

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
February 21, 2020
Boise, Idaho

President David Kerrick called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Judge Michael Oths, Donald Carey, Kurt Holzer and Anne-Marie Fulfer (by phone), 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 January 13, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Professional Awards – The Commissioners were provided with the list of award categories and the lists of previous award recipients. The Commissioners discussed the award selection process and potential award recipients.

Concordia University School of Law– The Commissioners were updated on the status of Concordia Law School. On February 16, 2020, Concordia University Portland, Concordia School of Law's parent university, announced it would cease operations at the end of the school year. On February 20, 2020, Concordia University School of Law announced a new partnership with Concordia St. Paul. The change in parent university should have a minimal effect on the law school's operations.

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – The Commissioners discussed topics for its May meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court. The topics discussed for inclusion on the agenda were: rural initiatives, swearing in rules and procedures, 8.4 (g), Odyssey, and civil justice reform.

CCJ/COSCA Western Region Summit – The Commissioners were provided with information about a conference on Regulatory Reform and New Ways to Deliver Legal Services planned by the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators. The Idaho

Supreme Court requested participation by the bar. President Kerrick, Commissioners Holzer and Fulfer expressed interest in attending.

Jackrabbit Bar meeting – The Commissioners reviewed the preliminary schedule for the June 2020 Jackrabbit Bar meeting. The Executive Director reported planning is on track and that she and her assistant plan to visit Sandpoint to check out the hotel and venues for other events.

2020 Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the 2020 meetings and events schedule.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the January 2020 financial reports. At the end of January, 64.7% was collected and 7.75% of expenses incurred.

2020 Budget Update – The Commissioners were provided with the capital expenditure requests for 2020, totaling \$23,000. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the capital expenditure requests for 2020.

Audit Engagement Letter– The Commissioners reviewed the final auditor’s engagement letter. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the auditor’s engagement letter as amended.

MEMBER SERVICES

2020 Annual Meeting – The Commissioners were provided with the preliminary agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Future Annual Meetings – The Commissioner were provided with information about the Annual Meeting locations, attendance and financials. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to schedule the 2021 Annual Meeting in Sun Valley.

Section Fund Balance Carryover Balance – The Commissioners considered two Sections’ requests for permission to carry over part of their fund balance. The two sections’ fund balances were over the amount allowed by the Section Funding Policy. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve a waiver of the fund balance carryover for the Workers Compensation Section for 2020. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve a waiver of the fund balance carryover for the Tax, Probate and Trust Law Section for 2020.

Attorney Well Being Committee – The Commissioners were provided with a memo from Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker proposing the formation of an Attorney Well Being Committee. After discussion, it was moved, second and passed to approve the formation of an Attorney Well Being Committee, with the following conditions: the Committee will prepare an action plan by fall 2020, provide periodic updates to the Commissioners, and plan to complete its work by the end of 2021.

Agricultural Law Section Formation – The Commissioners considered a petition to establish an Agricultural Law Section. It was moved, second and passed to approve the formation of an

Agricultural Law Section of the Idaho State Bar. Commissioner Holzer agreed to serve as the section liaison.

Unified Bar Update – The Commissioners were provided with a brief update on the status of the challenges to the Unified Bar.

LRS Statistics – The Commissioners were provided with the LRS statistics for 2018, 2019 and January 2020.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director