

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
General Session
April 13, 2012
Pocatello, 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 Hampton Inn in Pocatello, Idaho. In attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Molly O’Leary, Robert Wetherell and William Wellman, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary. Commissioner Paul Daugharty and Deputy Director Mahmood Sheikh joined the later portion of the meeting by conference call.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the February 17, 2012 General Session minutes as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per Idaho Code Section 67-2345, the Commission, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, moved into Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

2012 Legislative/Legal Services Update

The Commissioners discussed the draft letter to Idaho Legal Aid Services explaining that the Bar had met its commitment to the 2006 resolution supporting legislative funding for ILAS. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve sending the letter.

Requests to Transfer to Active Status

John Elliot - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve John Elliot’s request to transfer to active status with the condition that he obtain a total of 15 additional CLE credits in 6 months in programs not related to land development and real estate.

Jenny Carey - It was moved, seconded and passed (Commissioner Wetherell abstained) to approve Jenny Carey’s request to transfer to active status with the condition that she meet the basic requirements for transfer to active status and sit for the Multistate Performance Test.

Herbert Vanderford – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Herbert Vanderford’s request to transfer to active status, approving the recommendation that he be required to successfully pass the Idaho Bar Examination as a condition of his transfer to active status.

Timothy Seibly – It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the recommendation that Timothy Seibly meet the basic requirements for transfer to active status and pass the MPRE. The Commissioners agreed that the transfer to active process should begin once the reciprocal discipline has been resolved.

2012 Awards – The Commission discussed nominations for the following awards; Distinguished Lawyer, Professionalism, Service, Outstanding Young Lawyer and Section of the Year. It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following as 2012 Distinguished Lawyers: Judge Charles McDevitt, Archibald Service and Scott Reed.

It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following attorneys to receive the 2012 Professionalism awards: 1st District– Anne Solomon, 2nd District– Judge Greg Kalbfleisch, 3rd District– Gerald Wolff, 4th District– Judge Mikel Williams, Lawrence Wasden, 5th District– Alfred Barrus, 6th District–Brent Roche, 7th District– Winston Beard.

It was moved seconded and passed to select the following individuals to receive the 2012 Service awards: Mark Monson, Marcia Wing, Monica Shurtman, Judge Rick Carnaroli, Bud Yost, Brian Kane, Justice Jim Jones and Reginald Reeves.

Outstanding Young Lawyer – It was moved, seconded and passed to select Nicole Trammel Pantera as the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Section of the Year – The Commissioners considered several nominations for the Section of the Year award. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section to receive the 2012 Section of the Year award.

BOC Election Update – The Executive Director reported that the candidates for the Board of Commissioner representing the 6th and 7th districts were Michael Gaffney, F.J. Hahn III and Paul Rippel. The election ballot counting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st.

2012 Licensing Update – The Commissioners were provided with the Idaho Supreme Court order cancelling the licenses of those attorneys who did not pay their license fees by the March 1st deadline. By the date of the Board of Commissioners’ meeting, five attorneys whose licenses were cancelled had met the requirements to be reinstated.

Western States Bar Conference – President Larsen and Commissioners O’Leary and Wellman reported on the 2012 Western States Bar Conference. The Commissioners discussed the mentor programs presented at the conference. Specifically, several states have established mandatory mentor programs for new lawyers. The Commissioners requested more information about the financial structure for a mandatory mentoring program.

Informational Reports – Letters, news clippings and statistical reports for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

March Financial Report – The Commissioners were provided with the March 31, 2012 financial report. At the end of March, 94.1% of budgeted revenue was collected and 14.1% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting – The Commissioners reviewed the proposed locations for the Annual Meeting for the next several years. The Commissioners agreed to make a few changes in the rotation. Deputy Director Mahmood Sheikh provided the draft 2012 Annual Meeting agenda.

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

President Larsen requested that the May 18th meeting be rescheduled. The Commissioners agreed to change the meeting to Monday, May 21st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director