

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
February 25, 2022
Boise, Idaho

President Kurt Holzer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the classroom of the Law Center. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Anne-Marie Fulfer, Gary Cooper, Kristin Bjorkman Dunn, Laird Stone, and Gary Cooper, 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 January 13, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

UI College of Law Visit – The Commissioners discussed the agenda for the visit to the UI College of Law later in the day. The agenda included a student meeting, general faculty meeting, meeting with dean and faculty regarding clinical programs, statistics, and reports. The Commissioners received reports from the Dean and faculty prior to the meeting. The Commissioners discussed ensuring that the bar discuss with the law school how the bar can help serve faculty and students.

Judicial Council Update – The Executive Director reported that the vote to confirm Michelle Points' appointment to the Idaho Judicial Council has not happened yet. President Holzer reported a bill was introduced in the House to make changes to the Idaho Judicial Council.

2021 Resolution Process – The Executive Director reported that the Court's consideration of IRPC 8.4(g) is scheduled for its March meeting. The Court requested additional information from the Professionalism and Ethics Section regarding the resolution prior to its final consideration of the proposed rule change.

2022 Professional Awards – The Commissioners were provided with the award categories and preliminary lists of potential attorneys for consideration. The Commissioners will consider award selections at their April meeting.

BOC Election Timeline – The Commissioners were provided with the BOC election notices for the First and Second Districts and the Fourth District. The deadline for submission of nominating petitions for the two open positions is April 5.

Membership Survey, Future Planning – The Commissioners were previously provided with the results of the 2021 Membership Survey. They were also provided with the ISB mission statement, goals, and objectives. The Commissioners discussed planning a retreat to review the mission statement, goals and objectives and consider some of the issues raised in the comments provided by attorneys on the survey.

Admissions – The Commissioners were provided with a report from Associate Director Maureen Braley regarding the February Bar exam, which was held February 23-24, and a report on the Next Generation bar exam. She provided the basic information under consideration for the new exam. She reported that she and Justice Brody are attending an NCBE conference on the proposed Next Generation bar exam in April.

Mandatory Bar Update – The Commissioners were provided with a presentation on the status of court challenges to mandatory bars.

Licensing Update – The Executive Director reported that for 2022 licensing, approximately 4% of attorneys did not complete the licensing process by February 1. The final deadline is March 1, after which the names of the attorneys that have not paid will be provided to the Court for cancellation of the attorney's license.

2022 Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the BOC meeting schedule through July 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Financial Report – The Commissioners were provided with the December and January financial reports. As of the end of January 31, 61.77% of the revenue was collected, and 7.51% expenses incurred.

2022 Proposed Budget – The Commissioners reviewed the updated proposed budget. The Executive Director explained the changes from the January version of the proposed budget, funding to hire a full time IT manager and costs associated with the Bar Counsel transition were added. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the 2022 budget as proposed.

MEMBER SERVICES

Section Carryover Balances – Teresa Baker reviewed the section balances as of December 31, 2022. The Commissioners received a request from the Workers Compensation section to carry over \$2,500 of its balance from 2021 to 2022. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the Worker's Compensation request to carryover \$2,500 from 2021 to 2022.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director