

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
February 22, 2013
Boise, Idaho

President Paul Daugharty called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:45 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Molly O'Leary, Paul Rippel, Robert Wetherell, William Wellman, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews (by phone), Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland 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 10:40 a.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013, Board of Commissioners meeting as amended.

Coordinated Fundraising Campaign for Civil Legal Services – Idaho Law Foundation Director Craig Meadows joined the meeting to discuss the concept of a coordinated fundraising campaign to raise funds for Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Idaho Legal Aid Services and Disability Rights Idaho. Mr. Meadows described the concept and the process to date. The Commissioners were interested in the concept but agreed to wait on any action or decision until further information is available.

Meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court – The draft minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court were provided. The Commissioners discussed whether or not to further analyze the issue of non-accredited law school graduates applying to sit for the Idaho Bar exam. No action was taken.

Definition of Judge – The Commissioners reviewed information from John Arkoosh regarding the statutory and Bar Commission rule definitions of Judge as it relates to Federal Administrative Law Judges. After discussion, the Commissioners requested that the staff inform Mr. Arkoosh about the process of submitting a resolution to propose changing the rule and/or statute.

Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (IADCL) – The Commissioners were provided with a letter of intent to apply for accreditation of specialty certification and accompanying materials from the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The Commissioners agreed that the IADCL had complied with the requirements under IBCR 1003 and granted preliminary approval to the IACDL to move forward with the specialization application process.

7th District Magistrate Commission – The Commissioners were provided with the Seventh District Bar Association's nomination of Sean Moulton to replace Scott Axline on the 7th District

Magistrate Commission. Mr. Axline was appointed a magistrate judge and resigned his position on the commission. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Sean Moulton to the 7th District Magistrate Commission.

Transfer to Active Status – The Commissioners were provided with the request from Dennis Olson to transfer to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Dennis Olson's request to transfer to active status with the condition that he meet the licensing requirements and is successful on the Multistate Performance Test.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commission was provided with the January financial reports. At the end of January 67.6% of revenue was collected and 76% of expenses incurred. The Commissioners discussed the changes in the pro hac vice rules and how to ensure compliance with the pro hac vice rules. The Executive Director reported that information will be sent to all Trial Court Administrators and Administrative District Judges explaining the rule changes as well as reiterating the pro hac vice rules and procedures.

Idaho Women Lawyers Event – The Commissioners discussed sponsoring a table at the upcoming Idaho Women Lawyers Awards dinner. The dinner event was the legacy project for an IALL graduate. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve a sponsorship of \$500 for the Idaho Women Lawyers Awards dinner.

ABA Law Day – The Commissioners were provided with a request to support the ABA State Bar Delegate's travel to ABA Day. The Commissioners reviewed the current ABA State Bar Delegate expense reimbursement policy, which does not include reimbursement for ABA Day attendance expenses. The Commissioners agreed to adhere to the policy and not reimburse additional expenses.

MEMBER SERVICES

Member Services – Deputy Director Sheikh reported on the Mentor program, Annual Meeting, LAP, IALL and Casemaker. He reported that the term of the contract with Casemaker expires on April 1. The Commissioners approved negotiating another contract with Casemaker.

Animal Law Section – The Commissioners were provided with the proposed bylaws for the newly established Animal Law Section. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Animal Law Section bylaws as submitted.

Section Funding Policy – The Commissioners were provided with requests from the following sections for a waiver of the section funding cap; Business and Corporate Law, Family Law, Litigation, Real Property and Workers Compensation. Each section provided a plan for disbursing the funds that exceed the section funding cap. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the waiver requests for the Business and Corporate Law, Family Law, Litigation, Real Property and Workers Compensation Sections, contingent on their compliance with the plan submitted and the recommendation of the staff.

Practical Skills Taskforce – Deputy Director Sheikh reported on the first meeting of the Practical Skills Taskforce, which is charged with reviewing the practical skills requirement and curriculum.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director