

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
May 10, 2019
Boise, Idaho

President David Cooper called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:57 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners, Mike Howard, David Kerrick, Judge Michael Oths, Don Carey, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley, Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker 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 April 5, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – The Commissioners reviewed the agenda for the noon meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court. At noon, the Commissioners were joined by the five Idaho Supreme Court Justices and Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts.

BOC Election Results – The Commissioners were provided with the results of the 2019 Board of Commissioners election; Kurt Holzer was elected to represent the 4th District Bar and Anne-Marie Fulfer was elected to represent the 1st and 2nd Districts. The Commissioners were also provided with BOC election statistics since 1983.

Pro Bono Awards – It was moved seconded and passed to select the following as recipients of the 2019 Pro Bono awards: First District, D. Scott Bauer; Second District, Sunil Ramalingam; Third District, Mike Porter; Fourth District, Angela Levesque, Charles Herrington and Sean Wynn; Fifth District, Lisa Schoettger; Sixth District, Stephanie Ray; and Seventh District, Marc Weinpel.

ABA State Bar Young Lawyer Delegate – The Commissioners were provided with the notice from the ABA that the term of Jennifer Jensen, the ABA Young Lawyer Delegate, expires in July 2019. It was moved, seconded and passed to reappoint Jennifer Jensen as the Idaho ABA Young Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

Bar Exam Results – The Commissioners were provided with the results of the February 2019 Idaho Bar Exam. The Commissioners discussed the results and the bar exam statistics, Idaho and national.

Integrated Bar Report – The Commissioner were provided with an update on challenges to the integrated bar. Bar Counsel reported that, of the 32 states that have an integrated bar, seven states have pending legal challenges. The Commissioners discussed the various issues argued in the challenges to the integrated bar.

New Attorney Credit Requirements – The Commissioners were provided with the Idaho Supreme Court Order cancelling the licenses of two attorneys that did not complete the NAC in the time frame specified by the rule.

2018-19 Meetings and Events - The Commissioners were provided with an updated meetings and events schedule for the coming year. President-elect Judge Oths requested that the September meeting start at noon.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with March and April financial reports. At the end of April, 87.5% of income received and 31.5% of expenses incurred.

2018 Audit Report – The Commissioners were joined by the EideBailly auditors who provided the report on the 2018 audited financials. The auditors reviewed the audit report and stated that the bar, once again, received a clean audit. The Executive Director noted that the Idaho Law Foundation Audit Committee requested information about succession plans for key personnel.

MEMBER SERVICES

Annual Meeting Update – The Commissioners were provided with an updated Annual Meeting schedule. Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker encouraged the Commissioners to select scholarship recipients for the meeting.

District Bar Association Officers – The Commissioners were provided the list of newly-elected district bar officers.

Member Benefits, Products and Services – The Commissioners were provided with a memo from Teresa Baker recommending one new member benefit be added to the current benefits offered the bar membership. The proposed benefit is cybersecurity products and education offered by Identillect. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Identillect as an Idaho State Bar member benefit.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director