

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner**  
**November 9, 2022**  
**Boise, Idaho**

President Kristin Bjorkman called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Gary Cooper, Laird Stone, Mary York and Jillian Cairns (by zoom), Bar Counsel Joe Pirtle, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley and Program and Legal Education Director Teresa Baker (by zoom) 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 6, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

**2022 Resolution Process** – The Commissioners discussed the resolution meetings to date. President Bjorkman requested comments, proposed changes, or ideas. The Commissioners thought the award presentations and reports were well received.

**Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court** – The Commissioners discussed follow-up to the October meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court. The proposed legislation for the Judicial Council should be available soon. The staff suggested a rule change could be drafted to address the status of retired judges. Associate Director Braley agreed to review the surrounding states' bar exam cut scores and the impact of changing Idaho's cut score.

**Strategic Planning Session** – The Commissioners were provided with the proposed strategic plan document prepared by facilitator Chris Newbold. The staff plans to review the information, propose any changes, and provide an updated version at the December meeting. To assist with the discussion and consideration of future planning, the Executive Director provided historical information on ISB projects initiated and historical financial information for each function and program.

**Law School Visit** – The Executive Director proposed scheduling a meeting at the Boise campus of the UI College of Law in January, consistent with the 2022 visit to the College of Law. The Commissioners agreed to scheduling a visit in conjunction with the January BOC meeting.

**Diversity Section/Law School Diversity Proposal** – Commissioner York reported that she discussed proposed recommendations, goals, and objectives with the Diversity Section leadership. She reviewed with them how we might address the recommendations. One option would be to establish a voluntary program for CLE programs on diversity.

President Bjorkman reported on a meeting with the UI College of Law Dean to discuss the Law School proposal to create a non-profit, Idaho Council on Diversity in Law. At this point, the College of Law is in the initial stages of contacting firms and organizations to support the proposal.

**Northwest Bar Leaders Meeting** – President Bjorkman reported on the Northwest Bar Leaders meeting held on October 11 in Spokane. The meeting was attended by representatives of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. The group discussed several issues, including alternative paths to licensure, rural initiatives, well-being initiatives and membership trends.

**2022-23 BOC Meeting Schedule** – The Commissioners were provided with the 2022-23 schedule of meetings and events.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Financial Reports** – The Executive Director reported that the September and October financial reports will be provided to the Commissioners in the December meeting materials.

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**Attorney Well-Being Task Force Report** – The Commissioners agreed to discuss this report as part of the strategic planning discussion. The staff agreed to inventory current ISB/ILF well-being activities.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director