

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
General Session
October 15, 2010
Boise, Idaho

President James Meservy called the General Session of the conference call business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition to President Meservy, in attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Deborah Ferguson, Reed Larsen, Molly O'Leary, Paul Daugharty, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, 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 September 10, 2010 meeting as submitted.

GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY SERVICES

RESOLUTION PROCESS – At 8:30 a.m. the Commission was joined on the phone by the following District Bar Representatives: 1st District - Savi Grewal, 2nd District - Karin Seibert, 3rd District - Matt Johnson, 4th District - Scott Muir, 5th District - Brooke Baldwin, and 6th District - Angela Jensen.

The group discussed the two proposed resolutions and the resolution meeting schedule. In addition to the resolutions and awards, the Idaho Law Foundation has requested a few minutes to provide an update on its programs.

President Meservy requested that each Commissioner have the opportunity to speak at the resolution meetings. The Commission also suggested that the Executive Director draft a proposed agenda for the law school visit and provide it to Dean Burnett.

PRELITIGATION HEARING PANELISTS – It was moved, seconded and passed to recommend John Goodell be appointed as a panelist for Medical Malpractice Prelitigation Hearing Panels.

2010-11 BOC COMMITTEE/SECTION LIAISONS AND ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS – At the recommendation of staff, the Commissioners voted to appoint the following committee members: Kevin Borger and Joe Pirtle to the Lawyer Assistance Program Committee and Camille Roberts as a non lawyer member of the Professional Conduct Board.

Lawyer Referral Service Task Force – The Commissioners considered a request from the LRS staff to expand the LRS committee to consider changes to the LRS program. It was moved, seconded and passed

to approve the creation of an LRS taskforce including the current and recommended members to address issues dealing with LRS changes.

ILAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE – The Commission was provided with an email from ILAS Executive Director, Ernie Sanchez, to the Idaho Supreme Court regarding ILAS's plans for an access to justice commission and further legislative efforts.

REQUEST TO TRANSFER TO ACTIVE STATUS, CRISTY CONE PENNY – The Commissioners considered a request from Cristy Penny to transfer from affiliate to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve her request with the following requirements in addition to those set out in IBCR 305: 15 additional CLE credits within 6 months of reinstatement.

RETREAT NOTES – The Commissioners were provided with the notes from the September 11, 2010 BOC retreat. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the notes as presented.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS - The Commissioners were provided with the membership statistics for October 2, 2010, 5,502 members of the Idaho State Bar.

IDAHO SUPREME COURT ORAL CONFERENCE MINUTES – The Commissioners were provided with the minutes of the September 3rd and September 30, 2010 Idaho Supreme Court Oral Conferences.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –The Commissioners were provided with the September 30, 2010 financial report. At the end of September, 97% of revenue was collected and 77% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

220TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS – The Commissioners were provided with the email exchange of the Diversity Section Chair reiterating the importance of not making financial commitments for the program until funds have been raised to support the program.

PRESS RELEASES – The Commissioners were provided with a list of the press releases prepared and sent, as well as the media contacts for the last several months. The Commission suggested that more in depth information about the award recipients might result in better coverage about the attorneys receiving the awards.

LRS STATISTICS – The Commissioners were provided with the September LRS statistics.

PRACTICE SECTION UPDATE – Deputy Executive Director, Mahmood Sheikh, reported on section activities. He noted that the law practice management is in need of new officers. The Commission requested that Mr. Sheikh prepare a proposal to present a Practice Section of the Year award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, the Commission moved into executive session at 8:00 a.m. The executive session adjourned at 8:30 a.m. and reconvened at 8:55 a.m., concluding at 9:40 a.m.

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director