

**AGENDA**  
**ISB ANIMAL LAW SECTION MEETING**  
**March 8, 2016 12:00 Noon MST**

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. In Attendance:** Sunrise Ayers, Sue Brooks, Lessie Brown, Jennifer Giuttari, Bryan Hurlbutt, Talasi Brooks, Ilana Rubel, Debra Ellers, Lisa Kauffman, Ken McClure, Melissa Aston, Adam Karp, Elizabeth Mathieu, Zoe Ann Olson
- III. CLE Presentation** – Rep. Ilana Rubel provided information about House Bills 399 and 524, both of which increase penalties for torture of companion animals. Rep. Rubel discussed how each of these Bills would change current law, why those changes are needed, and gave an update on how the legislation is progressing this session.
  - a. Under current law, animal cruelty is a 3<sup>rd</sup> offense felony and prior offenses are misdemeanors
  - b. Discussed Ag-Gag legislation
  - c. Discussed cases of Patches the pony from Sept of 2015
  - d. Reviewed HB399 which would create a 2<sup>nd</sup> offense felony for torture of a companion animal and create a 1<sup>st</sup> offense felony if committed in presence of a minor. No hearing allowed on this bill.
  - e. Reviewed HB524 which creates a 2<sup>nd</sup> offense felony for torture of companion animal, 1<sup>st</sup> offense felony if inflicted bodily injury on a human within previous 10 years. Gave update on status of the bill.
- IV. Review prior minutes** – edits identified for January minutes.
- V. Membership update** – Below target on membership; discussed efforts being taken to increase membership.
- VI. Review budget** – Budget is okay now, but will be problematic if do not increase membership.

**VII. Discussion of CLE** – Discussed possible CLE topics and potentially partnering with another section such as the Environmental and Natural Resources Section. Will look at ½ day or longer CLE near the end of the year.

**VIII. Other Business:** Adam gave an update on the Animal Law Summit, happening in Seattle this summer.

**IX. Adjourn**

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED SECTION MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY MAY 10, 2016**