

Minutes for the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 12:30 p.m. MST

Welcome & roll call: Joanne Kibodeaux, Lisa B. Rodriguez, Jennifer Schindele, Brett Anthon, Viki Howard, Steve Stokes, Jen Brumley, Tom Dial, Mahmood Sheikh, Karin Seubert, Michael Kraynick, Melanie Baillie

Approval of Minutes – February 2013; Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Rodriguez

A. Old Business –

1. Committee reports.

A. Legislative/Rules Committee – Mike Kraynick

a. Presentation by Vicki Howard

Viki spoke about the new rule coming out of Children and Families in the Court Committee on creating standards for custody evaluations and assessments. The mental health licensing boards and legislators have had concerns about family law evaluations and assessments; the Committee was told that this was a big enough issue that the Legislature was looking at legislation to address if not otherwise addressed.

The new rule sets minimum standards for evaluations, qualifications for evaluators, and clear guidelines for evaluators. The proposed rule is currently on the Idaho Supreme Court website and is taking comments through March 20, 2013. The Committee will review the comments and then will look at finalizing the rule.

Viki answered questions about the process and reasoning behind the rule.

b. Legislative issues by Mike Kraynick

It has been fairly quiet on legislation. There is some legislation about guns in regards to domestic violence issues. There have been rumblings about changes to protection order rules. New legislation for grandparent visitation IC § 32-717 went into effect last year. There was a question about any adoption and putative father registry but Mike has not seen any legislation coming on that.

B. CLE Committee – Karin Seubert & Melanie Bailee

a. Spring 2013 CLE

Two part CLE. There had been discussion of doing one part in Boise and one in Coeur d'Alene but this is not feasible. There will be two 3-hour sessions (dates: May 29th and June 12th) in Boise which will be stand-alone sessions. The first

session will be addressing experts in family law cases. There has been discussion of getting speaker at CLE to also speak about new rule on custody evaluations.

b. CLE schedule for 2013

In March, Tore Beal-Gwartney is going to Wisconsin for Community Property States Symposium. The paper has been completed for Idaho's presentation. Section will do a webinar that Tore will present about the information provided at the symposium.

c. Annual meeting in Coeur D'Alene area--Thursday, July 18th afternoon will be when the family law will be able to have speaker

C. Handbook – Tom Dial

a. The articles are coming in and they are working on putting hyperlinks into the handbook.

D. Form book. Steve Stokes will be editing this book.

2. Approval of fund overage expenditure: Joanne Kibodeaux

A. A motion was passed at last meeting to expend the overage funds from the Section and the Idaho State Bar has approved these expenditures/donations. The checks are in the process of being sent out. The line item on the financial statement showing the publication inventory has been reduced. Section members need to send any recommendations for donations of the hard copies of the Handbook (34 to be donated). The Bar will hold 5 hard copies of the Handbook.

3. Advocate Issues in 2013:

A. a. Co-sponsorship with ADR section, May 2013

B. Co-sponsor issue with Litigation Section in January 2014.

- Brett Anthon.

a. Brett said that we need to look for ideas for articles.

4. CLE Committee: Karin Seubert/Melanie Baillee

5. Annual Meeting: Jen Brumley to spearhead reception to be held on July 18th.

A. Jen is working on a location for the reception.

6. Annual Award: Joanne Kibodeaux to appoint committee.

A. Tom Dial, Jennifer Schindele, and Jen Brumley were suggested for committee. All of those nominated agreed to serve on committee.

7. Nominations Process: Joanne Kibodeaux to appoint Chair.

A. There will be several seats up for election this year. Joanne will find a Chair.

B. New Business.

1. Diversity section request for Love the Law funding.

- A. Joanne let them know that donations are done usually later in the year.
- B. No members had any further comments.

2. Mahmood sent e-mail requesting ideas for Practical Skills Training.

- A. Joanne will send out an e-mail with bullet points to review. Members are requested to send ideas to Joanne that she can send on.

C. Other business.

1. Note the meeting date for April has changed and is an in-person meeting in Boise. Mahmood explained the reimbursement for the governing board travel and lodging expenses.

2. Zach Pall is looking to nominate Linda Pall for Distinguished Attorney award and wanted to see if any members would like to co-nominate her. He can be contacted directly.

Meeting Schedule: Friday, April 12, 2013 at 1:00 MST – in-person

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 12:30 MST – telephonic

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 12:30 MST – telephonic

July 2013 – in conjunction with ISB Annual Meeting – in person

August 2013- no meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2013 – telephonic

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 12:30 MST - telephonic A. Old Business –

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.