

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
May 17, 2018
Boise, Idaho

President Kent Higgins called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:50 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Pocatello, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners, David Cooper, David Kerrick and Judge Michael Oths, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code §3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code §74-202(4)(a), it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. It was also moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

BOC Election Update – The Commissioners were provided with the final vote canvass; Don Carey was elected to succeed current President Kent Higgins.

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2018 meeting as submitted.

Resolution Update – The Commissioners discussed the status of the 2017 resolution pending at the Idaho Supreme Court. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed letter to the court regarding the resolution. The Commissioners made a few minor amendments.

2018 Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award recommendations – The Commissioners were provided with information for the selection of 2018 award recipients. It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following for pro bono awards; 1st - Michael Howard; 2nd - Sarah McDowell-Lamont; 3rd - Alexander Spayd; 4th - Cathy Naugle, Sean Breen and Lisa Nordstrom; 5th - Edward Simon; 6th – Anthony Sasser; 7th – Alan Johnston.

Committee Members– The Executive Director noted there is a need for non-lawyer committee members, specifically for the Professional Conduct Board.

Licensing Update– The Executive Director reported on the status of 2018 licensing.

Contested Judicial Election Survey – The Commissioners were provided with the results of the attorney survey for the two contested judicial elections: First District Judge, John Mitchell and

Douglas Pierce; and Fifth District Judge, Samuel Beus, Theodore Booth, David Gadd, and Roger Harris.

2018 February Bar Exam Results – The Commissioners were provided with the results of the 2018 February Bar Exam results.

2018 Meetings and Events - The Commissioners were provided with an updated meetings and events schedule for the coming year.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the April financial reports. At the end of April 85.5% of revenue was collected and 30.5% of expenses incurred.

2017 Audited Financials – A representative of Eide Bailly presented the report of the 2017 audited financials. He reviewed the letters, reports and financial information. He stated that the it was an unqualified audit report.

The Commissioners noted the current auditors have performed the audit for 12 years. They agreed that an RFP should be issued for next year's audit.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting Update – The Commissioners were provided with the information about the Annual Meeting, July 18-20, in Sun Valley.

Child Protection Section Proposal– The Commissioners were provided with a petition and signatures to establish a Child Protection Section. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the section with info up front regarding rules to maintain a section. Supportive of concept, enthusiastic.

The Court mentioned the need for legal assistance on CASA cases, how to encourage lawyers to take these cases.

Intellectual Property Law Section Bylaw Amendments – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the bylaw amendments as submitted.

Member Benefits, Products and Services Update – Deputy Director Sheikh provided a review of current, no new, recommendation to discontinue two partnerships. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve recommendations.

Insurance Coverage – The Commissioners requested information about the insurance coverage while serving as a volunteer.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Disciplinary/Admissions Information – The Commissioners were provided

Informational Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the May membership count, Idaho Supreme Court Oral Conference Minutes, and letters and news clippings for the past month.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director