

MINUTES
Animal Law Section

November 30, 2012
Section Organizational Meeting
12:00 Noon

- I. Call to Order-**Mahmood Sheikh, Deputy Executive Director for ISB, called the meeting to order.
- II. Introductions** -Introductions around the room and on the phone. List of attendees attached.
- III. Review of Handouts-**Briefly reviewed the following materials which were handed out for reference:
 - a. ISB Section Membership Registration Form**
 - b. Idaho Bar Commission Rules Section XI regarding Practice Sections.**
 - c. Uniform Section By-Laws**
- IV. Welcome to the Animal Law Section-**Adam Karp, Founder of the Animal Law Section, spoke about the field of animal law, briefly covering different practice areas. Adam covered what other states are doing with their animal law sections and spoke a little about his own practice in Washington.
- V. Officer Elections:** Officers were elected by vote at the meeting.
 - a. Chairperson:** Heather Cunningham was elected as Chairperson, and took over running the meeting at this point.
 - b. Vice Chairperson:** Adam Karp
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer:** Shannon Clark
 - d. At Large Members:**
 - i. Sunrise Ayers
 - ii. Sandra McCune
 - iii. Wade Hyder
 - iv. Rick Freeman

- VI. Dues-**Discussion regarding what amount to set for annual dues. Focus on keeping dues reasonable to help build membership while the section is growing, but balancing the ability to be self-sustaining within the 3-year time frame. Group voted to set annual membership dues at \$25, and \$10 for law students or attorneys who have been practicing less than 2 years.
- VII. By-Laws-**Brief review of the Uniform Section By-Laws. Need to amend to add definition of at-large members. Will be revised and proposed for approval at next section meeting in January.
- VIII. Membership Recruitment-**Discussion of membership recruitment. Goal to have broad membership base including individuals from different aspects of the community, including non-lawyers. Proposed several ideas for seeking members, such as animal shelters, veterinarians, non-profit groups, livestock breeders/ranchers, students, etc. Need to build membership to 50 members within to years of formation. Discussed starting a listserv, forms bank, and other resources that would be valuable to section members.
- IX. Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at 12:00 pm.
- X. Adjourn**

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