding – President Meservy and President Elect Ferguson reported on the committee assembled by the Idaho Supreme Court to discuss funding options for ILAS. The Commissioners complimented the work of the Supreme Court and the bar representatives. The Commissioners agreed to send a letter to the ILAS Board reporting on the committee's effort and expressing the support of the Bar Commissioners. President Elect Ferguson agreed to draft the letter. Commissioner Larsen agreed to contact ILAS President Mary Hunneycutt.

Reciprocal admission – In response to the meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court, Bar Counsel reported on the criteria used to determine whether a state qualifies to be reciprocal with Idaho. The Commissioners requested that the information regarding other states rules be included on the next meeting agenda.

Law School Visit Report – The Commissioners approved the draft letter to the Dean reporting on the 2010 College of Law visit with the modifications submitted by Commissioners Ferguson, O'Leary and Bar Counsel.

Idaho Code Commission – The Commissioners considered applicants to be appointed to the Idaho Code Commission for a 6 year term: the current appointee Thomas Miller, and applicants Roy Eiguren, Frances Thompson, and Jeremy Pisca. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Jeremy Pisca to replace Thomas A. Miller as a member of the Idaho Code Commission.

Professional Conduct Board Members – The Commissioners discussed the need for additional PCB members in northern and eastern Idaho. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Matt Kleffner, Moscow, to the Professional Conduct Board.

Request for Transfer to Active Status – The Commissioners considered a request from Vicki Looney to transfer from affiliate to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed, to approve Vicki Looney’s request to transfer to active status with the condition that she take and pass the MPT before she is transferred to active status.

James Neill – The Commissioners considered a request from James Neill to transfer from affiliate to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve James Neill’s request to transfer to active pursuant to the requirements of the IBCR 305, with the condition that the required 10 CLE credits not be related to real estate development.

Fifth District Magistrate Commission Appointment – It was moved, seconded and passed to confirm the appointment of Dave Gadd to the fifth district magistrate commission.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commission was provided with the unaudited December 31, 2010 financial reports. At the end of December, 101.4% of revenue was collected and 98.1% of expenses incurred.

2011 Proposed Budget – The Commissioners considered the proposed 2011 budget and the request for capital expenditures. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the budget and capital expenditure requests as submitted.

ALPS Report – The Commissioners were provided with the letter that accompanied ALPS \$16,000 donation to the Lawyer Assistance Program.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting – The Commissioners reviewed the options for the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Commission instructed the Deputy Director to try to negotiate a better arrangement with the CDA Resort.

Practice Section of the Year Award – The Commissioners considered a proposal to establish a section of the year award. The Commissioners requested that a purpose be added and criteria for statewide involvement of members. It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt a Section of the Year award.

Public Information Committee – The Commissioners considered the future of the Public Information Committee. The Commissioners were provided with a memo from Communications Director Dan Black outlining the history of the committee and possible alternative for the committee’s future. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to dissolve the Public Information committee.

Real Property Section Bylaws – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the recommended changes to the Real Property Section bylaws.

Practice Section Update – The Commissioners were provided with an update of section activities for the past few months.

Leadership Academy – President elect Ferguson reported on the progress of the Leadership Academy.

Lawyer Referral Service – It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Joseph Meier to the LRS Committee. .

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commissioners were provided with letters, reports and news clippings for the past month in PDF format.

The Commissioners were provided with the 2011 schedule for meetings and events.

There being not further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director