

LITIGATION SECTION GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of January 21, 2011 Meeting

1. Attendance: Proper notice having been given, the following Council members attended in person: John Zarian (Councilperson, Chairperson), Kendal McDevitt (Vice-Chair, Councilperson), Bill VanHole (Councilperson, Treasurer), Wade Woodard (Councilperson, Secretary), Michelle Points (Councilperson). Others in attendance were: Joyce Hemmer, James B. Lynch, Edwina Wager, Dave Metcalf, Nathan Gamel, Kristi Wilson, Sarah Arnett, Jeff Parry, Gavin Giraud, Richard Fields, and Emil Berg.

2. Chairman: John Zarian conducted the meeting. A motion was made and seconded for approval of the prior meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous in approval.

3. Treasurer: Bill VanHole discussed the budget for 2011 and opened the meeting up for questions concerning the budget. No questions were asked.

4. Schedule of Meetings: John Zarian began a discussion of the CLEs currently scheduled for 2011. Bill VanHole gave a brief description of the upcoming CLE with Judge Bail.

5. Charitable Donations: John Zarian discussed the committee that was appointed last month to oversee charitable donations. Wendy Olson indicated that she could not serve but that Erika Birch would serve in her place. John Zarian indicated that other volunteers would be welcome. He also said that there was still room for other organizations to request funds.

6. Federal Judge. John Zarian led a discussion of efforts to obtain an additional judge or judges for the United States District Court for the District of Idaho and submitted an attachment. David Metcalf gave a brief review of efforts that have been made in that regard. John Zarian indicated that the Litigation Section would be more involved in the future in efforts to obtain another federal judge.

7. Trial Skills Academy: Michelle Points provided a status of the Trial Skills Academy and John Zarian encouraged all to attend.

8. CLE Presentation: Kendal McDevitt introduced Wendy J. Olson, United States Attorney for the District of Idaho. Ms. Olson gave a presentation on how the U.S. Attorney's Office and the new federal rules impact Idahoans in the practice of law.

There being no other business, the Council meeting was adjourned.