

ISB GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES
December 11, 2009
12:00 P.M., ISB Law Center

Attendees: Dave Wynkoop, Laura Chess, Kris Sasser, Don Howell, Lorna Jorgensen, Wendy Olsen, Steve Price, Scott Keim, Nancy Strickland, Delton Walker, Emily Kane, Cheri Ruch

1) Old Business

- a) **Update on Advocate Sponsorship** – The Section will be sponsoring the June/July 2010 issue. The deadline for the submission of articles will be in March 2010. The theme will be litigation in the public sector. Proposed articles so far include the new Open Meeting law, upcoming revisions to the Idaho APA, and the need for a code of conduct for administrative hearing officers. Paul Fitzer will submit an article about recent developments in land use law. However, the issue still needs 2 or 3 more articles.
 - i) **Future sponsorship** - Discussed whether to commit to sponsorship of an issue for 2011 or 2012. Will discuss further and make a decision in February 2010.

2) New Business

- a) **Future CLE Topics/Speakers** – the section is looking for topics and speakers to cover meetings in 2010. Possible topics include bankruptcy law as it applies to public sector claims and a presentation by the City of Meridian.
- b) **Proposed Changes to Pro Bono Rules** – Jack McMahon presented a policy template agencies could consider adopting to encourage public sector attorneys to provide pro bono services. Other activities include working with the Bar to accept emailed inquires through Ask-A-Lawyer. Proposing a “soft” roll-out. The template is modeled on the U.S. Attorney’s policy.
- c) **2010 Budget** – Dave Wynkoop presented a proposed budget for 2010. Discussion about reasonable forecast of revenue and the need to keep a year’s worth of operating costs in the bank going forward. Laura Chess reported that 56 attended the December CLE. Discussion of need to put on another CLE in 2010 to generate revenue. Motion to adopt proposed budget made and seconded. Proposed budget approved as proposed.

3) Upcoming CLE lunch meetings – Upcoming speakers and topics currently planned include:

- i) **Brian Kane** – legislative preview, 1/8/10
- ii) **Legislative Review** – April 9, 2010

Meeting adjourned

CLE conducted on Government Agency Attorney Fee Awards by Cheryl Meade

Next Business Meeting and CLE– January 8, 2010