

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
September 6, 2013
Boise, Idaho

President William Wellman called the Business Meeting of the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Hampton Inn in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Robert Wetherell, Paul Rippel, Trudy Fouser and Tim Gresback, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code § 3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code § 67-2341(4)(a), at 11:25 a.m. it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. It was also moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the July 17, 2013 minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting as amended.

Resolution Process and Proposed Resolutions – The Commissioners were provided with the final resolution meeting schedule and proposed resolutions. The Commissioners were also provided with the list of potential resolutions for this year's resolution process. Bar Counsel presented the highlights of the proposed changes to the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct. Each proposed resolution was reviewed as follows: MCLE rules, including the changes to the practical skills requirements, changes in the admission fees, revisions to Section IX of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules, including the addition of electronic voting for BOC election, changes in the legal intern rules and Client Assistance Fund rules, amendments to the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct, and support for the National Mock Trial Competition in Boise. The Commissioners also reviewed a proposed resolution that would allow Federal Administrative Law Judges to be classified as judicial membership status. The Commissioners had several questions about this resolution and instructed the Executive Director to submit their questions and concerns to the resolution's author. The Commissioners suggested changes in the "whereas" statements for several of the resolutions and changes in the chart outlining the changes in the MCLE rules.

2013-14 Committee and Section Liaisons – The Commissioners were provided with the proposed Board liaison appointments for the 2013-14 year. The liaison assignments were approved as submitted.

Supreme Court Order – The Commissioners were provided with the Idaho Supreme Court order cancelling John Bujak’s interim suspension and reinstating his license to practice.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the July and August financial reports. At the end of August, 92.7% of revenue was collected and 69.7% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

IALL Report – Deputy Director Sheikh discussed the process for selecting the IALL class and provided a list of the recently selected class for 2013-14.

Annual Meeting Report – The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the evaluations of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Overall, evaluations were positive and complimentary of the conference. The Commissioners were joined by Mark Nye to discuss 2014 annual meeting in Pocatello.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director