

**ISB Professionalism & Ethics Meeting Minutes**  
**10/04/11**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
  - a. The members in attendance were: Ammon Hansen, Gene Petty, Sherry Morgan, Brad Andrews, Bob Aldridge, Jim Dickinson, Ax Yewer, Mahmood Sheikh, Amber Ellis, Dick Fields, Larry Hunter, Molly O’Leary, and Cathy Silak. Stephen Smith participated via telephone.
- III. Announcements
  - a. Young Lawyers Section – Attorneys Against Hunger
    - i. Deborah Gates from the Young Lawyers Section spoke regarding their main fundraiser, Attorneys Against Hunger, which raises money for the Idaho Food Bank. D. Gates circulated fundraising and pledge forms for members to pledge donations or sign up to participate in the “Food Stamp” challenge. The “Food Stamp” challenge will take place in the first week of October and participants attempt to eat for \$4.30 a day – the amount of funds a food stamp recipient receives for daily sustenance. All donations collected will go to the Idaho Food Bank. Members can pledge online at [www.idahoyounglawyers.org](http://www.idahoyounglawyers.org).
    - ii. M. O’Leary noted that it is great that the Young Lawyers Section has figured out a way to raise money and awareness by challenging people to live on \$4.30/day.
  - b. Upcoming CLE
    - i. The date is 11/8/11 and the topic is “Ethical Perspectives from Justice Daniel T. Eismann.” We have one more meeting prior to the CLE, at which time we will discuss who will introduce Justice Eismann.
    - ii. M. Sheikh reported that seven non-section members have signed up online already.
- IV. Elections
  - a. At the previous meeting it was announced that elections would be held today. A. Hansen reported that the Section’s Bylaws provide that the Board will be elected every two years. However, the ISB section guidelines suggest that elections be held annually. Due to this conflict, A. Hansen asked whether the Section would like to continue with the two-year elections or switch to annual elections?

- b. L. Hunter and D. Fields suggested that the Section remain with the two-year terms. M. Sheikh stated that the ISB guidelines are more of a “checks and balances” and that he thought the Section should follow its Bylaws, as long as the membership is happy with the current Board.
- c. After a discussion, it was decided by all in attendance to keep the two-year terms for Board members.
- d. A. Hansen brought up the topic of the Section’s Governing Council. The Bylaws provide that elections for this group are to be held every two years, but to his recollection, an election has not been held since he has been a member. A. Hansen posed the question: Should the Section elect the Governing Council every two years at the same time the Board is elected, or in alternating years?
- e. A discussion was held concerning the need to have a Governing Council, since the Council is not really functioning, and since the Board is able to effectively conduct the business of the Section. B. Andrews moved that the Section keep the current Governing Council for now, and at next year’s Board elections, present an amendment to the Bylaws which eliminates the Governing Council. Motion passes.

## V. Officer Reports

### a. Chair

#### i. Preparing for Upcoming CLE

- 1. A. Hansen suggested that a Board member introduce Justice Eismann.

#### ii. Section Bi-Monthly CLEs

- 1. The members felt that there is no need to do a Section CLE in November since Justice Eismann will present on November 8<sup>th</sup>. B. Aldridge will present in December on the *Rogers* case and its effect on attorney/client relationships. J. Dickinson and A. Yewer will present the February CLE – topic TBD.
- 2. A. Hansen will pass out a sign up sheet for future CLEs at the start of next year.

#### iii. The Advocate

- 1. B. Andrews will send A. Hansen all of the articles that have been submitted to him for publication in *The Advocate*. The Board will read them and edit/comment, then run the final versions by B.

Andrews for his approval. As soon as the Board has two or three finalized articles, A. Hansen will contact The Advocate.

- b. Vice-Chair
    - i. Membership is at 151, which is up 51% from last year. This is due primarily to the fact that the Law Management Section was rolled into the P & E Section. G. Petty stated that membership recruiting is about to begin. A discussion was held as to how to keep the Law Management Section members as active P & E Section members. It was decided that a letter will be sent to those members, stating that the Section will offer technology and ethics CLEs as part of the ongoing Section CLEs.
    - ii. A. Hansen asked if we would give Section membership discounts. Currently, Bar members of less than one year pay a \$10 membership fee. After a discussion, it was moved and approved that the Section would extend this discount to law students as well, as a part of the Section recruiting process. This also has a benefit of introducing professionalism and ethics concepts/issues to law students as early in their careers as possible. M. Sheikh will look into the possibility of having law students' memberships running from August to August, to coincide with the school year.
    - iii. The Section's language on the licensing packet will be changed to reflect this offer to law students.
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. No report.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. No report.
- VI. Other Issues
- a. None.
- VII. Meeting Adjourned