

Idaho State Bar  
Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section  
Minutes of Section Meeting of October 13, 2009

1. Call to order: meeting was called to order by John McGown, Chairperson, at noon at The Law Center. Attendees: John McGown; Todd Winegar; Erick Shaner; Sandra Clapp; Ron Caron; Bill Von Tagen; Mark McBride; Tim Tarter; Robert Aldridge; and Terri Muse. James Sachtjen participated in the meeting via telephone.
2. CLE Presentation by Dan John from the Idaho State Tax Commission. John McGown introduced Dan John. Dan delivered a thirty minute presentation on "Items of Interest from the Idaho State Tax Commission". Dan gave an overview of the procedures and timelines for matters coming before the Tax Commission
3. Meeting minutes from meeting of September 11, 2009 were distributed to the members. John McGown asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Aldridge presented a motion to accept the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Committee Reports & Assignments:
  - a. Legislative Committee (TEPI) – Member: Robert Aldridge. Bob gave an update on TEPI and noted the date, time, and place of the next meeting of TEPI.
  - b. Public Service Committee – Member: Victoria Meier. John advised attendees of status update of this committee. John noted that the informational pamphlets are almost completed. John recognized the efforts of the contributors (Bob Aldridge, Vickie Meier, and Sandra Clapp) in updating this information.
  - c. CLE Committee – Member: Allan Bosch, Sharon Powers, Deb Cordes, and Nick Marshall. Terri noted that the ISB Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 14-16, 2010 to be held at the Shiloh Inn in Idaho Falls. It was noted that the Advanced Estate Planning Meeting is scheduled for September 10-11, 2010 in Sun Valley. John noted that the committee is working to secure speakers for these events.
  - d. Newsletter Committee - Member: Erick Shaner: Erick provided an update on his research into creating and managing a listserv. Erick noted that he looked at many different options, but was most impressed with his dealings with a company named L-Soft. Erick noted that the costs quoted to him from L-Soft were \$500 for setup, \$500 per year, and \$.0025 per email. Members asked various questions of Erick and his findings. John made a motion to permit Erick to move forward in securing a contract for listserv software, the motion was seconded by Tim, and the motion passed unanimously. The members expressed their preference in having the Bar handle the administration of the listserv once it is up and running.

e. Tax Liaison - Members John McGown and Bob Aldridge: John advised attendees of status update of this committee. Of particular note is the IRS Practitioner Liaison Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009. This meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 384 of the Federal Building in Boise.

f. Probate and Guardianship Form Books - Members: Joe Uberuaga, Jim Kaufman, Steve Alkire, Mel Fisher, and Robert Aldridge: John noted that new form books are nearing completion.

5. Other Business:

a. Report from Strategic Planning Committee: Member Mark McBride.

1. John presented the Section's Mission Statement that has been adopted.

2. Mark presented and reviewed the Section's Strategic Plan that has been adopted.

3. Request by Idaho Legal Aid Services. Members discussed a solicitation for donation. Members determined that Mark should contact Idaho Legal Aid Services and encourage a revised request based on the amount of time that had elapsed since the request.

4. Request by Young Lawyers Section. Members discussed another solicitation for donation. Members determined that Mark should contact Young Lawyers Section and encourage a revised request based on the amount of time that had elapsed since the request.

5. Members determined that the Section should set aside one annual meeting to take grant request presentations and vote on grants. John suggested using the February meeting as the annual grant meeting.

b. CLE for December Section Meeting (December 8, 2009). A CLE panel comprised of Judge Christopher Bieter, Bruce Thomas and John McGown will discuss mediation in probate and guardianship disputes.

c. National Association of State Bar Tax Sections. Ron informed the members that he will be attending the national conference on behalf the Section in Washington, D.C. on October 30-31, 2009. Ron asked the members for comments and issues to present at the national conference. John noted that he would like to learn more about any issues faced by other state tax sections in implementing and administering a

listserv. Ron asked that the members contact him directly if any other issues are sought to be addressed at the national meeting.

d. John noted that he was pleased with the Section's contributions in the August issue of The Advocate.

e. John noted that there is a free audio webinar offered by the ABA Section of Taxation on October 26, 2009 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The topic is "Helping Charities Pro Bono: How To Do It Without Harm." John noted that participants should go to the ABA Taxation website, find the "Resources" section at the bottom of the page and then click on the "Pro Bono" button. Participants will need to register under the "Special Event" section in order to register. Participants can also contact Catherine Engell at (202) 442-3425.

6. Next Meetings:

a. December 8, 2009 (Boise)

b. February 9, 2010 (Boise)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm.