

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner**  
**April 12, 2013**  
**Boise, Idaho**

President Paul Daugharty 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 Coeur d'Alene. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Molly O'Leary, Paul Rippel, Robert Wetherell, William Wellman, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews 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 11:30 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 February 22, 2013, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

**2013 Awards** – The Commissioners discussed the potential recipients of the Distinguished Lawyer, Service, Professionalism, Outstanding Young Lawyer and Section of the Year.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select Walter H. Bithell of Boise and Dwight E. Baker of Blackfoot, as the 2013 Distinguished Lawyer recipients.

The Commissioners selected the following lawyers and non-lawyers to receive the 2013 Service Awards: Dawn Justice, John Glenn Hall, Tom Vasseur, Ryan Henson, Jonathyn Volyn and Ernie Hoidal.

The Commissioners discussed potential recipients of the 2013 Professionalism Awards; 1<sup>st</sup> – Bill Boyd & John Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Landeck, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Judge Culet, 4<sup>th</sup> – Scott Hess & Deb Kristensen and 6<sup>th</sup> District – David Gardner. The Commissioners agreed to finalize the recipient from each district and vote on the Professionalism Awards at the May meeting.

The Commissioners voted to select Scott E. Randolph of as the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

The Commissioners voted to select the Litigation Section as the beneficiary of the 2013 Section of the Year Award.

**BOC election** – The Executive Director reported that there is one candidate for the Board of Commissioners in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Election; Tim Gresback; and two candidates in the Fourth District election; Trudy Fouser and Lisa Shultz.

**Transfers to Active Status** – The Commissioners were provided with a request for reconsideration of their decision to require Dennis Olson to pass the MPT prior to his transfer to

active status. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to allow Dennis Olson to transfer to active status prior to sitting for the Multistate Performance Test. Mr. Olson's conditions for transfer still require the successful passage of the July MPT. If he is unsuccessful on the MPT, his status would be transferred to inactive.

**Coordinated Fundraising Campaign for Civil Legal Services** – The Commissioners were provided with the feasibility study that was done to determine the viability of a joint fundraising effort on behalf of ILAS, IVLP and Disability Rights Idaho. The Commissioners expressed some concerns about the concept. They agreed to wait on any decision until the Idaho Law Foundation Board of Directors has made a decision regarding the campaign.

**Western States Bar Conference** – Conference attendees Paul Daugharty, Molly O'Leary, Robert Wetherell, William Wellman and Diane Minnich discussed the conference program and events. Immediate Past President Molly O'Leary was elected Vice President of the WSBC. She will serve as president for the 2016 conference.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

**Financial Reports** – The Commissioners were provided with the February and March financial reports. At the end of March 83.7% of revenue was collected and 22.4% of expenses incurred.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**Annual Meeting** – Deputy Director Sheikh provided the Annual Meeting schedule. The Commissioners discussed honoring Dean Don Burnett at the meeting.

**Practical Skills Taskforce** – The Commissioners were provided with the meeting notes 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 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director