

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
June 23, 2020
Boise, Idaho

President David Kerrick called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:40 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom, as noticed. The following were in attendance at the Law Center: Associate Director Maureen Braley and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary. In addition to President Kerrick, in attendance remotely were Commissioners Michael Oths, Donald Carey, Kurt Holzer and Anne-Marie Fulfer, Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, and Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland.

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 May 14, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting as amended.

Admissions/Bar Exam – The Commissioners discussed whether to continue to plan for the administration of an in-person bar exam in July considering the COVID-19 pandemic and current or future limitations on gatherings. After discussion, the Commission agreed that bar exam planning and administration should continue. The staff asked the Commissioners to support a proposal to the Court to waive deferral fees for the July exam. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve submitting a request to the Idaho Supreme Court to waive IBCR 219 for the July exam.

MEMBER SERVICES

2020 Annual Meeting – The Commissioners reviewed a memo from staff discussing options for the 2020 Annual Meeting events. The staff proposed CLE programs, webcast with few in person attendees, a limited invite only award event, held outside, and a lunch meeting with the ILF Board of Directors. The Commissioners discussed the proposal and agreed to move forward with the CLE programs and two events for the Annual Meeting.

Advocate – The Commissioners were provided with a cost breakdown to publish a special edition of the Advocate honoring the 2020 award recipients. The cost would be approximately \$8,000. Teresa Baker stated she was soliciting sponsors who can advertise in the edition; the revenue

should cover the costs of the publication. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the publication of a special edition of the Advocate.

Professionalism and Ethics Section Survey – The Commissioners were provided with the proposed climate survey prepared by the Section in conjunction with the BSU Idaho Policy Institute. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the survey as submitted by the Section.

Equal Justice Public Statement – The Commissioners discussed whether to prepare a statement on behalf of the bar regarding equal justice in response to the death of George Floyd and recent events. Several bar associations have posted statements about the importance of the equal justice in the justice system. After considerable discussion, the Commissioners determined not to draft a statement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director