

ISB GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES • February 6, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS

President Cheri Ruch called the meeting of the Idaho State Bar Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section to order at noon on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Attending were Cheri Ruch, Jill Holinka, Clive Strong, Jerry Mason, Matt Wilde, Jamilla Holmes, John Cafferty, Emily MacMaster, Dave Wynkoop, Maury Ellsworth, Scott Campbell, Chris Hopper, Emily Kane, Brian Benjamin, Bruce Smith, Justin Fredin, Don Howell, Texie Evans and Kimberly Coster.

II. OLD Business

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2013.** Brian Benjamin moved that the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting be approved as prepared by Secretary Jill Holinka. Emily Kane seconded the motion. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- B. Discussion and Vote on Plan for September 2014 CLE.** President Cheri Ruch raised discussion on topic of altering the planned day-long CLE into a single, 2-3 hour CLE on the mechanics of administrative proceedings or a series of two, one-hour presentations. Advantages and disadvantages of each proposal were discussed. Emily MacMaster agreed to prepare more definitive alternative proposals to be voted on at the March meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report from January ISB Section Counsel Meeting.** President Cheri Ruch reported that Justice Warren Jones was at the January ISB section counsel meeting to seek input on expanding the pro bono commission. She also reported that a new appellate section of the bar will be organizing later this year.
- B. February 2015 *Advocate* Sponsorship.** President Cheri Ruch requested a volunteer to act as liaison with the *Advocate* editorial board and collect articles, as well as requesting authors for articles. Cheri Ruch agreed to act as the liaison.
- C. Upcoming CLEs.** Emily MacMaster reported that next month's CLE will be on the topic of purchasing and bids from a state perspective.
- D. ACE.** Brian Benjamin reported on the status of the ACE committee and provided a handout. The committee is meeting about every two months and has representation from all parts of the state. He invited additional members to the steering committee or subcommittees.
- E. Diversity Section Request for Funds.** President Cheri Ruch reported that she had recently received a request from the Diversity Law section to donate to its "Love the Law" program and requested a motion to approve a donation. Discussion ensued over our section's bylaws and guidelines for making donations, and whether this donation would fit. Inquiry was made as to whether we could earmark our donation to a particular part of the program that has relevance to public sector law. Cheri Ruch agreed to make that inquiry. Discussion was tabled to March meeting.
- F. Ethics Section CLE Announcement.** Donna Skyler from the Ethics Section announced the section's "Ethical Happy Hour" to be held on March 17 from 5-6 at Berryhill.

IV. TODAY'S CLE (APPROVED FOR 0.5 HOURS CREDIT)

DAG Clive Strong presented a CLE entitled, "The Snake River Basin Adjudication—Where Do We Go From Here."

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting is March 6, 2014.