

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
General Session
May 6, 2011
Boise, Idaho

President Deborah Ferguson called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:40 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition to President Ferguson, in attendance for the meeting were, Commissioners James Meservy, Reed Larsen, Molly O'Leary, Paul Daugharty, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as the secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2011 meeting as submitted.

GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY SERVICES

AWARDS SELECTION, The Commission discussed the selection of the 2011 Professionalism and Pro Bono award recipients – After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select the following attorneys to receive the professionalism awards for 2011: 1st - Marc Lyon, 2nd - Doug Mushlitz 3rd - Phil Peterson, 4th - Wendy Olson and Judge Duff McKee, 5th - Robert Williams, 6th - David Maguire, 7th - Katherine Moriarty.

Pro Bono Awards – It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following attorneys to receive 2011 pro bono awards: 1st – Stephen T. Snedden, 2nd – Chip Giles, 3rd – Danielle C. Scarlett and Rachelle Smith, 4th – Jeremy C. Chou, M. Dan Gabbert Jr., Tim E. Murphy, Taylor L. Mossman and Janis T. Dotson, 5th – M. Lynn Dunlap and Selim A. Star, 6th – David E. Alexander and David P. Gardner, 7th – Robert Lynn Harris.

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award – The Commissioners considered nominations for the 2011 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select Brooke Redmond Baldwin to receive the 2011 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Commissioner Larsen abstained. Commissioner Meservy agreed to contact Brook and let her know she will be receiving this award and not the service award.

Practice Section of the Year Award – The Commissioners considered the nominees for Practice Section of the Year Award. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to select the Tax, Probate and Trust Law Section as the recipient of the 2011 Practice Section of the Year award.

BOC ELECTION – The Commission was provided with the BOC election canvass – Robert Wetherell was elected the new 4th District Commissioner. William Wellman was elected to represent the 3rd and 5th Districts.

IBCR 206 CHANGE – The Commission discussed possible changes to IBCR 206 that would adjust the years of practice required to be eligible for reciprocal admission. After discussion, the Commissioners requested that the staff draft a “mirror” rule similar to the rules in Washington State.

ILAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE – The Commissioners were joined by ILAS President Mary Hunneycutt and Vice President Lora Breen. The group discussed the relationship between the Court, Bar and ILAS and the funding needs of ILAS. The Commissioners agreed to set up a meeting with ILAS and the Court. ILAS President Hunneycutt provided a list of requests that would assist ILAS with its financial difficulties: waive or reduce license fees for ILAS attorneys, assist with fundraising, include check off for legal services on the license fee notice and provide a donation from bar funds (i.e. Nevada).

NORTHWEST BAR LEADERS MEETING REPORT – President Ferguson and President Elect Larsen reported on the meeting in Salt Lake City. The meeting included representatives of Washington, Oregon, Utah, Montana and Nevada. The bar leaders discussed common concerns, topics and issues.

FEDERAL COURT OF CLAIMS REQUEST – The Commissioners considered a request from the Federal Court of Claims for the bar to consider co-sponsoring a CLE program in October in CA. The Board agreed to co-sponsor the program.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

MARCH AND APRIL FINANCIAL REPORTS – The Commissioners were provided with the March 31 and April 30 financial reports. At the end of April, 83% of revenue was collected and 22% of expenses incurred.

2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS – Eide Bailey partner, Kevin Smith, presented the 2010 audited financial reports. Mr. Smith reviewed the audited financials with the Commissioners and reported that the Bar received a clean audit report, with no management letter issued.

MEMBER SERVICES

220TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS CELEBRATION – The Commissioners again discussed the status of the Bill of Rights Celebration. It was moved, seconded, and passed to withdraw the support of the ISB, including the Diversity Section due to Commissioners ongoing concerns about the financial viability of the project. The Commissioners agreed that the Program cannot be a Bar or section sponsored event. The Commissioners continue to question the financial feasibility of the event based on the current budget projections which are not in line with the budget previously approved by the board. Consequently, the Commissioners agreed that the Program should not be a bar or section-sponsored event, due to the risk that the bar would be financially responsible for any red ink.

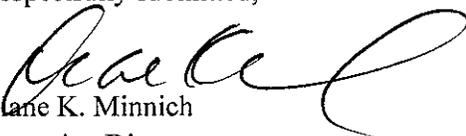
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – President Ferguson reported on the progress of the planning for the program, which is anticipated to start in the fall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, the Commission moved into executive session at 12:45 p.m. The executive session adjourned at 1:55 pm.

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director