

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
December 4, 2020
Boise, Idaho

President Don Carey called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the classroom of the Law Center. The following were in attendance; Commissioners Anne-Marie Fulfer, Kurt Holzer, Kristin Bjorkman Dunn, and Laird Stone, Associate Director Maureen Braley, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, 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 9, 2020, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Resolution meetings – The Commissioners and staff reported on the meetings and events held in each of the Judicial Districts:

First District: November 9 - Zoom CLE program and meeting, awards were presented.

Second District: November 5 – Thirteen in attendance at in person meeting to present awards.

Third District: November 4 - Meeting with the District Bar officers and Commissioners Holzer, Dunn and Stone.

Fourth District: November 12 - Zoom CLE program - awards presented during break in CLE – almost 200 in attendance.

Fifth District: November 19 - Meeting with the District Bar officers and Commissioner Stone.

Sixth District: Meeting canceled due to gathering limitations.

Seventh District: November 12 - Meeting with the District Bar officers and Commissioner Carey.

UI College of Law Visit – The Commissioners discussed having a meeting with students and faculty in conjunction with the January board meeting. Commissioner Fulfer agreed to work on student event, and Diane will contact Dean Long about meeting with the faculty. The Commissioners agreed to provide questions or ideas for the meetings to Commissioner Fulfer and the Executive Director.

Admissions/Bar Exam - The Associate Executive Director provided a memo explaining that the National Conference of Bar Examiners is offering a February 2021 UBE either online or in person. She noted that each state must select one option. She also outlined the pros and cons of the two options. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to select the online bar exam options for the February 2021 bar exam.

2021 Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the 2021 meetings and events schedule.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the October 2020 financial reports. At the end of October 98.1% was collected and 79.8% of expenses incurred.

MEMBER SERVICES

Climate Survey Report – The Commissioners were joined by Cathy Silak, a member of the Professionalism and Ethics Section. Ms. Silak joined the meeting to discuss the Climate of the Legal Profession in Idaho Survey completed by BSU Idaho Policy Institute in conjunction with the ISB Professionalism and Ethics Section. Ms. Silak reviewed the process for developing and distributing the report, along with the findings of the report. The Commissioners discussed the process for disseminating the results of the report. The Commissioners determined that a planned approach to distribution of the survey is important. They requested the section develop a plan for dissemination to the bar and public and provide it to the Commissioners for their review. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the dissemination of the report to Professionalism and Ethics Section members.

2020 Annual Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with a report on the 2020 Annual Meeting prepared by Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker.

Advocate – The Commissioners were provided with the schedule of 2021 Advocate article assignments for the Commissioners.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commissioners were provided with Supreme Court orders, letters, and news clippings for the past month.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director