

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
November 13, 2013
Pocatello, Idaho

President William Wellman called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Shoshone Bannock Event Center in Pocatello. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Paul Rippel, Robert Wetherell, Trudy Fouser, 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 10:25 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 minutes of October 2, 2013, Board of Commissioners meeting as amended.

Resolution Meetings – The Commissioners briefly discussed the resolution meetings to date. The Commissioners had no comments or suggested changes to the meetings. It was noted that the power point presentation was beneficial.

Law School Visit – The Commissioners discussed what information, comments and observations should be included in the report to the University of Idaho College of Law about this year's visit. The Commissioners agreed that the shorter schedule was beneficial. The schedule included the appropriate meetings and accommodated a better travel schedule. In the future the Commissioners suggested one hour with student leaders, one hour with faculty, and one hour on job placement, as well as time with the students. The report should include a request to schedule the meeting with the students at a time most convenient for students, along with a lunch with students.

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation – The Commissioners reviewed a report from William Myers, the ISB's appointee to the RMMLF Board of Trustees. The Commissioner asked the Executive Director to extend their thanks to Mr. Myers for providing a thorough report.

Request to amend ADR Bylaws – The Commissioners were provided with a request from the ADR section to amend its bylaws. The amendments included changing the name of the section to the Dispute Resolution Section, changing the law student requirements and splitting the secretary/treasurer position into two positions. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the proposed changes to the ADR Section bylaws.

Disciplinary/Admission information – The Commissioners were provided with Idaho Supreme Court orders in public disciplinary and admission matters.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the September and October financial reports. At the end of October 96.2% of revenue was collected and 77.5% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

Lawyer Assistance Program – The Commissioners were provided with the 2013 LAP statistics. Deputy Director Sheikh reported on meetings with Southworth and Associates to discuss monitoring of conditional admittees and the services provided by Southworth. The Commissioners discussed the current services and ideas about future program activities and services.

Annual Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with the letter to section leaders encouraging attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the venue for the 2014 Annual Meeting and how to ensure the venue meets the requirements and standards for the ISB Annual Meeting.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director