

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION MEETING

April 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the members of the International Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the offices of the Idaho State Bar. The following Section council members were in attendance in person or telephonically, constituting a quorum:

Zach Pall, Chair

Steve Weiland, Vice Chair

Mark Olson, At-Large

Christine Nicholas, Sec/Treas

Absent were Section officers Shasta Hadley, Past Chair; Jason Prince, At-Large; and Ernie Hoidal, At-Large. Also attending was member Charissa Eichman and Idaho State Bar Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh.

The Chair noted a lack of quorum at the scheduled February 24, 2011 meeting, and cancellation of the March monthly meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Section's January 27, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

The Chair noted that the Section has fewer than 50 members, which is the minimum membership level required by the State Bar in order for a Section to continue, and challenged each Council member to secure 2 new members.

The Treasurer presented the Section's financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2011, noting that dues are running \$315 behind budget and meeting the Chair's membership challenge should rectify that. The anticipated third-party contribution for application to the Section's contribution to the Diversity Section in support of its Bill of Rights initiative was received, and the Section made its budgeted \$500 contribution to the Diversity Section.

The Chair turned to discussion of Section CLEs:

First, the Section will sponsor, at no cost to the Section, a CLE at the State Bar Annual Meeting. The Chair is coordinating the CLE which will feature a presentation by Ambassador Steven Rapp and Monica Shurtman, Professor at the University of Idaho College of Law. Ambassador Rapp is Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues. Prior to his present appointment, he served as Prosecutor of the Special Courts for Sierra Leone and Rwanda. Holding a reception in connection with this CLE was discussed, and it was determined that the Chair should explore whether a reception was feasible and if sponsors for the reception could be secured, to proceed to arrange the same.

Second, it was reported that Ernie Hoidal is presenting a CLE co-branded with the Business & Corporate Law Section (who will cover expenses) on Visa issues, to be presented in Pocatello on May 6 and Coeur D'Alene on October 6.

Third, Christine Nicholas reported on the plans for an International Trade CLE. She is coordinating the CLE with the assistance of Meredith Taylor Black and Jason Prince.

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Dates of Wed Aug 17 and Wed Aug 10 were identified and approved, and Christine Nicholas was directed to select one after Mahmood Sheikh confirms room availability. Pricing for the CLE was approved at a blended rate of \$30 per credit hour, with Section members paying \$25 per credit hour and non-members paying \$35 per credit hour. Topics to be covered are a comparison of the UN Convention on International Sale of Goods and Idaho's UCC Article 2, an export/import roundtable discussion moderated by Jason Prince and Meredith Taylor Black, and an overview of select Fair Trade Agreements by Meredith Taylor Black.

Fourth, Steve Weiland reported that he is working with Ernie Hoidal on a CLE presentation to be made in the fall on VISA Alphabet Soup, with presentations on immigrant Visas, non-immigrant work Visas, how to change Visa status, employment contract issues with foreign workers, and anything else the presenters decide. Steve reported that Ernie is coordinating with Charlie Herrington of Micron to present together. A suggestion was made to consider holding this CLE in January, rather than November or December.

The Chair noted that the Section has been invited by the ABA's International Law Section to be a "Cooperating Entity," at no cost to the Section but providing exposure and awareness of the Section. Upon motion made by Zach Pall and seconded by Christine Nicholas, the Chair was authorized to accept the invitation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:40. No CLE presentation was received.

Christine E. Nicholas, Secretary

Read and Approved:

Zach Pall, Chair