

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
November 12, 2019
Idaho Falls, Idaho

President Mike Oths called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 1:45 p.m. at the Marriott Residence Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners David Kerrick, Donald Carey, Kurt Holzer and Anne-Marie Fulfer, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley 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

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

University of Idaho College of Law Visit Follow-up– The Commissioners discussed observations and comments regarding the visit to the University of Idaho College of Law. The Commissioners determined they prefer more student contact, less reporting and more information about role of the Commissioners as the Board of Visitors. President Oths and the Executive Director agreed to prepare a letter to the Dean, noting that in the future, the Commissioners prefer the visit focus on interaction with the students.

Concordia University School of Law Visit – The Commissioners discussed the January visit to Concordia Law School. The Executive Director agreed to work with Concordia on a proposed agenda for the meeting.

2020 Jackrabbit Bar Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with information about the proposed location for the 2020 Jackrabbit Bar Meeting: The Edgewater Best Western in Sandpoint, Idaho. The Commissioners confirmed that their preference is to host the Jackrabbit Bar Meeting in North Idaho.

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Selection – The Executive Director requested that the previous email vote to appoint Alexandra Caval as the lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit be confirmed. It was moved, seconded and passed to confirm the appointment of Alexandra Caval to serve as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Conference.

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the meeting schedule for the next several months.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the October 31 financial reports. At the end of October, 101.8% was collected and 84.8% of expenses incurred. The Executive Director reported that the staff is working with the sections whose fund balances are above the limit allowed by the rules.

Lease Agreement – Bar Counsel reported that the five-year extension of the lease agreement between the bar and foundation is ready to be finalized and signed. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the execution of the lease agreement between the bar and foundation.

MEMBER SERVICES

CLE Report – The Commissioners were provided with the CLE programming update prepared by Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker. The report provided CLE attendance information for bar and foundation CLE programming through the third quarter.

LRS Committee Appointment – The Executive Director reported Tricia Daigle resigned from the LRS Committee. LRS Coordinator Kyme Graziano recommends that Edward Dinginger be appointed to replace Ms. Daigle. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Edward Dinginger to the LRS Committee to complete Tricia Daigle’s term.

The Commissioners were provided with the proposal for a Pilot Modest Means Program as part of the Lawyer Referral Service. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the implementation of a pilot modest means program.

Bellwood Lecture – President Oths noted that the Bellwood Lecture speaker selection is a joint decision by the ISB President, ISC Chief Justice and the Dean of the UI law school. He reminded the Commissioners to contact the law school each year to ensure the bar’s involvement in this program.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director