

IDAHO STATE BAR LITIGATION SECTION
Minutes of General Meeting on January 16, 2015, 12:00 Noon

1. **Attendance:** Proper notice of the meeting having been given, the following section members attended in person: Peter Barton, Howard Belodoff, Emil Berg, Lee Clark, Gabriel Haws, Paul McFarlane, Gene Petty, Joseph Pirtle, Mark Prusynski, Steven Wieland, Erika Birch, Kira Pfisterer, Alex McLaughlin, Melodie McQuade, and Clinton Miner.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 21, 2014, meeting were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** On behalf of Clay Gill, Howard Belodoff discussed the Treasurer's Report, which had been circulated. He described the Section's finances and the fund balance as good, and the expenses as consistent with the prior year.

Howard raised the subject of donations made by the Section and suggested that we should budget for a consistent amount of \$7,500 per year in donations, instead of going up and down from year to year. He proposed that Joseph Pirtle, Gene Petty, Erika Birch, and Kira Pfisterer serve on a committee to consider and make recommendations regarding donations, and suggested some possible donations for them to consider.

4. **Trial Skills Academy:** The Trial Skills Academy is to be held on March 6-7. Erika Birch reported that registrations were almost full. Emil Berg reminded members of the Governing Council to respond to his January 14th email, requesting their votes on whether to approve scholarships to the Academy for two ILAS attorneys.

5. **CLE at Annual Meeting:** Howard Belodoff alerted members that it is time to begin considering whether to present a CLE program at the Idaho State Bar's 2015 Annual Meeting this summer.

6. **CLE Presentation:** Emil Berg presented a ½ hour CLE program on the topic of "Ethical and Malpractice Issues Arising From Association and Consultation Relationships Between Attorneys Not in the Same Firm." Ethics credit was requested for this program.

7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.