

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners**  
**September 9, 2011**  
**Boise, 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 Doubletree Club Hotel in Boise. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Molly O'Leary, Paul Daugharty, Robert Wetherell, William Wellman, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, 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 Commissioner, moved into executive session at 1:25 p.m. The executive session adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes** – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Commissioners meeting as amended. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the notes of the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of representatives of the Idaho Supreme Court and Idaho State Bar.

**Judicial Council Appointment** – The Commissioners discussed the interview process for the Judicial Council applicants. The Commission interviewed three candidates for the position: Michal Gaffney, Joel Hazel and Janell Burke. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed (4-1) to appoint Joel P. Hazel, of Coeur d'Alene, to the Idaho Judicial Council.

**2011-12 Committee Appointments** – The Executive Director reported that the Professional Conduct Board is in need of additional non lawyer members. The Commissioners received several potential choices for their consideration. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Alan Gunn and Jodee Blackburn to the Professional Conduct Board. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Janell Burke to the Professional Conduct Board if she is interested in serving.

**BOC Liaison assignments to Sections and Committees** – The Commissioners reviewed the proposed liaison assignments. The Commissioners agreed to the liaison assignments with a few modifications.

**2011 Resolution Process** – The Commission reviewed the proposed resolutions to date: amendments to the licensing and trust account rules, amendments to IBCR 206, years of practice requirement for reciprocal admission and support for a third Idaho Federal District Judge. The Commissioners agreed to support the proposed licensing, trust accounts and reciprocal admission rules.

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**Legislative Funding for ILAS Meetings** – President Larsen provided a review of the two meetings held with the Idaho Supreme Court, bar, ILAS and Idaho Association of Counties representatives. The Commissioners agreed to support the proposal as redrafted and to amend the

language to allow the Commissioners to determine the distribution of the funds. The Commission agreed to then submit to Legal Aid its approval as written.

**ABA Action Alert** – The Commission reviewed an action alert provided by the ABA requesting support for its efforts to oppose the Labor Department’s proposal to narrow the advice exemption to its Persuader Activities Rule. The Commission decided that no action was required on behalf of the bar. The Commissioners deferred to Bar Counsel to respond if he deemed it appropriate.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

**Financial Reports** – The Commission was provided with the July and August financial reports. At the end of August, 95% of revenue was collected and 68.5% of expenses incurred.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**Leadership Academy** – The Deputy Executive Director provided an update on the progress of the Leadership Academy. He provided an overview of the initial session, scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commissioners were provided with a list of those lawyers selected for the inaugural class.

**Annual Meeting** – The Commissioners were provided with a 2011 Annual Meeting report prepared by the Deputy Executive Director. The report reviewed the financials, program and attendance. The Commission was also provided with a review of survey comments from participants.

**Bellwood Lecture** – The Executive Director reported that the ABA asked the Bar to schedule a meet and greet with ABA President, William Robinson III, while he is in Boise for the Bellwood event. The Executive Director encouraged Commissioners in the Treasure Valley area to attend the meet and greet on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**YLS Attorneys against Hunger** – The Commissioners were provided with a letter from YLS Chair Ritchie Eppink encouraging the BOC to participate in the Attorneys Against Hunger fundraiser.

#### **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS**

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director

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