

**Minutes for the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Monthly Meeting
Friday, December 9, 2011**

A. Old Business

1. Jen Brumley and Melanie Baillie report that everything is set up for CLE in March.
2. Joanne reports that the January 20, 2012 CLE in Boise is a full day CLE with lunch provided.
 - a. If Attorneys help a client from Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, then the attorney can watch video of January 2012 CLE for free.

B. Chair's Report from Practice Section Council

1. Need to pay attention to requests for setting budget.
 - a. When we get guidelines, we will meet and send out proposed budget to section members.
 - b. Budget is due to the Bar by January 18, 2012.

C. Applications for Grant Consideration

1. CASA – Ada County
 - a. Volunteers have to have 12 hours of training each year.
 - b. They are creating an on-line guide to put resources on. They want to have a library for volunteers and do a book club.
 - c. They could provide log-ins to directors and attorneys who work as GAL's around the state.
 - d. They are seeking money to get hard copy of books and multi-media materials for volunteers to check out.
2. IVLP – Mary Hobson
 - a. Anna Almerico will provide written report on money from this year later this month.
 - b. Because of the budget they had to cut back on family law clinics.
 - c. They will continue with Soundstart program.
 - d. They want \$5000 to do a pilot program in Boise to have a drop-in clinic for homeless to address their legal issues (family law, veterans, criminal, etc.). It will be held at St. Michael's and will do a monthly lunch for homeless.
 - e. The money will go to recruiting attorneys and put together documents for clients (pamphlets, etc.)
3. Idaho Partners against Domestic Violence – Jennifer Schinderle
 - a. Jackson's Food Stores matches contributions
 - b. Family Law Section has contributed every year with last year's donation at \$2,000.

4. Idaho Legal Aid – Jim Cook
 - a. They have a budget deficit of \$400,000.
 - b. They took hits on IOLTA accounts and grants have been cut, especially family law cuts.
 - c. They are requesting \$5000 to pay for 63 hours of attorney time across the state.
 - d. All offices have been doing furloughs and some attorneys have gone from full-time to part-time.
 - e. Legal Aid actually provides funds to IVLP and receives funds from Idaho Partners against Domestic Violence.

5. ICARE in North Idaho
 - a. No representative was present.
 - b. Their literature indicates that they provide education for parents.

D. Discussion and Decision on Grants

1. CASA
 - a. Fred says they follow our grant guidelines.
 - b. Linda disagrees because it is limited to Ada County.

2. IVLP
 - a. This program is restricted to Boise.
 - b. Linda isn't in favor of this more limited program and is not clear what is going to be paid for.
 - i. There is general agreement with Linda's position.

3. Idaho Partners against Domestic Violence
 - a. Linda says 2/3 of their funds go to Legal Aid and to Sexual Abuse committee.

4. Idaho Legal Aid
 - a. Due to significant cuts to Legal Aid, there is strong consensus that they should be funded to fullest extent that we have funds. Section members by phone agree that this should be funded.
 - b. Linda say it's easy to monitor where money goes.
 - c. Debbie moves to give entire \$7000 to Legal Aid
 - i. Michael Kraynick seconds it.
 - ii. All section members are in favor of this grant.

5. Linda encourages members to volunteer and give personally to the other worthy programs.