

Minutes for the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Council Meeting

Friday, May 9, 2014, 12:00 p.m. MST

Welcome & roll call: Melanie Baillie, Karin Seubert, Linda Pall, Lisa B. Rodriguez, Jennifer Schindele, Mackensie Whatcott, Tom Dial, Jeff Butler, Tom Smith, Fred Zundel, Brooke O'Neill and Penelope Gaffney.

Approval of Minutes – April 2014 meeting will be approved at next meeting.

Report: 3 new members to family law section who just joined the Idaho State Bar.

Old Business:

1. Committee Reports.

- a. Family Law Reception—Linda Pall's report

- a. Tore Beal-Gwartney has been chosen as committee's choice to receive award. Several other worthy candidates were also nominated. The reception is going to be held at Rosewood Reception Center, 1499 Bannock Highway, Pocatello. Invitations have been prepared and are working within the budget for the reception.

- b. Motion to approve nomination. Approved unanimously.

- b. Handbook Tom Dial reports

- a. Articles will be ready by end of May/beginning of June to hand over to the index editor. However, Jeff Butler will be leaving index editor position and we need to have someone take over this position for the handbook. We need to recruit someone to work on this so that we can get the handbook completed prior to the October CLE series. We want to hyperlink the articles to make the handbook very user-friendly. This can be done by the publisher or by the index editor but Jeff noted that it is better for the publisher to do the hyperlinking.

- b. Jeff estimates that it takes 5 hours per article where there are any changes, 1-3 hours for articles that don't change, and 10 hours per article on new articles. He does keyword index, statute index, and case law index. He has a software program that he uses and the section may want to purchase this software program. It costs between \$200-600 depending on the license.

- c. Jeff is leaving June 12, 2014 and so could work with someone before that time to show them what to do as index editor. Karin will reach out to some law school students at the U of I to see if there may be someone who would be willing to volunteer for this position.

2. CLE Update: 2014 CLE Planning

- a. Update on October 2014 series.

- a. We will wait on this report until next month.

- b. Annual Bar Meeting CLE
 - a. Melanie provides report on this 2-hour CLE. The speakers are set up and include Denise Rosen
- c. Animal Law CLE w/ family law co-sponsoring
 - a. Karin says it was a good CLE but not a lot of attendance. It will be available for rental. Jennifer Schindele will get an update on the financials from the CLE.
- 3. Legislative Update – Mike Kraynick
 - a. No report available today.
- 4. Technology-Mackenzie
 - a. No update at this time. Mackenzie will be providing her case updates for the handbook by September.
- 5. District Support—Tom Smith
 - a. He is transitioning out of other position and will be focusing on this in upcoming month.
- 6. Resource coordination—Mackenzie
 - a. She and Mike Kraynick have been corresponding regarding ideas to share materials (ie. Briefs, court decisions) through Casemaker. They are working with Mahmood for possibilities as well.

New Business:

- 1. Amended By-Laws—have been approved and are on the website. The changes were substantive with regard to the structure of the section. Be sure to review these amended by-laws.
- 2. Revamping mission and vision statement
 - a. Discussion on whether these mission and vision statements need to be updated. Section agrees with current statements but recommend that we review these statements annually.
- 3. Brown Bag Lunch Meetings
 - a. Our section meetings have generally been business meetings. Suggestion to include 30-60 minute CLEs as part of meeting. Discussed that this would be a good way to get other family section members involved. Tom Smith will take on to see if can organize these types of CLEs.
- 4. Any members at meeting who would like to get involved are strongly encouraged to do so.
 - a. Melanie will get in touch with Mahmood to get the coordinators listed on the website so that folks will know who to contact.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.