

LITIGATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of Business Meeting on July 23, 2015

1. **Attendance:** In attendance at the June 19, 2015 business meeting were: Howard Belodoff, Clay Gill, Lance Salladay, Joe Pirtle, J. Walter Sinclair, Rusty Robinett and Kent Higgins. Mahmood Skeikh was present. Emil Berg, Clinton Miner and Ben Ritchie were on the telephone.
2. **Business Meeting:** June's business meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote following the motion and a second.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Clay Gill. Section is financially sound and he expects the balance to recover from the expenses incurred for Trial Skills CLE this past year.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Rusty Robinette discussed the increase in attendance fees for the next Trial Skills CLE to reduce the losses and the possibility of reducing the expenses. It was decided the Section will communicate more closely with the organizers. Ericka Birch will be the liaison to the Section since she is co-chairing the next session. The Section will send a person to the next session to encourage participants to become members and distribute a handout of the advantages. Howard Belodoff agreed to volunteer for this project.
 - o Will consider whether to encourage Section membership by reducing the 1 to 5 year fee for members by \$25 to \$250 and increasing the fee by \$25 to \$300 for non-members.
 - o The Section will develop a scholarship policy for attendees who have travel costs and are from small firms so they can attend
 - b. Walt Sinclair proposed the Section increase the donation to the Access to Justice Campaign to the previous year's level. He will be submitting for consideration a supplemental request to the Donations Committee.
 - c. Clinton Minor reported that he has arranged a site in Meridian for Section members to meet if they cannot attend at the ISB building. This is to encourage greater participation from western Ada County and Canyon County attorneys. Kent Higgins offered to find a site in Pocatello.
 - d. A vote was held on electing new officers. The nominated candidates were unanimous elected:
 - o Clay Gill – Chair
 - o Kira Pfisterer – Vice Chair
 - o Scott Randolph – Secretary
 - o Clinton Miner – Treasurer
 - e. Clay reported on his goals for the Section in the next year including to expand the sites for meeting using technology rather than a call in telephone.
 - f. Walt Sinclair agreed to organize a Litigation Section CLE at the 2016 annual ISB meeting on "Civility."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.