MINUTES

Professionalism & Ethics Section Tuesday, December 3, 2024 12:00 – 12:57 pm MDT

- I. Call to Order by Chair Texie Montoya.
- II. Attendees and Introductions: Bob Aldridge, Jo Beeman, Jason Brown, Eric Fredrickson, Larry Hunter, Texie Montoya, and Jeffery Ventrella.
- III. Minutes for the Tuesday, October 1, 2024 section meeting were approved. There was no section meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, due to Election Day. (P&E Section members were notified by email on November 1, 2024.)
- IV. Officer Reports.
 - A. Chair Report by Texie Montoya
 - 1. New Meeting Frequency Schedule was discussed and approved (motion by Larry Hunter; seconded by Jason Brown): MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE DESIGNATED MONTHS.
 - January: No meeting (still close to the holidays; many members not yet back in the office)
 - FEBRUARY: MEETING
 - March: No Meeting, but annual P&E CLE
 - APRIL: MEETING
 - May: No Meeting, but Law Day/Dick Fields Award May 1
 - JUNE: MEETING
 - July: No meeting (vacations around Independence Day; ISB Annual Meeting later in the month)
 - AUGUST: MEETING
 - September: No Meeting (too close to Labor Day)
 - OCTOBER: MEETING
 - November: No Meeting (on/close to Election Day)
 - DECEMBER: MEETING (still early in month; Thanksgiving over; Christmas more than 2 weeks away)
 - 2. Advocate Sponsorship: March/April 2025 issue. Articles are due January 8. Texie Montoya will write one article on generated AI. Discussed having article on conflicts of interest in general, as well as, conflicts for retired attorneys, and conflicts for public sector attorneys. Call will be made for articles from P&E members and bar at large. Need 3-4 articles, if articles are lengthy; 5-6 articles, if articles are shorter.

- 3. Officer Elections: The selection of a chair of the section is going to be discussed further at the February meeting. All other officer positions were approved:
 - Vice Chairperson: Alyssa Jones
 - Secretary: Josephine P. Beeman
 - Treasurer: Robert L. Aldridge
 - Three (3) At Large Governing Council Members:
 - (1) Larry C. Hunter
 - (2) James K. Dickinson
 - (3) Sherry Morgan
 - Immediate Past Chairperson: Texie Montoya
- 4. P&E CLEs:
 - Monthly CLEs: continuing call. See detailed discussion in last minutes.
 - Annual P&E CLE (½ day in March): need a committee for this.
- 5. Ethical Happy Hour Committee. Texie Montoya will convene the committee because the section does not want to lose this fund raiser.
- 6. Anti-discrimination and anti-harassment committee. A section member volunteered to keep a list of what other states are doing on rule 8.4(g). Texie Montoya will take action regarding this committee.
- 7. Requests for donations made to P&E Section.
 - Access to Justice Idaho. This is an Idaho State Bar program that raises funds for 3 bar programs: Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Disability Rights, and Idaho Legal Aid Services. Larry Hunter moved to donate \$100 (one time only, not continuing); Bob Aldridge seconded. Motion carried.
 - Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE) is involved with Idaho
 Academy, funds and volunteerism for high school, YMCA youth,
 Idaho Moot Court, 4H, We the People CLE on Constitution Day.
 Larry Hunter moved to donate \$100 to ACE; Bob Aldridge seconded.
 Motion carried.
- B. Treasurer Report by Bob Aldridge. There is nothing new to report on the Section's finances, but Bob reminded the members that the Section gets money from the Ethics Happy Hour and the annual Ethics CLE.
- V. Adjourn 12:57 (Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 12:00 p.m. MDT)